

Back Up Wharton Account Data using Google Takeout (Students)

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This article provides instructions on how to back up your Wharton account data. **Every student should have a Google Takeout Archive** to ensure you have all of your Wharton account data. Instructions on how to transfer/import/view your mail using various services can be found [here](#).

You can also do this for any personal Gmail account, just replace **your Wharton address** in the following instructions with your own personal Gmail address.

Before You Start

You will need one or more of the following before you can complete this task:

- An active Wharton Gmail account
- A few days for processing time
- Proper storage space on your personal computer

Google Takeout is an archiving service that allows you to export data from your Google@Wharton account to a zip file that you can store on your computer or cloud service. This service can be used by Mac and Windows users. Google Takeout will allow you to export data from the following Google Services (and more) associated with your Google@Wharton account:

- Mail (as MBOX files)
- Calendar
- Contacts
- Google Drive

Note: Sharing a document in Google Drive does **not** grant ownership of the file. When the owner's Google Drive expires, if the owner has not been changed, the document will no longer be available to the shared users.

Create a Backup Using Google Takeout

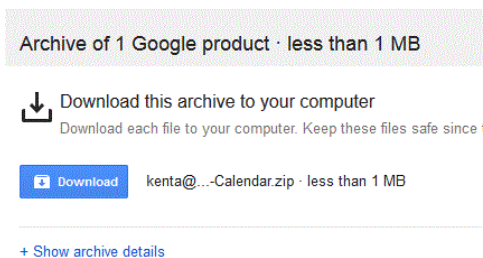
1. Visit <http://www.google.com/takeout>
2. **Sign-in** using your Wharton email address and password
 - **Note:** Please check what Google account you are signed in to. Google Takeout is able to create a backup for any Google account, if you need to back up your Wharton account, please sign in to that.
3. **Select** the items you would like to backup (blue = selected)
4. **Scroll down** and click **Next Step**
5. **Select** your Delivery Method, Frequency and File Type/Size
6. Click **Create Export**

At this point the services you selected are being backed up. You do not need to monitor this process and do not need to stay logged in to your account for the process to continue. You will be notified by email when your back up is ready to be accessed.

You can also access your archive by going to <http://www.google.com/takeout> and clicking the **Manage**

Exports.

7. Click **Download** to save the zip file locally once your archive is ready.



Note: Your archive is only available for seven days on Google's servers so you will need to download this file within this time frame.

8. **Backup** your Takeout file(s) to a safe location
9. **Verify** that all your files are in your Google Takeout archive as expected

Import Your Data

E-Mail: To see view/import your Mail data backup or learn how to transfer emails using other services, please see the instructions in [this article](#).

Calendar: Please see [Google's instructions](#) on how to import your Wharton Calendar into another Gmail account.

Contacts: Please see [Google's instructions](#) on how to import your Wharton Contacts into another Gmail account.

Shared Files

Sharing a document in Google Drive does **not** grant ownership of the file. When the owner's Google Drive expires, if the owner has not been changed, the document will no longer be available to the shared users.

You cannot change owners to a user outside the Wharton domain, and thus this feature is most commonly used for clubs. See [Google's documentation for how to change ownership of a file](#) in Google Drive, Docs, Slides, or Sheets.

Questions?

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