Data Storage Finder
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Filters

Data classification
Nothing selected

Data sharing
Nothing selected

Data volume
Nothing selected

Features
Nothing selected

Selected options

Research Drive

Storage and sharing service with a specific focus on research data.

Research Drive enables you to easily store and share files with other users, inside and outside the VU.

Please note: storing data with a 'high' classification in Research Drive is permissible, but may require taking extra security measures. Please get in touch with the Research Data Management Support Desk via rdm@vu.nl if you want to store high-classification data in Research Drive.

More info

Max. storage size:	Terabytes of data
Costs:	<500 GB: free of charge
	500 GB - 2 TB: €200 per year
	>2 TB: €200 + €250 for every TB above 2 TB
Sharing and collaboration:	With anyone
Location:	SURFsara (NL)
File recovery:	Via versioning, Deleted files or file restore request
Data classification:	Medium, but with additional steps: High
Additional information:	-

SciStor

On-campus storage for research data.

Besides basic storage, SciStor is best suited for over-the-network use with lab instruments and high-performance computing (HPC/BAZIS), either via SMB or NFS.

More info

Max. storage size:	Terabytes of data
Costs:	€0,10 per GB per year for reserved space, without file recovery €0,20 per GB per year for reserved space, with file recovery
Sharing and collaboration:	VU employees and students
Location:	VU Campus (NL)
File recovery:	Via file restore request or versioning
Data classification:	Medium
Additional information:	-

Yoda

Securely deposit, share, publish and preserve research data during all stages of a research project.

YODA is a platform that supports research data management throughout the entire research cycle: from safe and easy storage and sharing of data during the research process, to sharing of data within research groups and projects and, ultimately, to research data archiving and publication.

More info

Max. storage size:	Terabytes of data
Costs basic storage:	<500 GB: free of charge 500 GB - 2 TB: €200 per year >2TB: €200 + 250 for every TB above 2 TB
Costs archiving:	<500 GB: free of charge 500 GB - 2TB: €25 per year >2TB: €25 + €25 for every TB above 2 TB Archiving will be billed for a 10-year period
Sharing and collaboration:	With anyone
Location:	SURFsara (NL)
File recovery:	Via versioning or file restore request
Data classification:	High
Additional information:	-

OneDrive

Personal cloud storage, securely store and share files with anyone, access from anywhere.

Because this is personal storage, this is usually **not** the preferred storage for research data. OneDrive for Business is part of VU Microsoft 365 cloud and is available for employees and students. Please note that this is personal storage that is linked to the existence of your account at the VU. If you disappear, your data in OneDrive also disappear.

Therefore, OneDrive is **not** a good solution to store your research data.

More info

Max. storage size:	1TB
Costs:	None
Sharing and collaboration:	With anyone
Location:	Microsoft Cloud (EU)
File recovery:	Via versioning or Recycle Bin
Data classification:	High
Additional information:	-

Microsoft Sharepoint (Teams)

File storage, sharing and collaboration in the VU Microsoft 365 cloud. This is not always the best solution to store research data.
Microsoft 365 cloud storage and collaboration.

Although the classification for Sharepoint is High, this is not always the best location to store your data, as this application was not designed for research data.

More info

Max. storage size:	1TB, up to 25TB
Costs:	None
Sharing and collaboration:	With anyone (A Microsoft account may be required.)
Location:	Microsoft Cloud (EU)
File recovery:	Via versioning or Recycle Bin
Data classification:	High
Additional information:	-

SURFdrive

Personal cloud storage service for the Dutch education and research community.
SURFdrive is a personal cloud storage service for the Dutch education and research community, offering staff and researchers an easy way to store, synchronise and share files in the secure and reliable SURF community cloud. Be aware that SURFdrive is personal storage linked to the existence of your account at the VU. If you disappear, your data also disappear. We do not recommend using SURFdrive for research data except in cases where it cannot be avoided. SURFdrive can however be a good place to store personal documents.

Please note that in principle, SURFdrive is classified to store documents for which the sensitivity is Medium, but with additional measures, can be used to store documents with High sensitivity. Please get in touch with rdm@vu.nl to receive advise about such measures.

Please note that SURFdrive is not available for students. However, it is possible to share files with students and others.

More info

Max. storage size:	500GB
Costs:	None
Sharing and collaboration:	With anyone
Location:	SURFsara (NL)
File recovery:	Via versioning or Deleted files
Data classification:	Medium, but with additional risk mitigation steps: High
Additional information:	-

Google Drive VU

Google Drive VU is part of Google Workspace collaborative environment for education and research.

Besides Google Drive, most applications within the Google Workspace environment, such as Google Docs, Google Sheets and Google Slides, are also available and accessible on any device.

More info

Max. storage size:	Terabytes of data
Costs:	None
Sharing and collaboration:	With anyone
Location:	Google (WORLD)
File recovery:	Deleted items are retained for 30 days, versioning is available for all files
Data classification:	Low
Additional information:	-

Encrypted portable storage

USB drive/disk or USB flash drive (USB stick) - with encryption.
Encrypted USB drive/disk or USB flash drive (USB stick).
You can order a drive or disk via the Order accessoriesform found in the service portal (link below).
Please note that it is highly recommended to always use encryption with portable storage, even if your data is classified as low.
More info

Max. storage size:	Depends on the device chosen
Costs:	Depends on the device chosen
Sharing and collaboration:	Not applicable
Location:	Not applicable
File recovery:	Can be configured
Data classification:	Medium (with encryption) Low (w/o encryption)
Additional information:	-

Custom solutions

When your project requires a very specific setup.
If none of the options satisfy your requirements, a custom setup or configuration may be possible.
Contact the RDM Support Desk via the link below to explore the options.
More info

Open Science Framework

OSF is an open platform to support your research and enable collaboration.

The OSF is an open-source collaboration tool geared towards Open Science.

Although not primarily a storage tool, OSF can be a very useful and easy to use way to share and publish your data, project documentation, or pre-registrations. It is possible to connect Research Drive, Dataverse or SURFdrive to OSF if your data volume is larger than what OSF offers.

The OSF is developed by the Center for Open Science (COS) that strives to increase openness, integrity, and reproducibility of research.

More info

Max. storage size:	Private project: 5 GB Public project: 50GB (Extra storage possible on request)
Costs:	None
Sharing and collaboration:	With anyone
Location:	Google (EU)
File recovery:	NOT possible
Data classification:	Low
Additional information:	-