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The future of File Sync and Share

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We are heading into a world where the files of most users are hosted by 4 big companies. This is the case for most home users, companies but also education and research institutions. If we want to keep our sovereignty over our data, protect our privacy and prevent vendor lock-in then we need open source self hosted and federated alternatives.

A new challenge is the increasing blending of application hosting and storage as seen at Office 365 and Google Suite. This has the danger to lead to a very strong vendor lock-in.

This talk will discuss the ongoing trends in these areas and possible solutions. It will also give an overview of the newest Nextcloud features and the long term roadmap to provide an alternative to centralized services.

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