

Converging Clouds: The Next Step for the **Personal Cloud**

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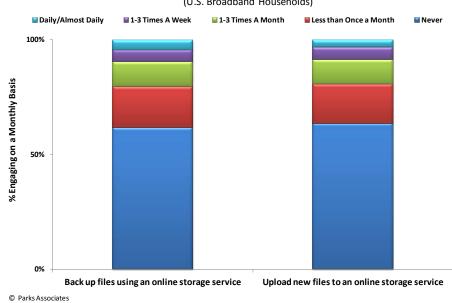
Synopsis

Not only are consumers using cloud services in record numbers, but many CE devices are also accessing the cloud to provide new areas of functionality. This report examines the various cloud services and repositories that consumers and their devices access each day, efforts to manage them all, and how those clouds will converge in the future to enable new features and service offerings. It provides a five-year global forecast of the number of consumers using cloud services on their entertainment

Cloud Activities

Online Storage Activities

(U.S. Broadband Households)



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devices.

"Personal cloud services have experienced a revolution in their function from simple remote storage to a means for personalizing the user's digital life. As device mobility expands in both developed and developing areas, the market for cloud services will continue to grow," says Glenn Hower, Research Analyst, Parks Associates. "With increased adoption of connectable portable devices, consumers will likely rely more on cloud-based services for storage, app and device functionality, and media consumption."

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Global Forecast: Cloud Storage Households by Region Global Forecast: Cloud Storage Accounts by Region

Global Forecast: Cloud Storage Revenues by Region

List of Companies

Acronis International Grooveshark **ADrive** j2 Global Anghami MediaFire Apple Mega, Ltd Aspiro Mozy ASUSTekComputer, Inc. Netgear Rdio Aupeo Backblaze Rhapsody



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Box	Slacker
Carbonite	SpiderOak
CloudMe	Spotify
Code42	SugarSync
Deezer	Symantec
Dropbox	Western Digital

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