

# TECH TALKS

## PHOTO BACKUP

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### METHODS:

#### EASIEST

Use the cloud photo system provided by your phone's manufacturer. This is iCloud for Apple phones or Google Drive/Photos for Android Phones. These provide a small amount of free storage and more storage for a fee.

#### SECURE

The most secure photo backup is on a drive you own. You can regularly download your photos from your device or from the cloud to a computer, portable hard drive or thumb drive in your possession.

#### LOCKSS

Lots of copies keeps stuff safe.

You are most secure when you use a combination of methods to back up your photos and your data. Store them on your phone, in the cloud, and on multiple drives you keep in multiple locations.

# CLOUD BACKUP

## iCloud

Free storage = 5 GB (~3500 photos)  
Widely Supported  
Can download local copies  
Paid storage = 50gb \$0.99 / month

## iCloud+

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## GOOGLE PHOTOS

Free storage = 15 GB (~10000 photos)  
Widely supported  
Can download local copies  
Paid storage = 100gb \$1.99 / month

## OTHER OPTIONS

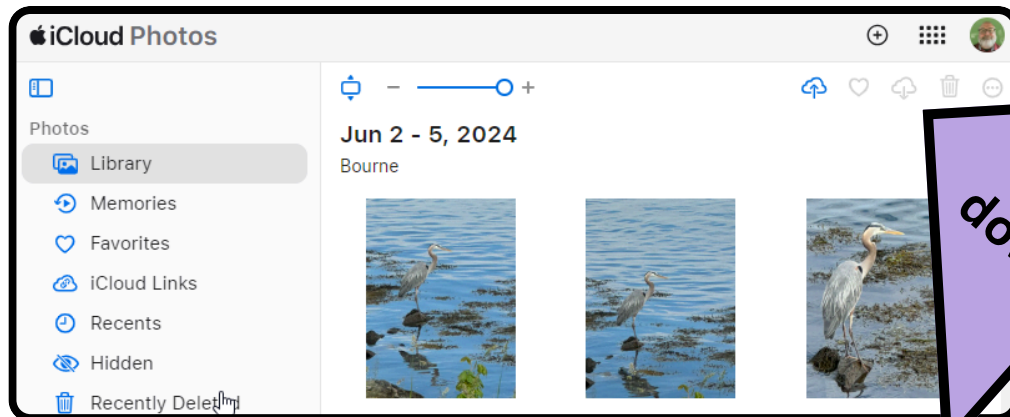
Amazon Prime Subscribers get free unlimited photo storage

Microsoft 365 (Office) Subscriptions come with cloud storage

iDrive -- Dropbox -- Flickr



# Download your iCloud photos to a computer



1. Select up to 1000 photos

2. Click the download icon

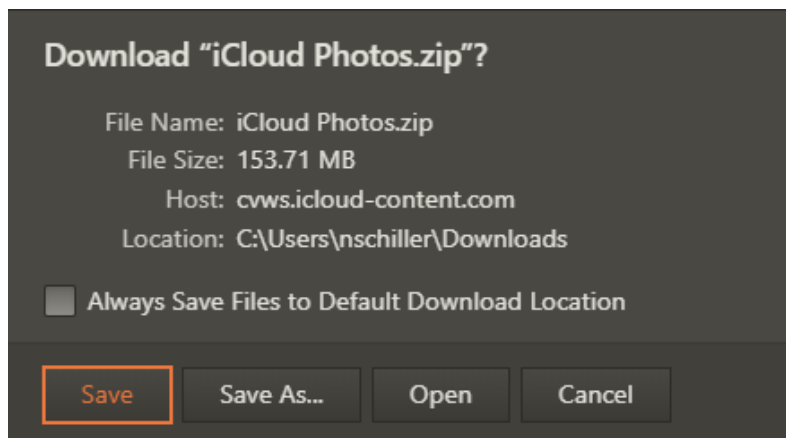
In the browser, you are limited to 1000 photos downloaded at a time. So select 1000 photos (click the first photo, scroll, then press shift & click at the same time to select a range.)

With the photos you want to download selected, click the download icon.



5. Zip file?

To open a zip file, **right-click** on the zipped folder and choose **Extract All ...** this will expand the zipped folder into a normal folder in the same location on your disk.



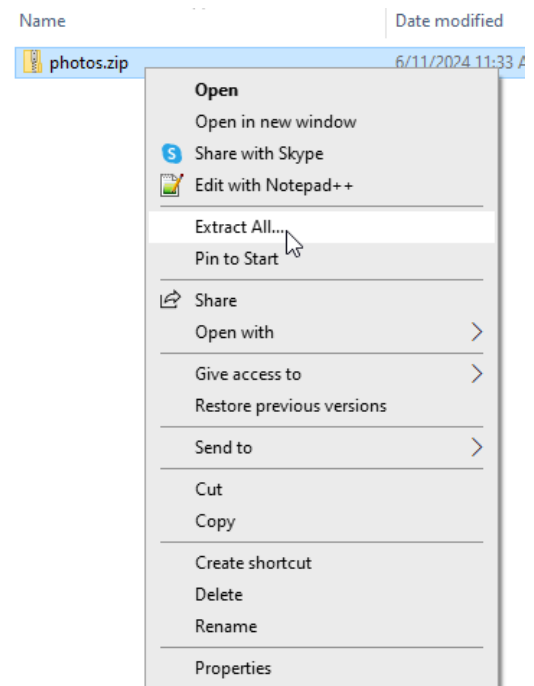
3. Save

Click **Save** to save to your default downloads location. Click **Save As ...** to save to a different location (like a portable hard drive or thumb drive.)

4. Zip file?

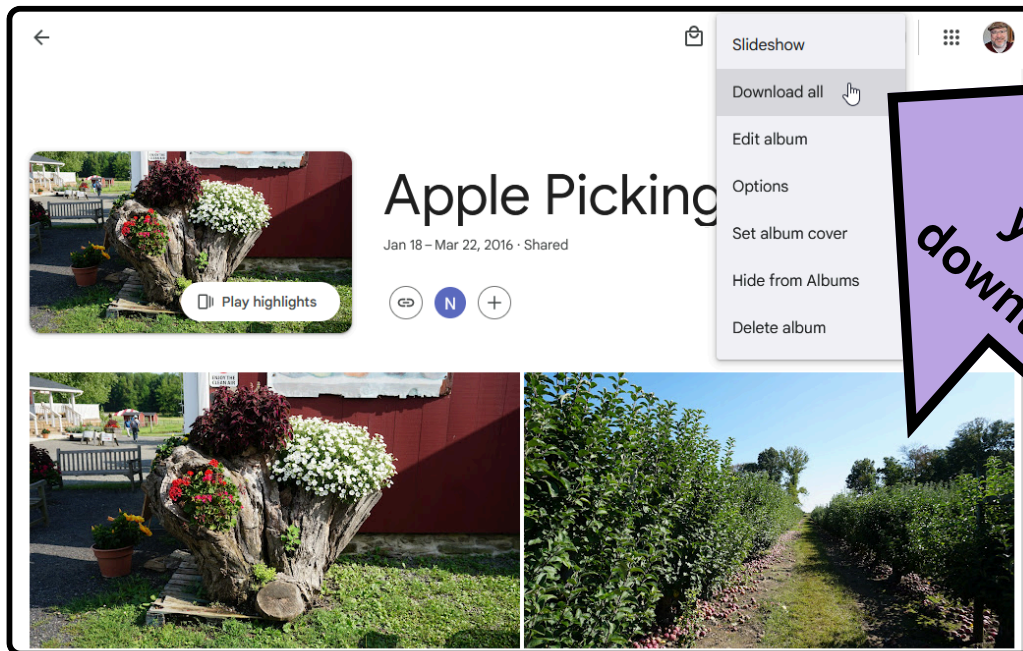
Your photos will download in a .zip file. This is a compressed format to save space.

Once downloaded, to view your photos, you will **extract** your zip file to a normal folder. We will practice this at the tech talk.





# Download your Google Photos to a computer



## 1. Select photos

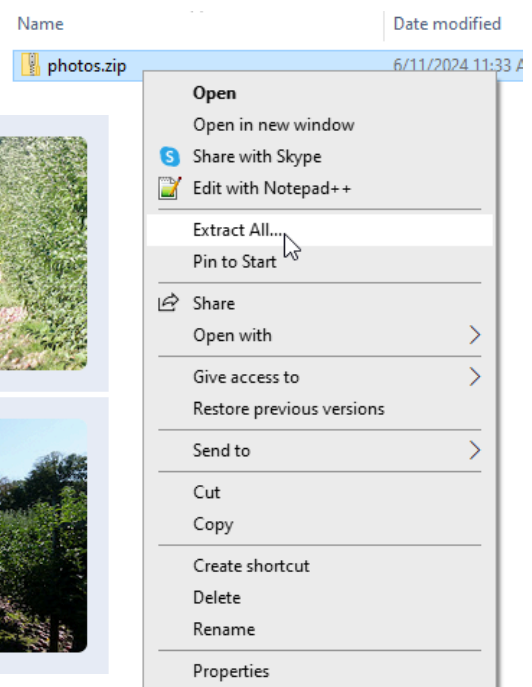
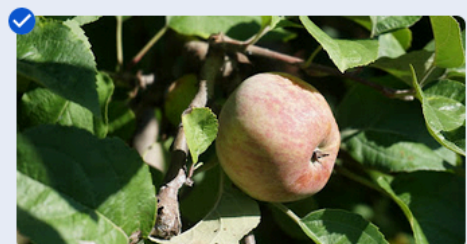
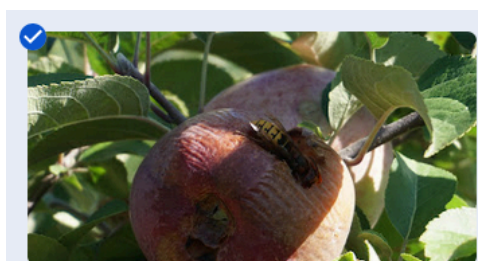
You can click on the checkmark on the upper left-hand corner of a photo to select it. To select a range, click the first photo, scroll, then press shift & click at the same time to select a range.

## 2. It may be easier to download albums

If your photos are organized in albums, you can choose to download an entire album at a time.

## 3. Zip files, again?

To open a zip file, **right-click** on the zipped folder and choose **Extract All ...** this will expand the zipped folder into a normal folder in the same location on your disk.



# NO CLOUD? NO PROBLEM.

If you don't have a cloud account or choose not to use one, you still have excellent options for backing up your phone's photos.

01

## DOWNLOAD FROM PHONE TO YOUR COMPUTER

Android phones may act as thumb drives. Apple phones may need to use iTunes software. Use your phone's original cable, if possible.



02

## USE AN OTG (ON THE GO) ADAPTER OR FLASH DRIVE

For newer phones OTG adapters can connect a flash drive directly to your phone. They may require an app to move the photos.



03

## GOOD OLD-FASHIONED EMAIL

In a pinch, or as a last resort, you can email the photos on your phone to yourself.

