



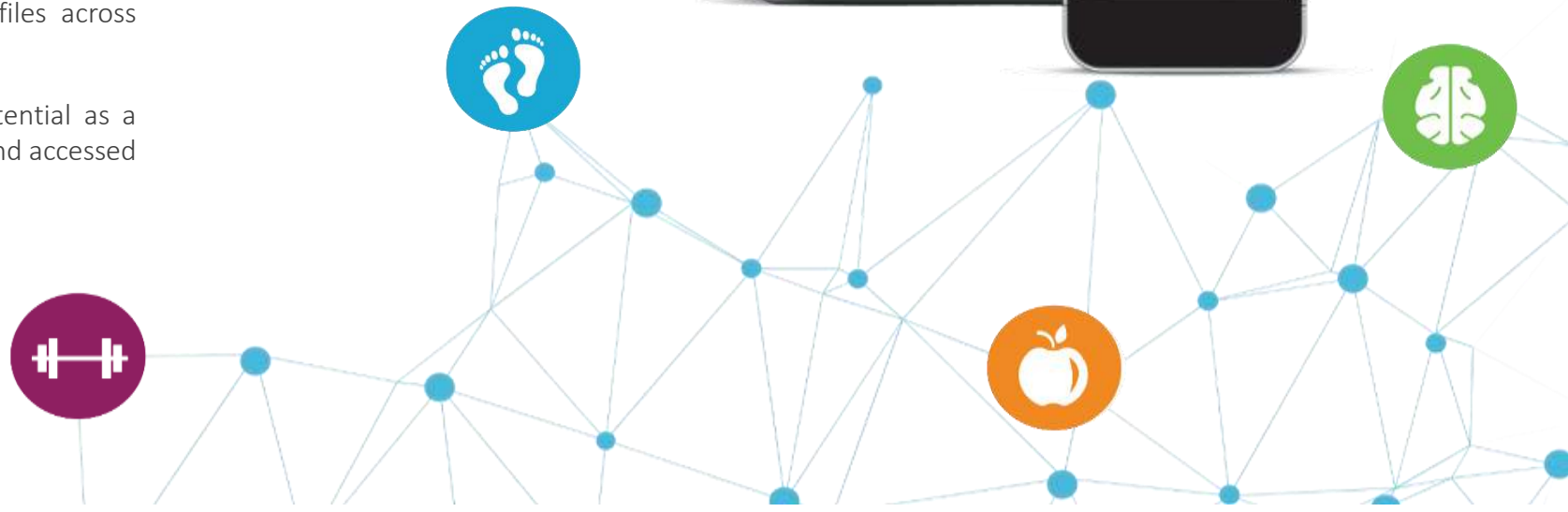
Pedagogical Assessment of: Dropbox

Website: www.dropbox.com

Usage

Dropbox has become an important tool for sharing files both publicly and privately in the field of education. Dropbox is a multifaceted tool which can be used to store and sync documents and files across computers, tablets, and smart phones.

From an educational perspective, Dropbox has great potential as a learning tool as it allows materials to be shared, updated and accessed easily by students for further learning.





Usage

Dropbox is a freemium service. The free personal account includes 2GB of space. There are also paid personal plans, collectively named Dropbox Pro, which require a monthly or yearly payment, for various sizes of data storage. Business accounts are also available, with prices based on the number of users.

Ease of Access

Dropbox is a well-implemented, cloud-based, automatic, file-syncing service that has an excellent array of apps for various operating systems. You can easily install Dropbox on virtually any computer and mobile device you own, to have instant access to all your files.

Pedagogical Assessment

Teachers interested in setting students set up with cloud-based storage should consider this as an option that can help organise their own work.

Students can create shared folders with documents for groups to work on collaboratively and can turn in projects or papers to an assigned folder. One feature allows the user to see deleted files, which can help mitigate accidental deletions or mistaken corrections. It also serves as a storage system for syllabi, assignments sheets, or rubrics for students, and files can be accessed at home, at school, on tablets, and on phones.

Reviews

“The interface may be challenging for learners, making it a less attractive option for cloud-based storage and file sharing. However, once learners become familiar with it, students will appreciate this organizational tool.”

-Amanda Bindel (Educator)

Advantages

- Users can access files from any device or computer and can easily share with others.

Disadvantages

- May not be the best option for younger students. Simpler solutions exist for file storage and sharing, and many offer more free space than Dropbox.

Conclusion

Dropbox is a file-syncing and storage service that automatically syncs your files everywhere, so they're available on any Internet-connected device. As an educational tool, DropBox has great potential; particularly if you want learners to share learning material and collaborate.

