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Send Large Files with a OneDrive or iCloud Link

This guide shows how to send a file that's too big to email, using a free share link from OneDrive on Windows or iCloud Drive on a Mac, instead of an attachment.

Why a link instead

Most email providers cap attachments well below what phones and cameras produce today.

Attachments have limits
Most providers cap attachments around 20 to 25 megabytes.

A link has no real limit
You're sharing access to the file, not squeezing it into the message.

Easier for the other person
They click, view, or download, instead of a bounced or stuck email.

Step by step

SEND LARGE FILES

! Email says your file's too big?

A free link from OneDrive or iCloud sends it instead, no size limit.

WHAT TO DO
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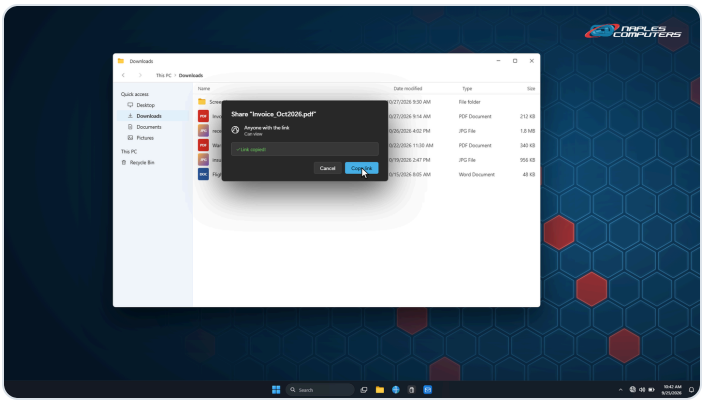
WINDOWS 11

1 Windows 11: share a OneDrive link

Right click the file, choose Share a OneDrive link, then Copy link.

WHAT TO DO

Paste that link into your email or text instead of attaching the file.



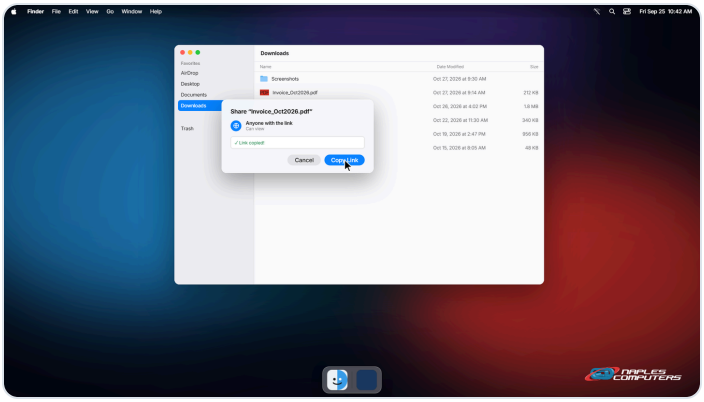
MAC

2 Mac: share an iCloud link

Right click the file in Finder, choose Share, then Copy Link.

WHAT TO DO

The file needs to be in iCloud Drive, Desktop, or Documents first.



A few things to know

- [ ] Choose who the link is for
  "Anyone with the link" is easiest; "specific people" is more private
- [ ] Moving or deleting the file breaks the link
  The link points to the file in the cloud, not a separate copy
- [ ] Don't share sensitive files this way by default
  Set an expiration date, or require sign-in, for anything private

Recap: send a large file

- [ ] Windows 11: right click, Share a OneDrive link, Copy link
- [ ] Mac: right click, Share, Copy Link
- [ ] Paste the link instead of attaching the file
- [ ] Moving or deleting the file later breaks the link

Moving or deleting the original file from OneDrive or iCloud breaks the link, since it points to that file, not a separate copy.

File won't send?

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