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How to Use Owncloud Sync on Ubuntu Phone

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Congrats! So you figured out the 20 steps to getting owncloud-sync on your ubuntu phone. The problem is ... now what? How do you make it work? It took a bit of goofing around but here is what I figured out:

Sync Files

1. Do my tutorial (if it's not in the software center when you read this) [HERE](#)
2. Go to 'system settings'
3. go to 'accounts'
4. then add an account and select 'owncloud' from the list. It will prompt you for your credentials so fill them in.

Now you have an owncloud (nextcloud works fine with it) account meshed into your phone. Now you can actually start doing useful things. The most exciting part, of course, is syncing calendars!

1. go to calendar icon
2. click that grid calendar icon in the top right area - the left most of the three
3. add online calendar
4. owncloud
5. again you will be prompted for your credentials again. enter them
6. done. you'll see a 'sync in progress' kind of notifier and boom. works.

Now you want to sync up files from your phone to your cloud. Unfortunately the app does not yet, at the point of this post, have a 'share to cloud' option which is too bad. I'm sure the feature is on the way as you read this. For now, however, what you have to do is this:

1. in file manager, create a dedicated 'sync' folder on your local phone. you could use the folders that are already there, but in my case I needed to have a folder that did **not** sync my personal photos to my work cloud! So I made a folder called 'work-uploads' on my phone
2. open the owncloud app and in account settings choose your sync frequency. I chose 15 minutes. I left the 'sync on mobile data' off because I don't want a few gigs syncing with my mobile data..
3. go back then go to sync folders. for the local folder, select the one you made in step 2 above. You can also create the folder at this point by pressing the + icon, or you could select one. If you select be sure to press the check mark in the **top right**. Not sure why but the check mark in the center confuses me...
4. back out then in the 'sync service' make sure there is a file in your local folder that you made in step 2 and then press 'sync'. It should tell you that the sync has started.

Honestly, mine is not syncing but I bet it should be. haha It's definitely connecting to the cloud because I could choose the folders no problem and see all of them on my cloud. But the files aren't moving from my phone to the cloud now so hopefully it will work for you while I figure this out. I think you have to follow these steps in order and not use the owncloud sync app before you add the stuff in system settings but not sure... two theories:

1. because i created the folders on the phone it requires root (sudo) somehow to sync. I noticed that I

cannot see the folders I created in step 2 above in the regular file manager of phone... maybe this permission issue is restricting sync

2. I did something in the wrong order... calendar is working perfectly though! weird.

To test, I went in from my laptop to the web GUI of Nextcloud to see if the file made it. No go. Did not. Then I put a small file in the same directory from my laptop and sure enough the file made it to the cloud. So the issue is definitely on the phone side... hmm... more for tomorrow..

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