

# Moodle and Cloud File Sharing

Integration with ownCloud and Nextcloud

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- ▶ E-Learning at University of Münster
- ▶ Est. 2007
- ▶ > 20.000 Users / Week (WT 2017/18)

- ▶ Cloud file sharing service for research institutions
- ▶ 29 universities and institutions
- ▶ 5 PB storage capacity

# Motivation

- ▶ Situation: Files in (own)Cloud
- ▶ Download prior to upload in Moodle – tedious!
- ▶ Moodle ↔ Nextcloud historically: WebDAV plugin – however
  - ▶ no “private” storage (or hard to configure)
  - ▶ Moodle needs (and stores!) Nextcloud password (→ no-go!)

# Motivation

- ▶ **Goal:** Improve usability of accessing **Nextcloud** files
- ▶ **Solution:** Two plugins, support sign-on without password
- ▶ **Implementation:** OAuth 2.0, WebDAV, OCS



# Collaborative Folders

Activity module

### Group 1

Leah Becker	leah.becker@...
Lena Becker	lena.becker@...
Jacob Brown	jacob.brown@...
Jayden Brown	jayden.brown@...
Matěj Černý	matej.cerny@...
Olivia Davis	olivia.davis@...

### Group 2

Jan Dvořák	...
Leon Fischer	...
Ava García	...
Leah Hoffmann	...
Lena Hoffmann	...
Adéla Horáková	...

### Group 3

Karolína Horáková	...
Tereza Horáková	...

### Group 4

Sophia Miller	...
Lukas Müller	...
Jan Novák	...
Lukáš	...
Matej Novotný	...
Adéla Procházková	...

### Group 5

Isabella Rodríguez	...
Luca Schneider	...
Jacob Smith	...
William Smith	...
Tobias Thomas	...
Adéla Veselá	...

### Group 6

Tereza Veselá	...
Hanna Wagner	...

Work in progress!

Gruppenarbeit

+ □ Name ▲

- Gruppe 1
- Gruppe 2
- Gruppe 3
- Gruppe 4
- Gruppe 5
- Gruppe 6

6 folders

Gruppe 1

0 KB, seconds ago

Collaborative tags

Comments

User and Groups Public Links

lana.becker@institution.info

Work in progress!

VS.

Announcements

Topic 1

CollFolder

Name (test setting)

Restricted Not available

### Add an activity or resource

Use collaborative folders to create folders in ownCloud for students for collaborative work. The folder is shared individually with members of the chosen groups as soon as they like. You do not need to collect ownCloud email addresses from your participants, everything is automatic.

#### ACTIVITIES

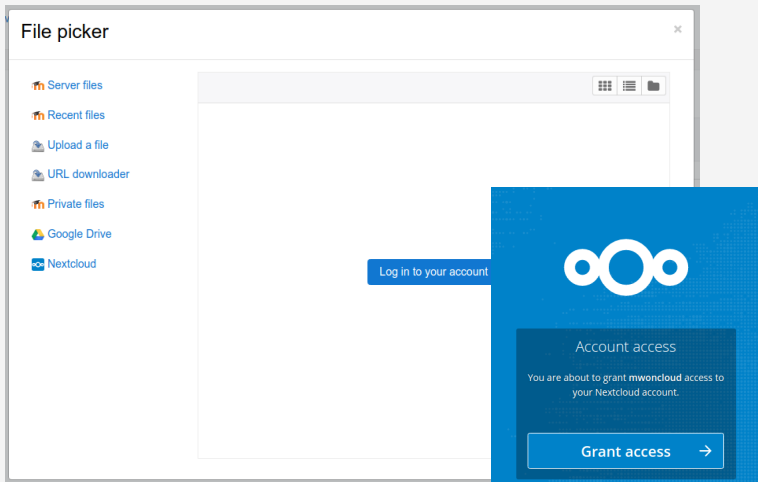
- Assignment
- Chat
- Choice
- Collaborative folders
- Database

# Repository

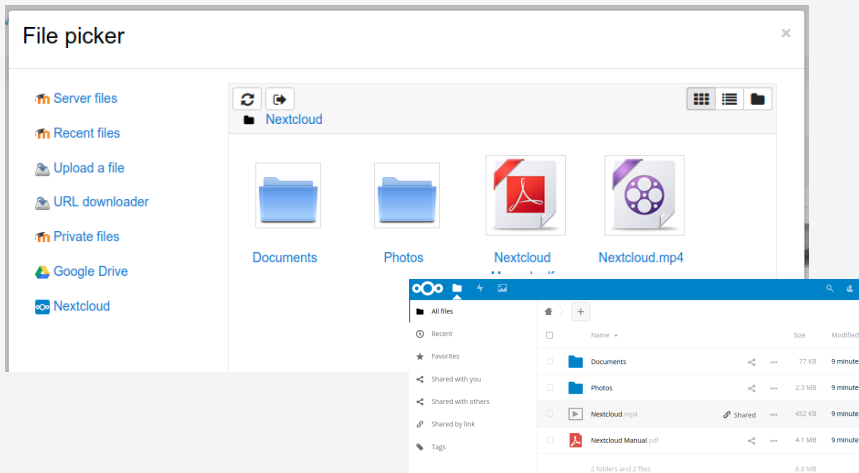
Direct file access from Moodle



# Authorisation without password



# Access from file picker



The screenshot shows the Nextcloud File picker interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Server files, Recent files, Upload a file, URL downloader, Private files, Google Drive, and Nextcloud. The main area displays a grid of file thumbnails: Documents (folder), Photos (folder), Nextcloud (PDF), and Nextcloud.mp4 (video). Below the thumbnails, a file explorer window is open, showing a list of files and folders.

Name	Size	Modified
Documents	77 KB	9 minutes
Photos	2.3 MB	9 minutes
Nextcloud.mp4	452 KB	9 minutes
Nextcloud Manual.pdf	4.1 MB	9 minutes

Summary: 2 folders and 2 files, 6.8 MB

# Repository

- ▶ **File picker:** Upload file  
or **link to file** (live update!)
- ▶ Plugins may prohibit using certain modes  
(e. g. mod\_assign disables linking)



## Implementation

- ▶ **Upload file** via WebDAV
- ▶ **Linking** uses OCS API of Nextcloud
- ▶ Linking creates **public share** (→ URL)
- ▶ URL is added to course as resource
- ▶ (**Cave:** URL may be guessed)



San Francisco.jpg

 Shared

...

211 KB

a month ago

## Useful links

- ▶  Repository plugin (Versions for ownCloud and Nextcloud!)

<https://moodle.org/plugins/view.php?id=1879>

- ▶ Installation steps, troubleshooting, ...

[https://docs.moodle.org/en/ownCloud\\_Repository](https://docs.moodle.org/en/ownCloud_Repository)

- ▶  Collaborative Folders activity (in development)

[https://github.com/learnweb/moodle-mod\\_collaborativefolders](https://github.com/learnweb/moodle-mod_collaborativefolders)

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