

# iCloud Presentation: Annotated Links

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iCloud might be loosely defined as Apple's collection of online services. Available on all current Apple hardware devices, iCloud's basic functionality allows your documents, music, TV shows, movies, photos, contacts, calendars, passwords, and other data to be disseminated and synchronized amongst all your devices. This occurs so automatically (and almost immediately) that you never think about where your data is anymore. Furthermore, iCloud goes beyond mere syncing of data and provides many other capabilities that enhance Apple's hardware.

## iCloud eBook

An excellent tutorial and reference for iCloud services is the eBook by Joe Kissel *Take Control of iCloud*. It is available for download at <https://www.takecontrolbooks.com/icloud/>. The cost is \$14.99.

## iCloud Drive

This service allows you to securely access your documents via the Internet from your various hardware devices: iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac computers (and even Windows PCs). An iCloud Drive FAQ is available on Apple's website at <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201104>. Also see the article [Access iCloud Drive files from your iPhone and other devices](#).

## iCloud Keychain

Your Mac's Keychain stores passwords and other secure information. This information can be accessed by your other devices via iCloud. See the article [Set up iCloud Keychain](#).

## iCloud and AppleID Security

Protection of your data on iCloud is of paramount importance. Here are some articles from Apple's website related to this topic:

[iCloud security overview](#)

[Security and your Apple ID](#)

[Two-factor authentication for Apple ID](#)

## iCloud Email

Your iCloud email addresses ending in @me.com, @mac.com and @icloud.com can be used to send and receive iCloud email. You can use the email address via your dedicated email application (like Apple Mail) or via the [iCloud.com](https://www.icloud.com) website. See [Using your @icloud.com email address](#) for more info.

However, iCloud email may not be the best choice for all of your email needs. See the article <https://www.macworld.com/article/2029570/silent-email-filtering-makes-icloud-an-unreliable-option.html>.