

DARZ: Secure Cloud storage free of charge until the end of the year

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The **DARZ** (Darmstädter Rechenzentrum; “Darmstadt Data Center”) is offering a free-of-charge backup service and file sharing until the end of the year. The basic package for ten users and 500 GB of storage usually cost 140€ a month, in addition to a set-up fee of 599€. However, those who are interested in the service can use it free of charge until 31 December 2017.

Users store their data on a storage system certified by **NetApp** through a VPN connection. This storage system is located in the Darmstadt high-security data center in the facilities of the former State Central Bank of Hesse and is subject to the regulations of German data protection.

The virtual Cloud storage can be accessed like a local drive and, according to DARZ, can be integrated into conventional backup programs. In principle, the Secure Data Space works like the file sharing solution Dropbox. However, in contrast to Dropbox, it includes important security measures that are necessary for companies.

Secure data storage for companies at DARZ

Lars Göbel, director of sales and IT services at DARZ, explains: “Our Secure Data Space was developed for business needs. As part of the feature sets, the added value lies specifically with the *Enterprise File Sync and Share* application. We use the *Triple-Crypt® Technology* developed by **DRACoon** (formerly known as SSP Europe), which includes client-side encoding and encryption during transmission and on the server. You won’t find more security anywhere else.” Furthermore, Göbel emphasizes Secure Data Space is a solution which is “Made in Germany” and which complies with all data protection regulations of Germany and the European Union. DARZ achieves this through the full certification according to ISO 27001 as well as the EU General Data Protection Regulation and PCI DSS.

It’s not merely a sound bite when Göbel says that “DARZ stores your data as secure as in a safe”. We were able to verify this on-site: The former State Central Bank of Hesse could withstand the crash of a Boeing 737.

Lars Göbel guided *speicherguide.de* through the holiest facilities of DARZ.