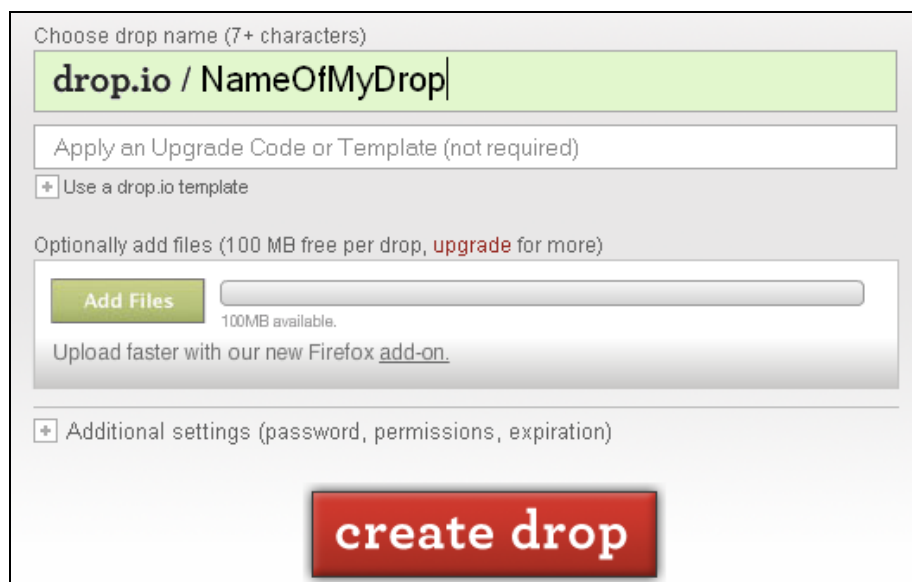


What is Drop.io?

Drop.io is an easy to use, online collaboration and file sharing service that provides users with a simple, real time and private way to chat and share documents. Using a simple interface like the one below, you can share materials with students and collaborators without registering at a website or installing software.

Drop.io allows you to make “drops” of one or more files by uploading them to a website. Once you make the “drop,” you can send the link to students or collaborators who will find files listed on a webpage. They can view documents, play media files, download, email or comment on the files. The free version of **Drop.io** allows “drops” of up to 100MB. Additional settings include adding a password, adding an expiration date and selecting guest permissions for adding files, deleting and commenting on files.

Some of the advantages of **Drop.io** are: simplicity in its interface, the URL is non-searchable and the folder or “drop” can be password-protected. Some of the disadvantages are: length of time to upload large files and inability to preserve folder structures.



The screenshot shows the Drop.io 'create drop' interface. At the top, there is a text input field labeled 'Choose drop name (7+ characters)' containing the text 'drop.io / NameOfMyDrop'. Below this is another input field labeled 'Apply an Upgrade Code or Template (not required)'. A checkbox labeled '+ Use a drop.io template' is present. The next section is titled 'Optionally add files (100 MB free per drop, upgrade for more)'. It features a green 'Add Files' button, a progress bar showing '100MB available', and a link 'Upload faster with our new Firefox add-on.'. At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled '+ Additional settings (password, permissions, expiration)'. A large red button with the text 'create drop' is centered at the bottom of the form.

How do I get started with Drop.io?

Drop.io can be accessed at <http://drop.io>. Viewing the first 1:30 of a video tutorial on <http://drop.io/howto> will help you get started. If you have questions or need assistance, please email bb@hunter.cuny.edu or contact educational technologist Shiao-Chuan Kung at skung@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-772-6421.