Data Storage Options

AFS Space

IST allocates 24 GB of network storage space to every person with a CCID. You can access this space on-campus by mapping a drive to \\samba.srv.ualberta.ca\[CCID], replacing [CCID] with your CCID. You can also access this space off-campus by using software like PuTTY or WinSCP, or by connecting to the university's VPN and mapping a network drive. You can also use this space to host a static website. IST has set up several features on AFS including automated file backup and file recovery.

General Info: https://ist.ualberta.ca/services/servers-storage/afs
Access through Samba: https://uofaprod.service-now.com/kb_view.do?sysparm_article=KB0012082
Hosting a Website on AFS: https://uofaprod.service-now.com/kb_view.do?sysparm_article=KB0012087

Engineering Personal Drive

Engineering professors has access to the Engineering Personal (P:) drive. Note that graduate students do not have access to this drive. This works similarly to AFS, and can be accessed by mapping a network drive to \\filesrv.engineering.ualberta.ca\Users\[CCID], replacing [CCID] with your CCID. Note that not everyone with a CCID or MecE domain account has an Engineering domain account set up for them. If you would like to request an Engineering domain account, contact the IT department.

Google Drive

Everyone with a CCID has an associated Google account which is managed by IST. In addition to email services, this account provides you with cloud storage space through Google Drive, which can be accessed via a web browser at http://drive.google.com/ by logging in with your CCID credentials. You can also download and install a desktop client to access these files. The client is available here: https://www.google.ca/drive/download/

Dropbox

Dropbox is a cloud storage service which grants 2 GB of free space, and has the option of paying for more. You can access your files via web browser at https://www.dropbox.com/ or by downloading the Dropbox client software.

OpenDrive

OpenDrive is similar to Dropbox, except that free accounts are granted 5 GB of storage space. It can be accessed here: https://www.opendrive.com/

External/Internal Hard Drive

If you require a lot of storage space, you may wish to invest in a physical disk. MecE IT can order discounted drives from our supplier based on your specific needs. If you would like to pursue this option, email us at enggit@ualberta.ca.