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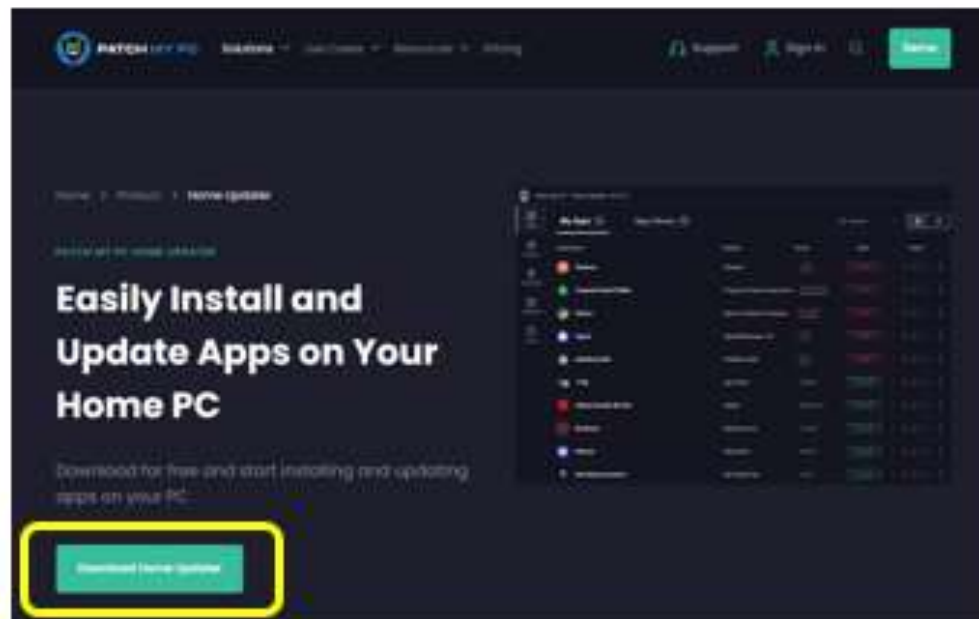
March 5, 2025



PatchMyPC Home Updater

- PatchMyPC is now PatchMyPC Home Updater
(as of October 23, 2024)
- Download Home Updater from:

<https://patchmypc.com/product/home-updater>









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/ 59

Community Score

 1/59 security vendor flagged this file as malicious

Reanalyze Similar More

201128cc2c8eb110c14e80b73127206d420d3bb354a3d...
PatchMyPC-HomeUpdater.msi

Size 52.38 MB Last Analysis Date 3 minutes ago



msi signed detect-debug-environment calls-wmi checks-usb-bus

DETECTION

DETAILS

RELATIONS

BEHAVIOR

COMMUNITY 2

Join our Community and enjoy additional community insights and crowdsourced detections, plus an API key to automate checks.

Security vendors' analysis ⓘ

Do you want to automate checks?

Zillya	 Trojan.Badur.Win32.42242	Acronis (Static ML)	 Undetected
AhnLab-V3	 Undetected	AliCloud	 Undetected
ALYac	 Undetected	Antiy-AVL	 Undetected
Arcabit	 Undetected	Avast	 Undetected
AVG	 Undetected	Avira (no cloud)	 Undetected
Baidu	 Undetected	BitDefender	 Undetected



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Zillya on [VirusTotal.com](#) reports Trojan.Badur.Win32.42242 detected in PatchMyPC-HomeUpdater.msi but no other engines report any issues. Is this a false positive?

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Share

Replacing uBlock Origin

- uBlock Origin is/was one of the most highly regarded browser extensions that could block ads
 - among other content
- Google disabling uBlock Origin
 - Chrome's shift to Manifest v3 extensions
- Microsoft Edge is following suit
- *The Intelligence* has some ideas for replacement ad blockers for Chrome, Edge, Firefox, and Brave



<https://theintelligence.com/37756/best-adblockers-to-replace-ublock-origin/>

ToffeeShare



**Making
sharing
sweet**

<https://toffeeshare.com>

You have a 577MB video file....



How do you transfer it to someone?

It would be nice to send it by email....



It would be nice to send it by email....



but it is
too large.

It would be nice to send it by email....



but it is
too large.

Gmail: 25MB
Outlook: 20MB

You could put it on a USB stick....



You could put it on a USB stick....



but the recipient is
in North Battleford
Saskatchewan

You could upload it to the cloud...



and email
the share
link to the
recipient...

You could upload it to the cloud...



and email
the share
link to the
recipient...

but you do not have
a cloud account.

You could upload it to the cloud...



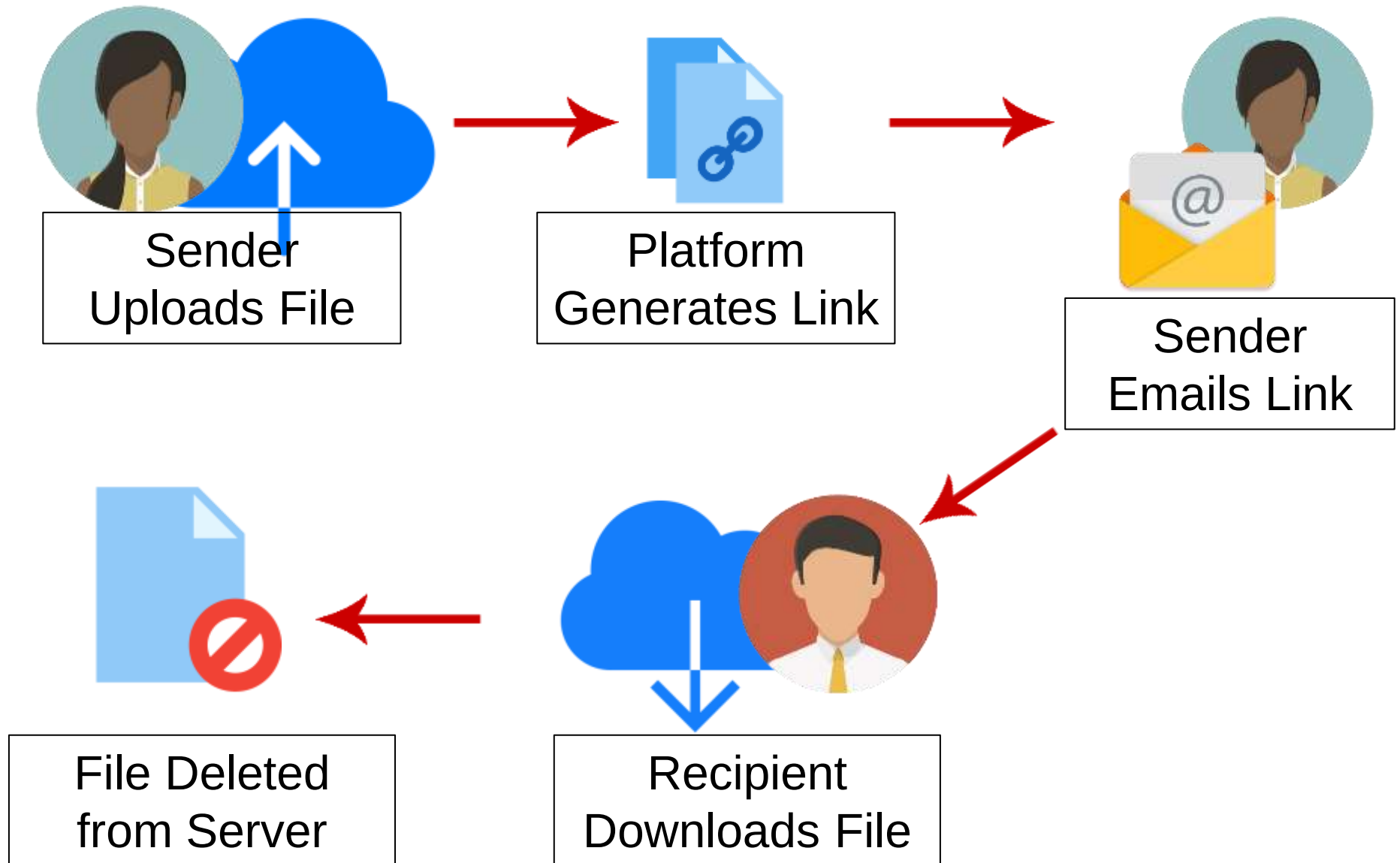
and email
the share
link to the
recipient...

because you do have cloud storage
but that 5GB limit is almost full.

You could use a file transfer platform



You could use a file transfer platform



Examples of file transfer platforms

SendThisFile

<https://sendthisfile.com>

WeTransfer

<https://wetransfer.com/>

SendAnywhere

<https://send-anywhere.com>

File Transfer Platform Features

- Most have similar features.
- Many offer free or trial accounts.
 - May have file size limitations.
- May have # of file transfer limits.
 - Time based auto-delete expiry.

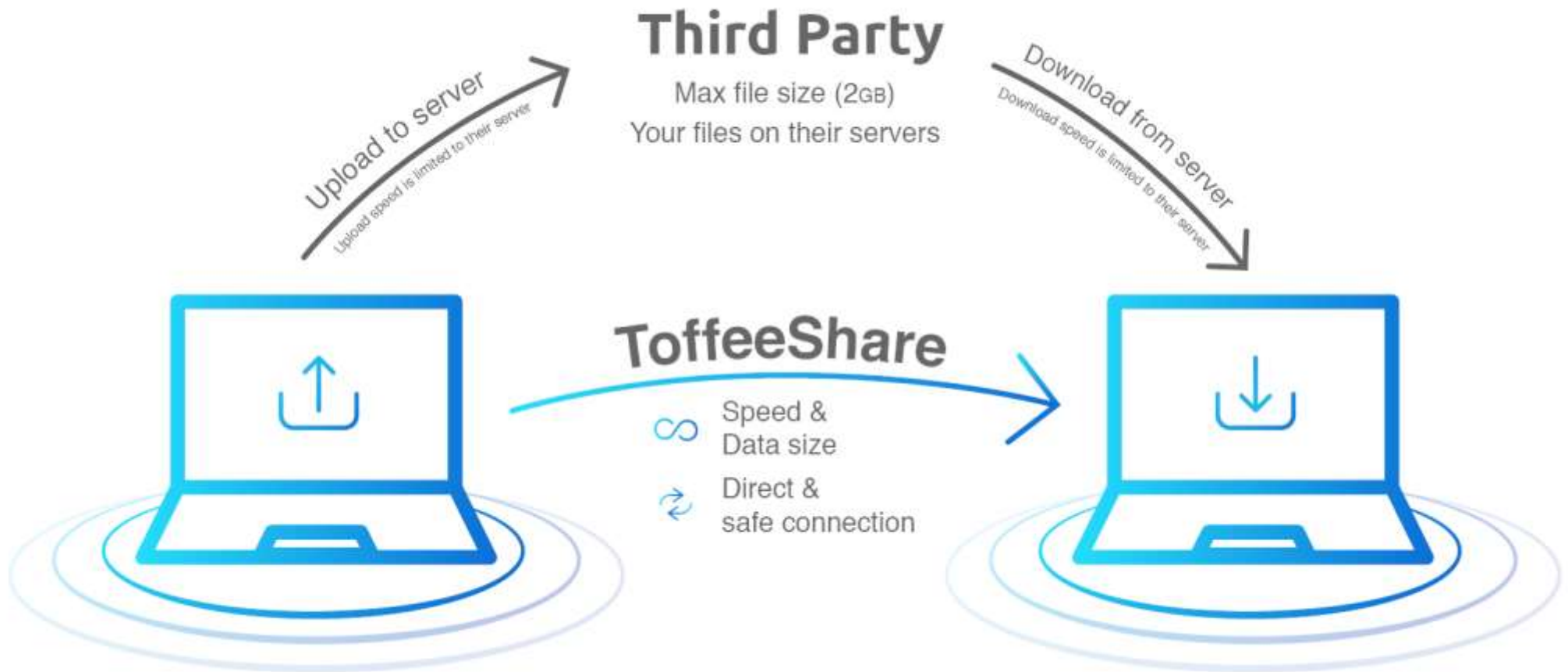
Are file transfer platform secure?



When you use 3rd party file transfer platforms, your data does sit on someone else's server and, as such, is subject to their jurisdictional laws, privacy policies and security protocols.



ToffeeShare



A P2P Alternative Solution

What is ToffeeShare?

ToffeeShare is a free, peer-to-peer (P2P) file-sharing service that allows users to send files of any size directly between devices without storing them online.

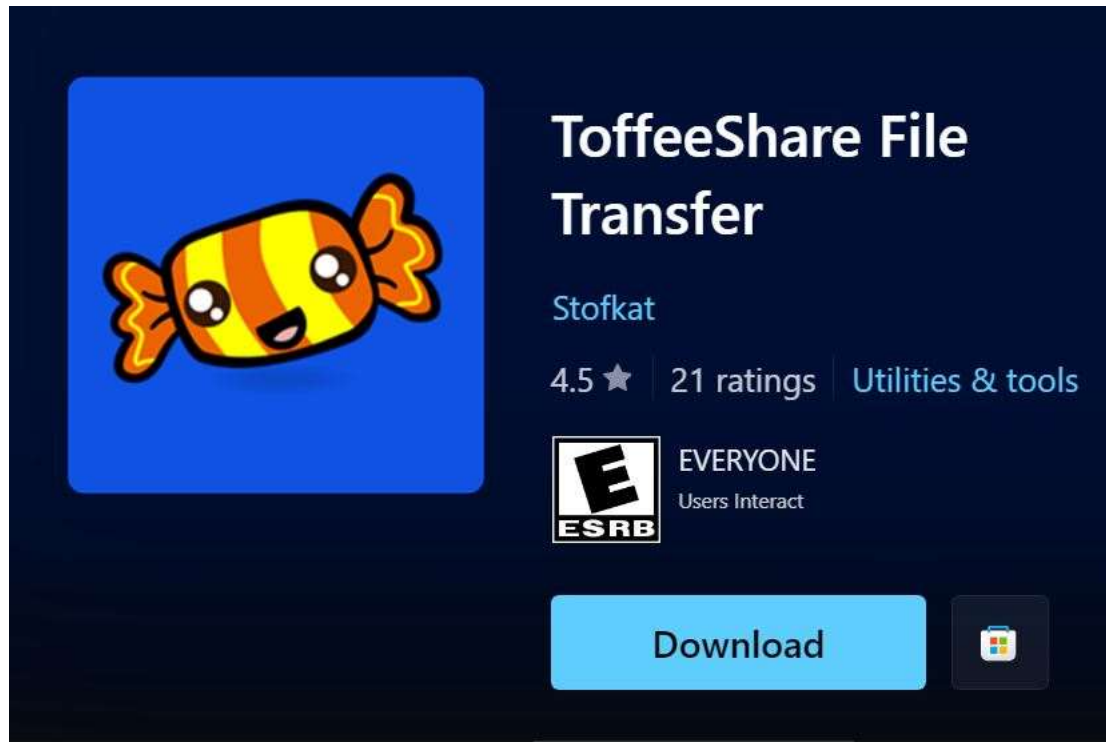
What is ToffeeShare?

It uses WebRTC technology to establish a secure, encrypted connection between the sender and receiver, ensuring that only the intended recipient can access the shared files.

What is ToffeeShare?

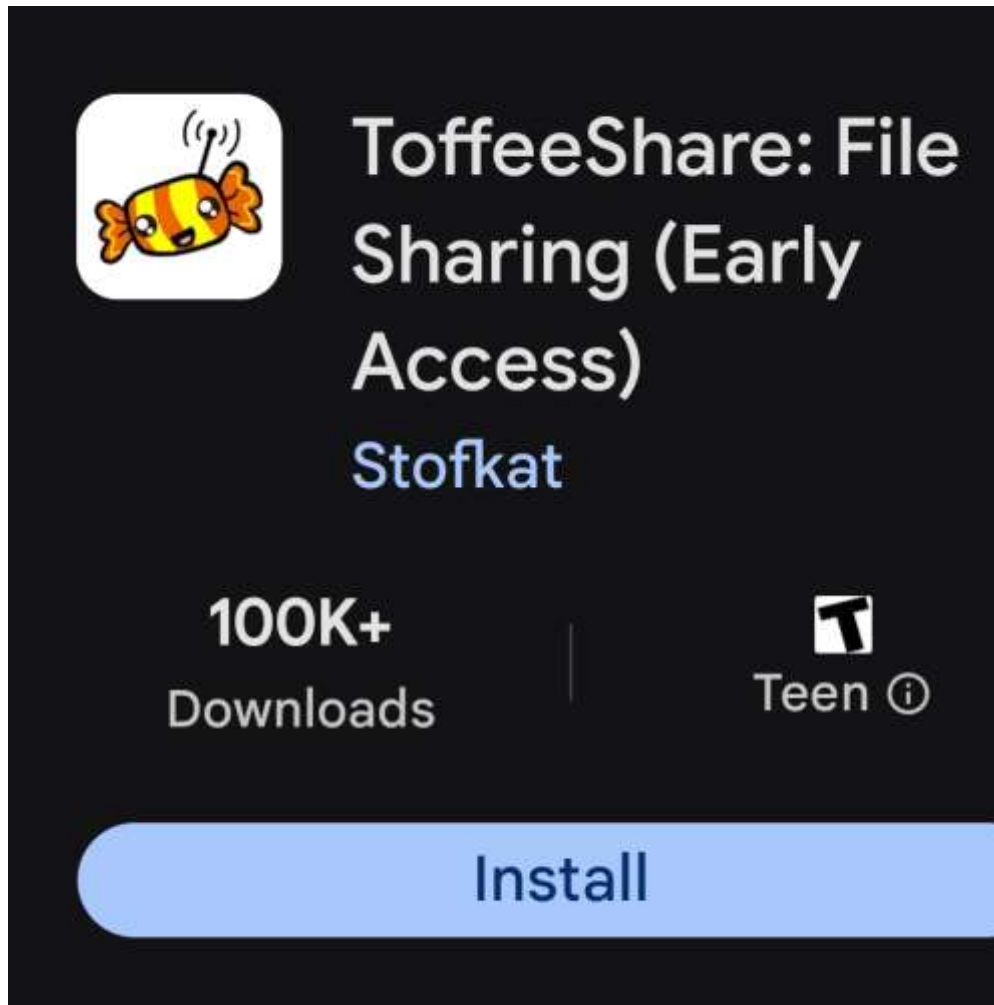
Since it does not rely on cloud storage, ToffeeShare eliminates file size limitations and enhances privacy by preventing third-party access to transferred data

How do you access ToffeeShare?



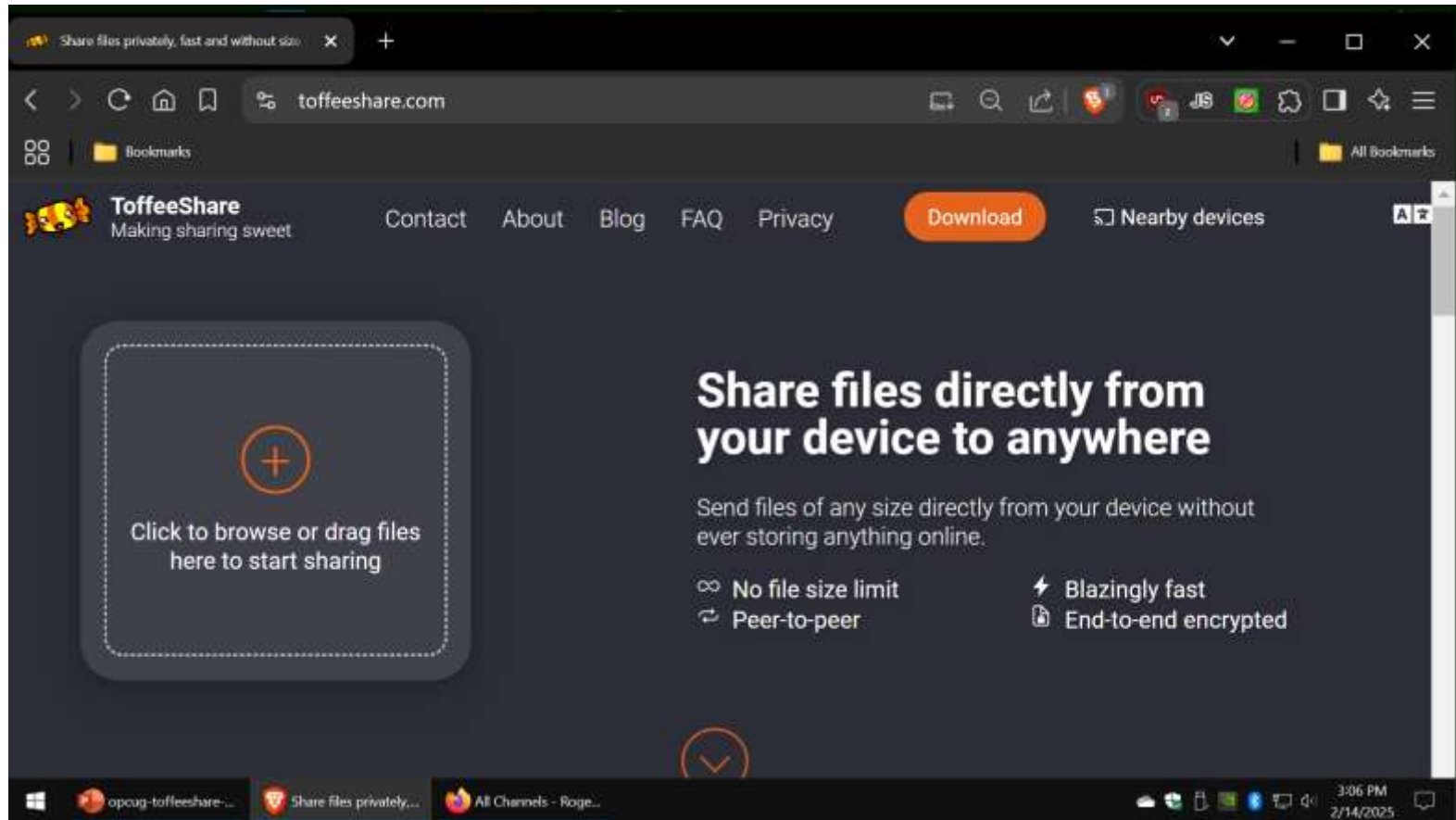
Download
the Windows
Store app.

How do you access ToffeeShare?



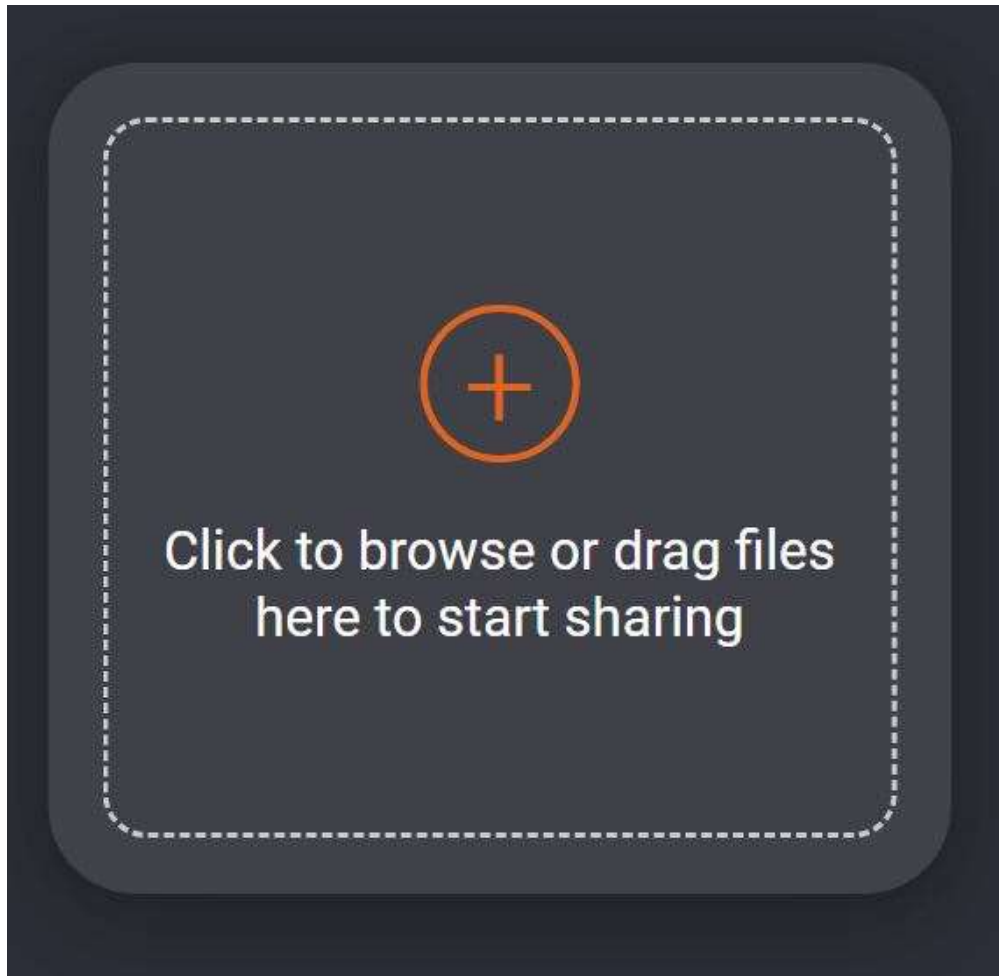
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app from the
Google Play
Store

How do you access ToffeeShare?



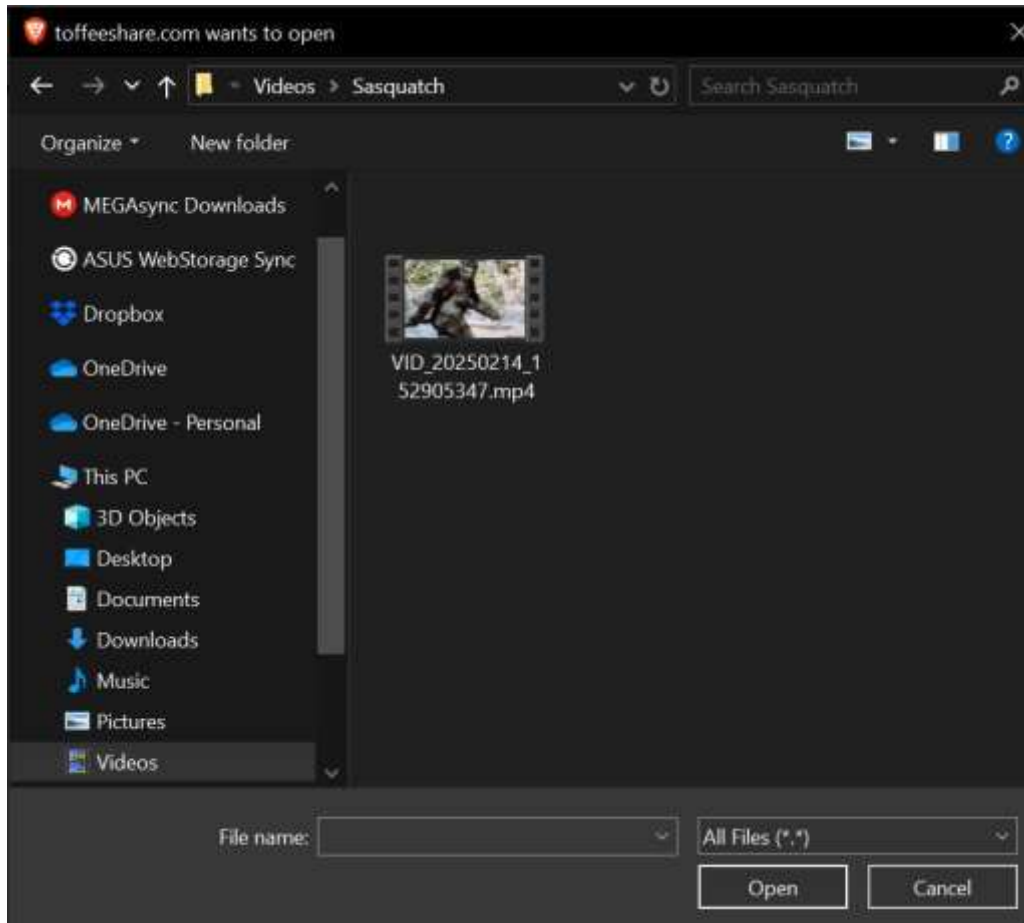
Or use a browser to access
<https://toffeeshare.com>

How do you access ToffeeShare?



Click on the “+” symbol to select the file to share.

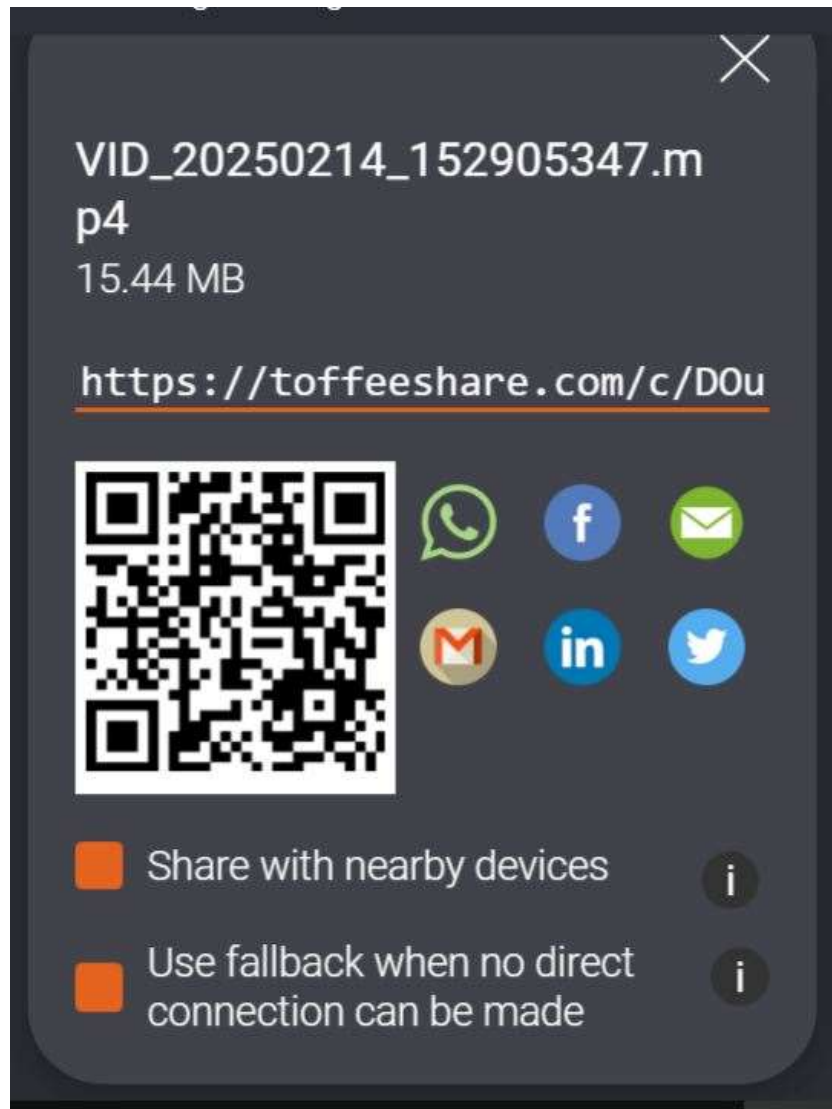
How do you access ToffeeShare?



Select the file
you want to
send from the
File Manager.

In this example, video footage of the
ever-elusive Kennebec Sasquatch.

How do you access ToffeeShare?



ToffeeShare generates a link (or QR code) that you can forward to the recipient.

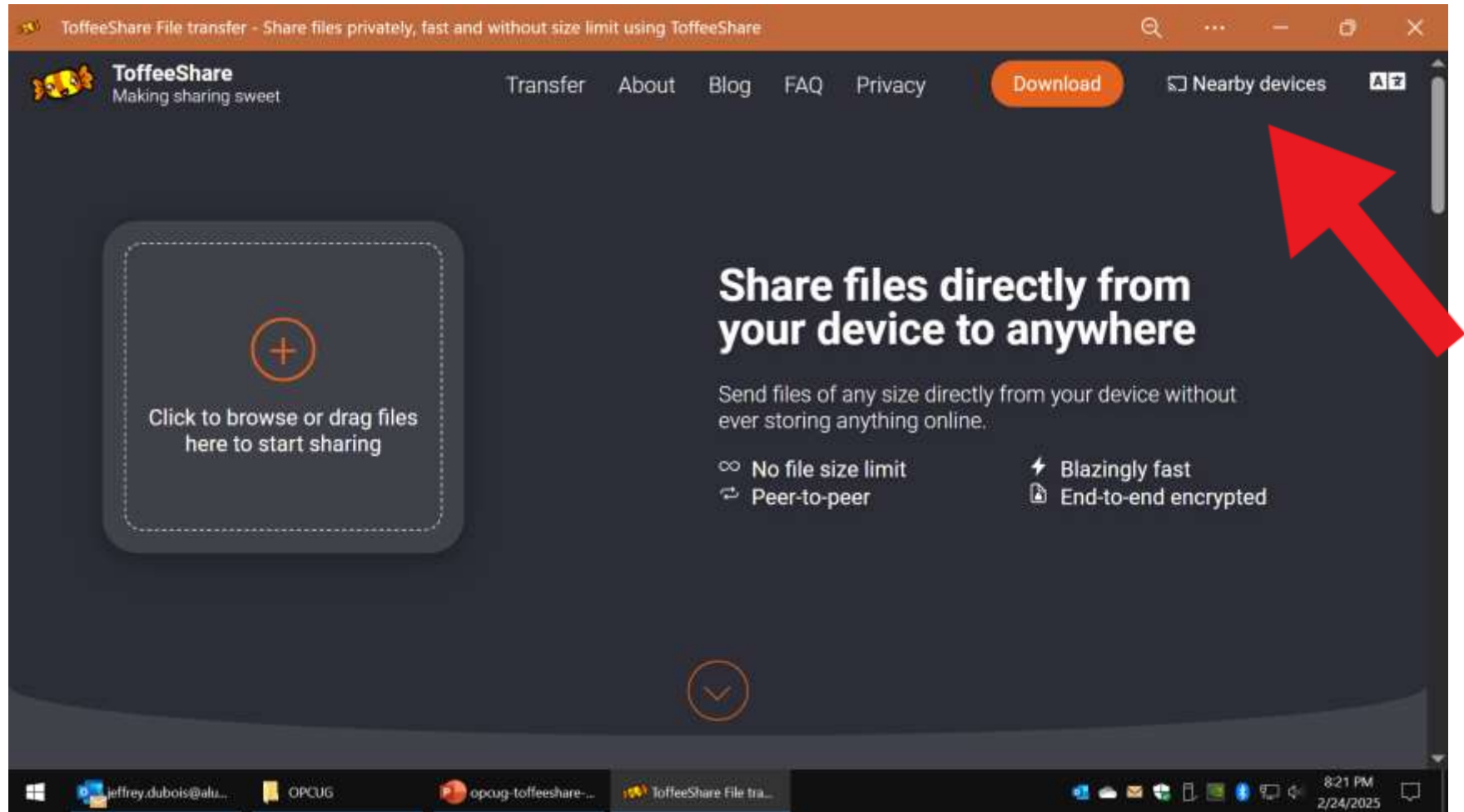
How do you access ToffeeShare?



The share link
<http://toffeeshare.com/c/D0uMadeUp>
remains active
as long as the
app or browser
remains open.

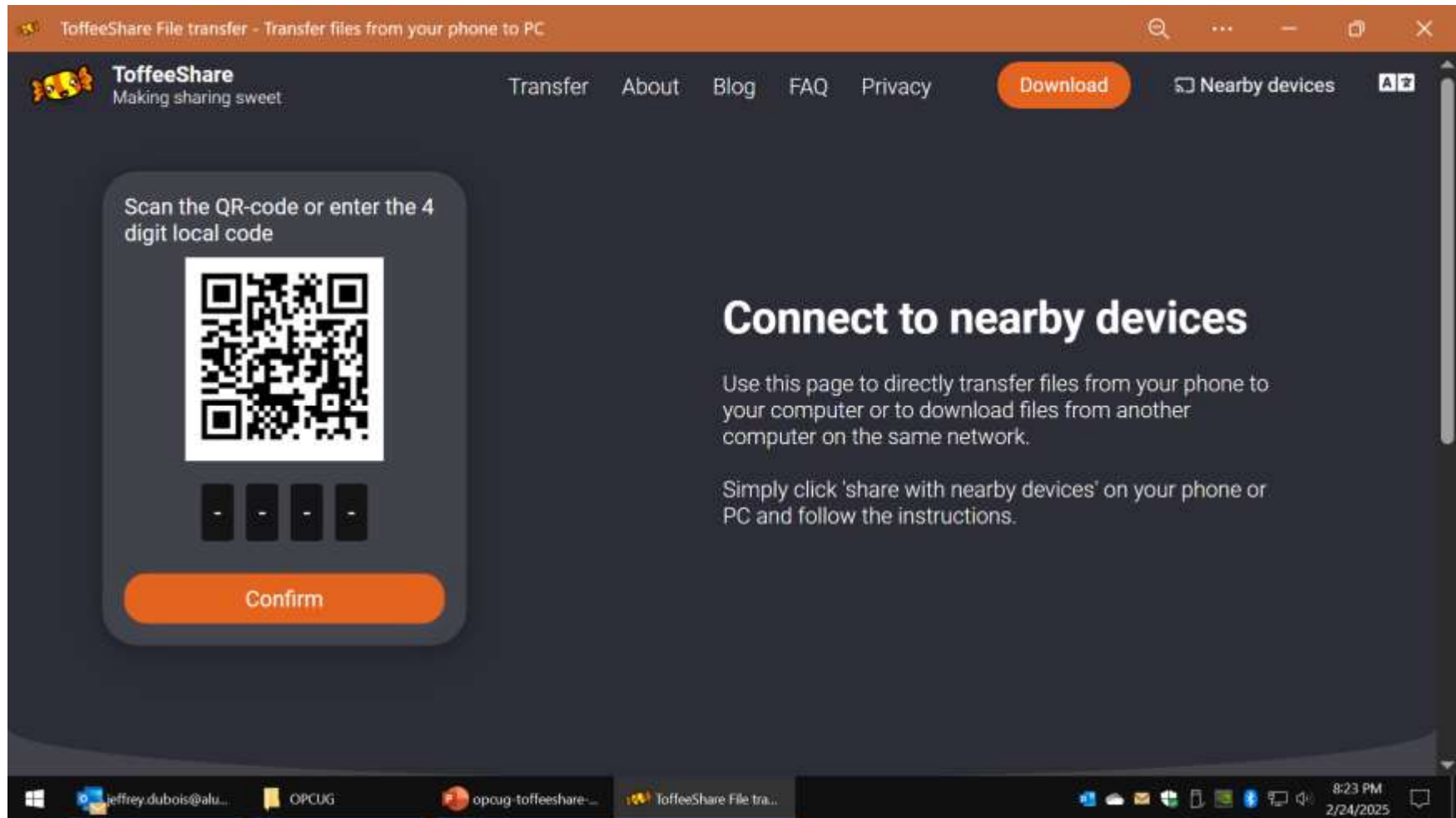
(the recipient gets footage of Bigfoot)

ToffeeShare & Nearby Devices



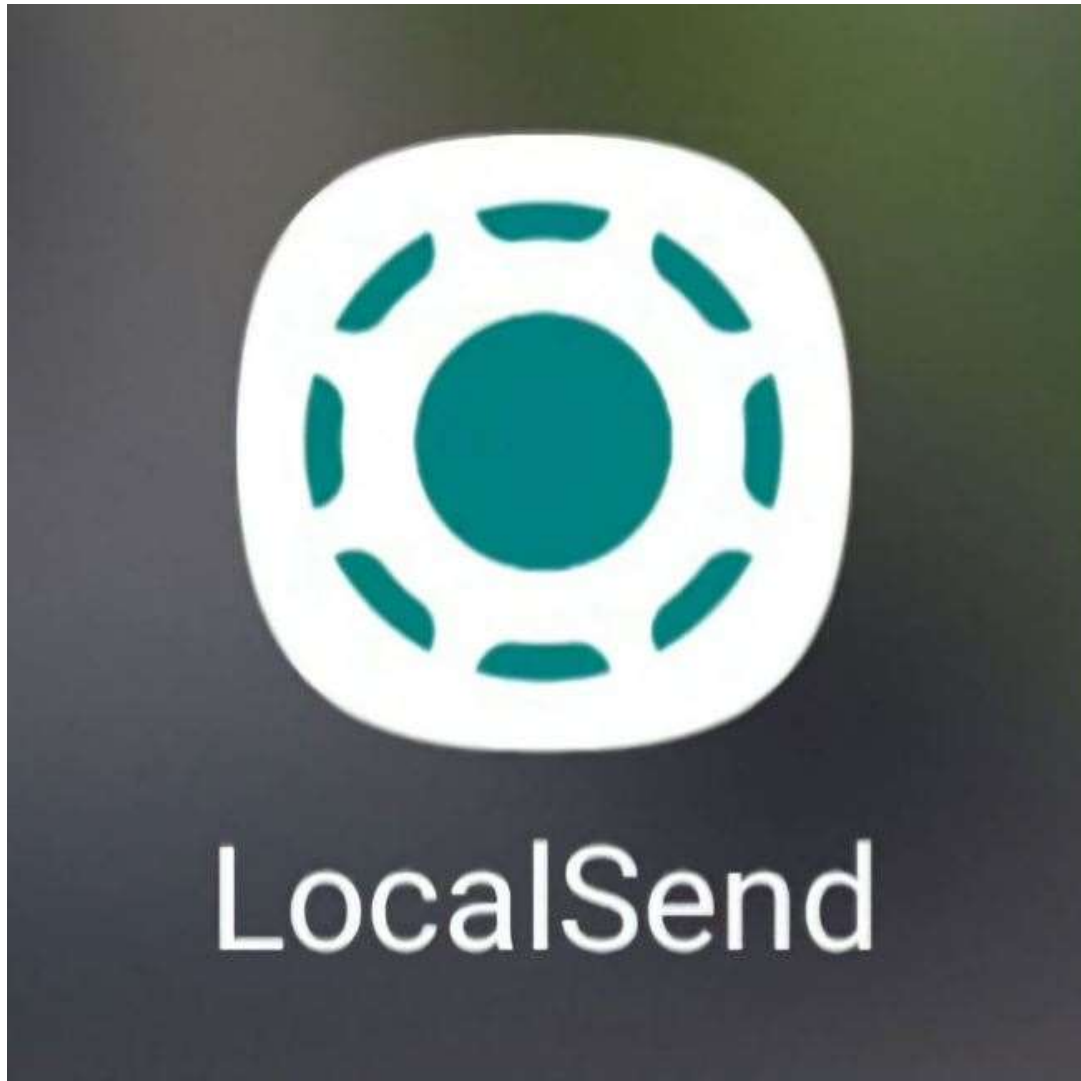
(to transfer files on same network)

ToffeeShare & Nearby Devices



(easier solution for local network)

Best Alternative for Local Networks



<https://localsend.org/>

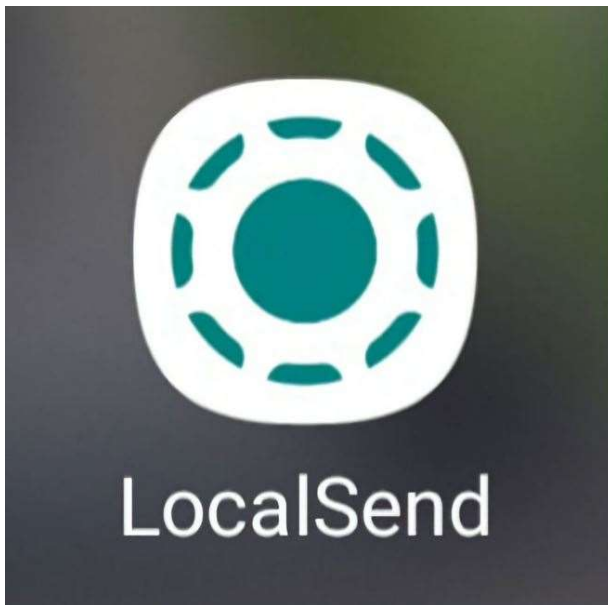
https://opcug.ca/qa_recordings/20240501_PowerPoint.pdf

In a nutshell.....



Transfer files via Internet
ToffeeShare

<https://toffeeshare.com>



Transfer files on local network
LocalSend

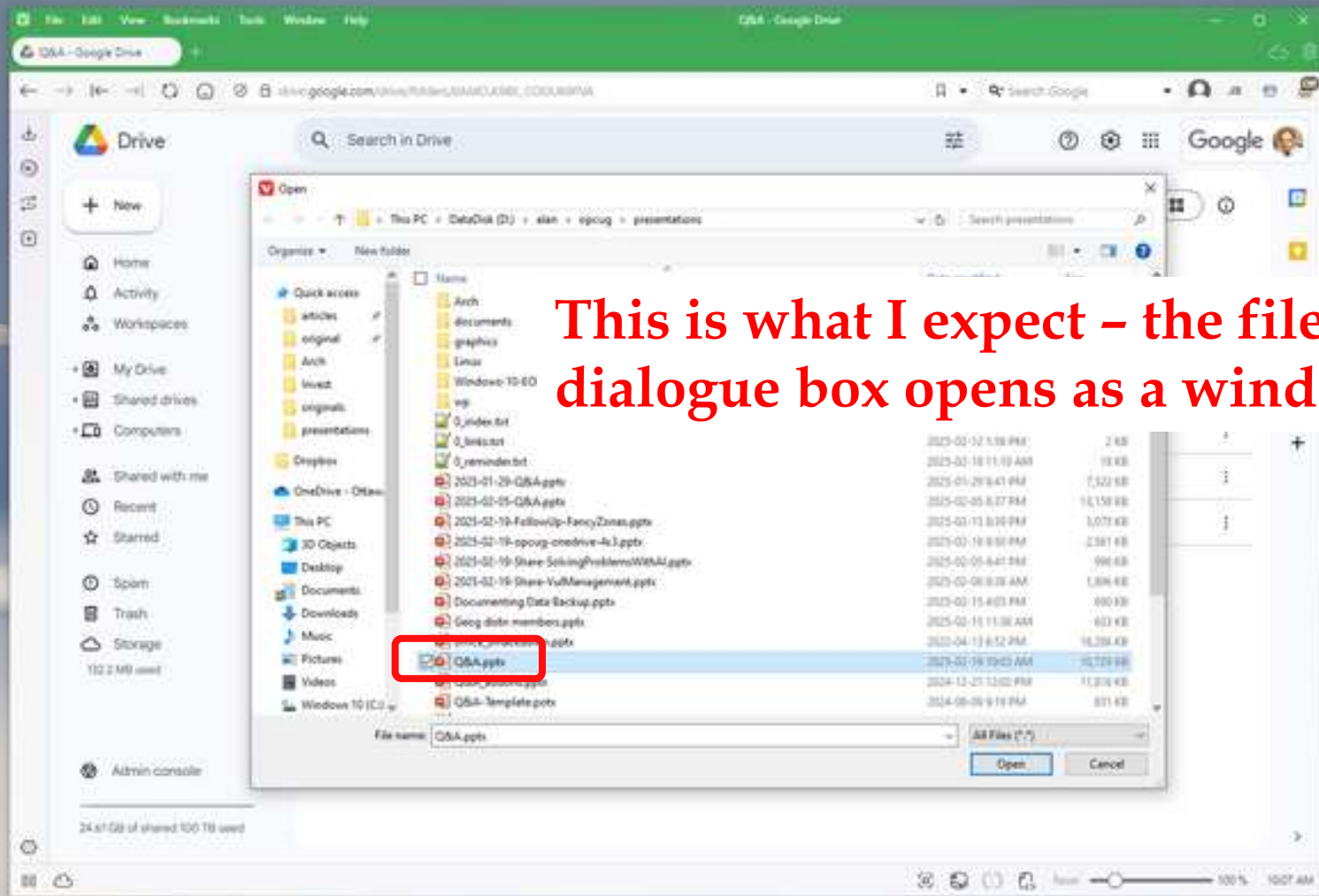
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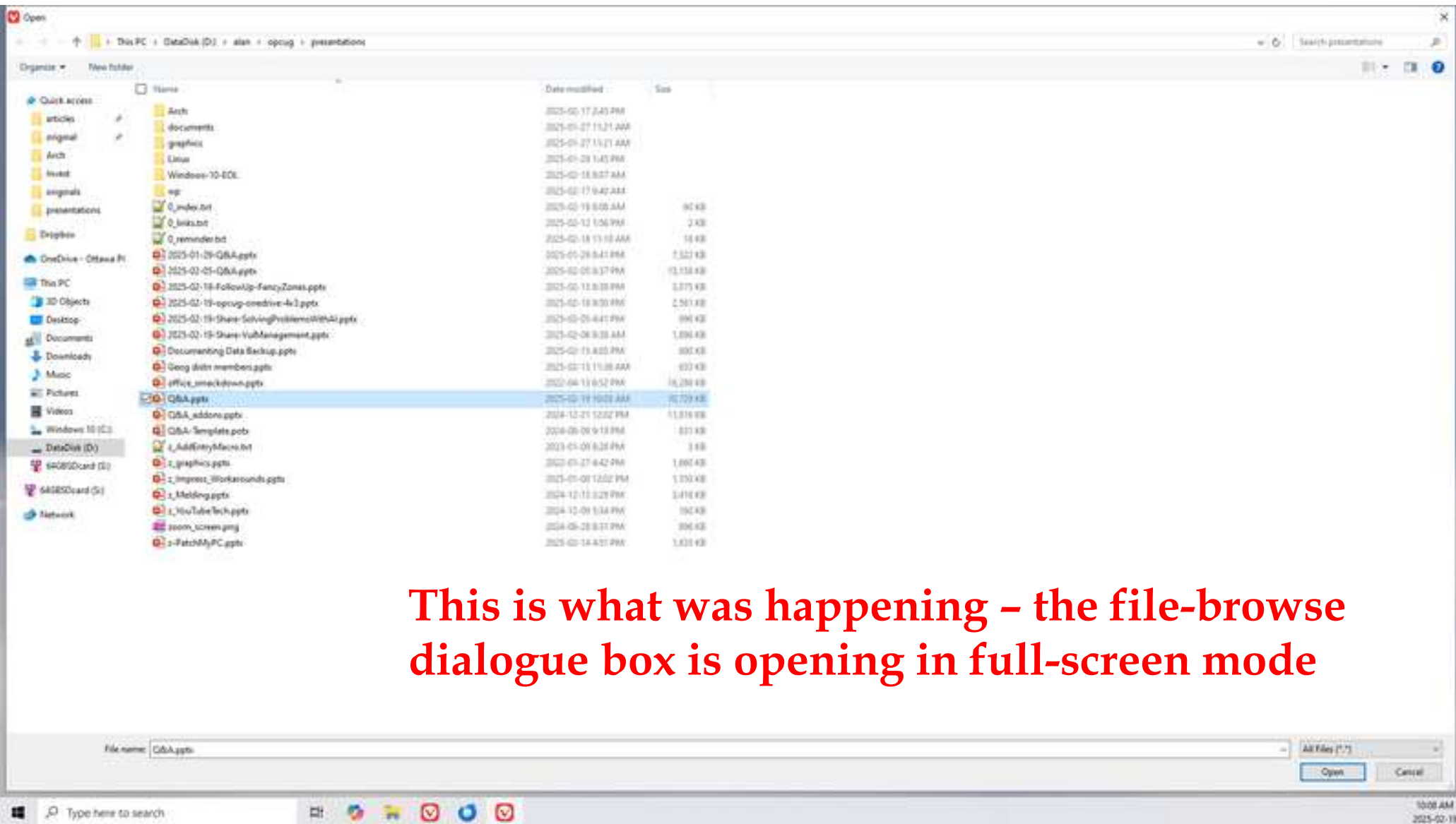
Double Trouble

- Creating the Q&A PowerPoint deck is a joint effort between Alan and Chris
- The deck-to-date is stored on Google Drive and can be accessed by both co-hosts
- In any given week, the deck is modified and uploaded to Google Drive several times
- The process is simple – right-click in the drive's window, select *File upload*, and browse for Q&A.pptx
- Or, at least, it should be... simple!



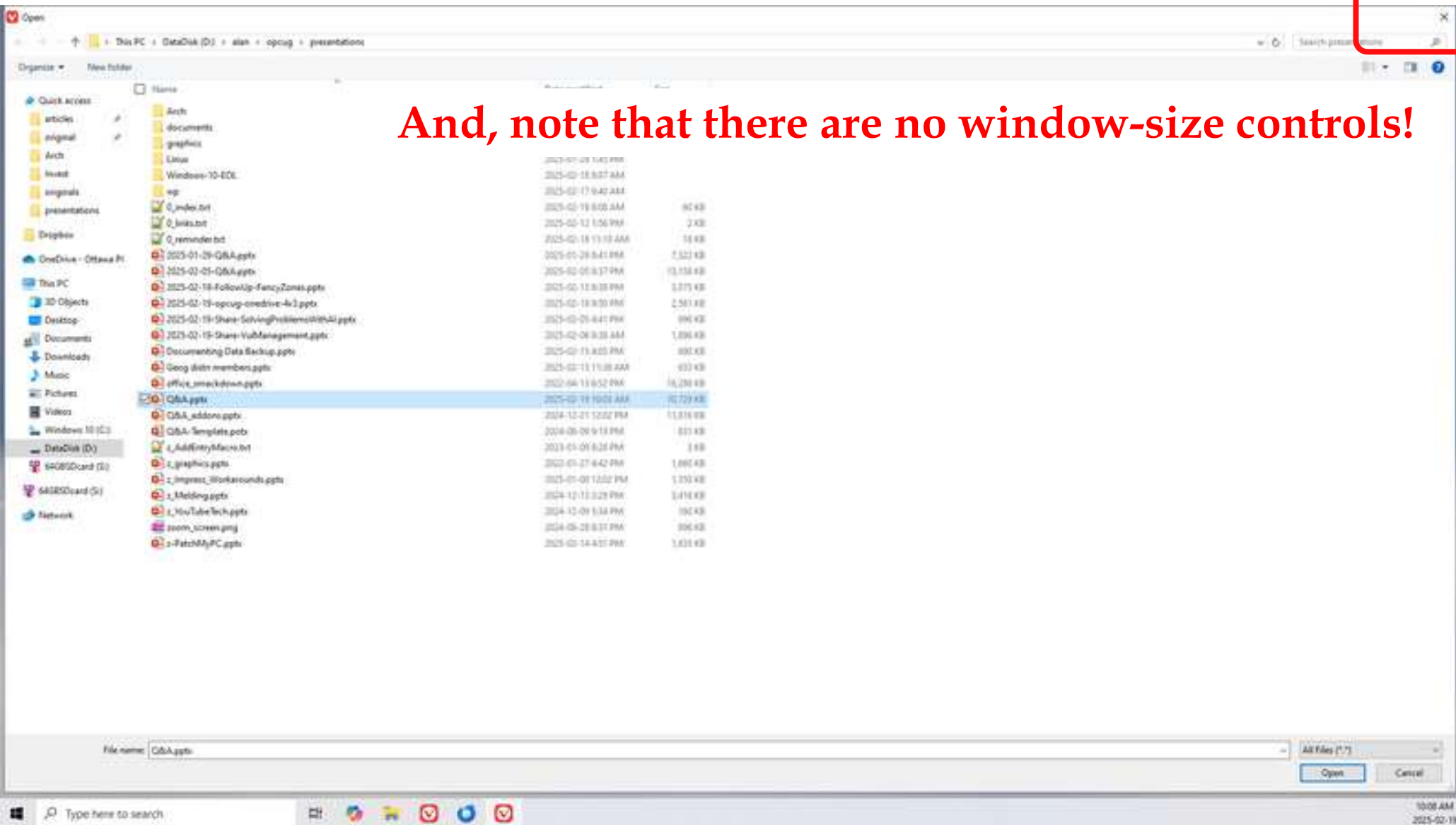


This is what I expect - the file-browse dialogue box opens as a window





And, note that there are no window-size controls!



No Trouble!

- This is an example of Redmond “helping” the user
- Double-clicking on any window is a toggle between full-screen and windowed-mode.
- This can be a quick way to go to full-screen mode
- But, if you do this (inadvertently) in a dialogue box, Windows remembers your “preference”
- So – note to self – don’t double-click in a file-browse dialogue box!





Skype Alternatives?

- Microsoft is discontinuing Skype in May
- I do not want to move to Microsoft Teams
- What alternatives are there that provide:
 - Free service
 - Video-conferencing
 - No time limit

Goodbye Skype, hello Teams

Skype is retiring in May 2025. Beginning March 2025, you will be able to sign into Microsoft Teams Free with your Skype credentials, and your chats and contacts will be right there ready for you. Enjoy the features you love about Skype, including free calling and messaging, as well as new features like meetings and communities, all on Teams app.



Free video conferencing no time limits

- Jitsi Meet
 - <https://meet.jit.si/>
 - open-source video-conferencing, up to 100 participants & nothing to install
 - audio & video recording, screen sharing, and real-time chat
- TrueConf Server Free
 - <https://trueconf.com/products/online/video-conferencing-service.html>
 - 4K video calls for up to 40 participants with no time limits
 - includes cloud recording and is compatible with various devices
- FreeConference.com
 - <https://www.freeconference.com/>
 - HD video conferencing for up to 100 participants using their software, web conferencing is limited to five participants
- Meet Hour
 - <https://meethour.io/products/video-conference/free>
 - unlimited meeting durations for up to 100 participants



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Comments
Shares?**

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Do not renew your membership !

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expiry date will be
extended by another
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Macro Photography

Lynda Buske

Alta Vista, Thursday Mar 6, 2025 at 6:00pm

Armchair Travel - Ireland & Scotland

Lynda Buske

Alta Vista, Thursday Mar 13, 2025 at 6:00pm

Nepean CentrepoinTE, Saturday Mar 15, 2025 at 2:00pm

Protecting your PC

Chris Taylor

Cumberland, Saturday Mar 22, 2025 at 2:00pm

<https://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/program?text=pc+users>

SMARTPHONE ESSENTIALS

All the Best Apps for your Smartphone

- March 12, 2025 monthly meeting
- Useful apps for smartphones and tablets
- Android or iPhone/iPad
- Showcase your favourite app
- Send the name of the app to:
SuggestionBox@opcug.ca
- First come – first served
- No duplicates!



Preliminary Agenda

- Shazam for the Skies
- Duolingo
- Our Groceries
- Gas Buddy
- Too Good To Go
- Maple Scan
- Pocket
- **??? YOU ???**

*Time still probably available **

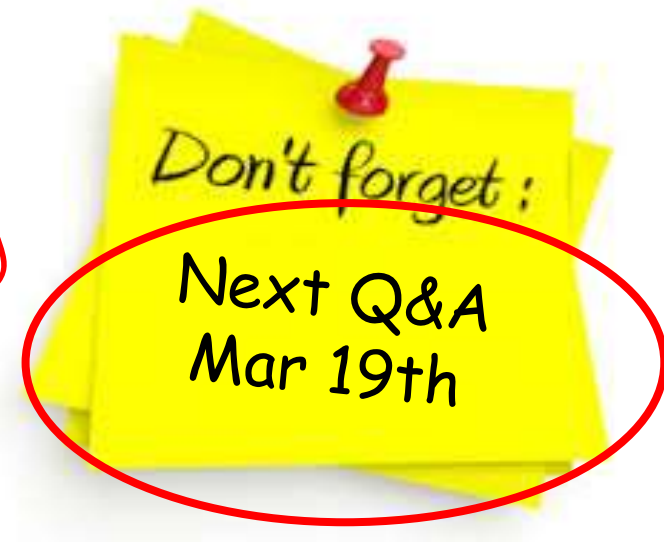


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** ...or we can always include apps in future Q&A's!*



No Q&A on
March 12
(Monthly Meeting)



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