

# Google will launch Fast Share to replace Android Beam and compete with AirDrop

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Google is finding a new and simple way to share files between multiple devices, including Android and Chromebook. Today's article will help readers learn how to enable Fast Share on Android and how it works.

Earlier this year, Google confirmed that Android Q will not use NFC-based Android Beam sharing, introduced with 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich in 2011.

Google is currently creating an alternative solution, called Fast Share, similar to Apple's AirDrop on iOS and Mac. However, in terms of functionality and interface, Fast Share has many similarities with the Google Files application, formerly Files Go.

Fast Share on Android phones can be used to share images, many other types of files, as well as URLs and paragraphs, to nearby devices without Internet. In other words, the sharing process can be launched by going to **Settings> Google> Fast Share** .

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# Share



Messages



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Twitter  
Tweet

## Apps list



Bluetooth



DeAMPify  
Deampify



Deliveries



Discord



Drive  
Save to Drive



Facebook



Fast Share



FastHub



FX  
Save As



Gmail



Google Go



Hangouts



Imgur  
Imgur Chat



Instagram  
Direct



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Keep Notes



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Devices

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Fast Share

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Google Fit

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Google Play Instant

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Google Pay

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Location

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Nearby

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Play Games

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Restore contacts

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**Send files with Fast Share**

The setup process is quite simple: Just enter the device name in the **Device Name** section and click **Turn on** .  
Two **Bluetooth** and **Location features** will be activated.

To get started, put the devices close together. Nearby devices will appear below.

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## ✕ Fast Share

Share to nearby devices without internet



Device Name

Dylan's Pixel 3 XL

Turn on

By turning on Fast Share, you agree to Google's [Terms of Service](#). The [Google Privacy Policy](#) describes how data is handled in this service.

☰ Sharing text



[Not working?](#)

● Looking for nearby devices



Alice's  
Chromebook



Bob's Pixel 3  
Bob Smith



Charlie's iPhone



Dennis's  
Smartwatch  
Dennis Smith

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✕ Fast Share



☰ Sharing text



Sending to  
Bob's Pixel 3

Cancel

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X Fast Share



☰ Sharing text



Sent to  
Bob's Pixel 3

Close

When you select one of the nearby devices, the full-screen user interface records what is being shared and displays a circular progress indicator. Devices that can use this new, exciting Google feature include

Chromebooks, Android devices, smartwatches and even iPhones.

## Get files with Fast Share

When you receive a file on Android via Fast Share, you will receive a notification with either '**Accept**' or '**Decline**' options, with details like '**Device name**' and '**Connection ID**'. There is a full screen interface with the same control features. You can open the file as soon as the transfer process is complete.



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Fast Share

Alice's Pixel 2

Receiving 1 file

Cancel

Manage

B Bob

C Charlie

D Dan



Fast Share requires Bluetooth and Location to be on. To share files, a Wi-Fi hotspot might be turned on temporarily.


You can give people preferred visibility to make sharing faster. People with preferred visibility always see your device when you're nearby, even if you're not using Fast Share.

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 Fast Share Now

Alice's Pixel 2  
1 file received





Manage

Clear all

 Alice

 Bob

 Charlie

 Dan



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× Fast Share



 Receiving 1 file



Check connection ID on both devices: BCD2A  
Alice's Pixel 2

**Decline**

**Accept**



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× Fast Share



📄 Receiving 1 file



Receiving from  
Alice's Pixel 2

Cancel

**Give Alice Smith preferred visibility?**

To make sharing faster, they'll see  
your device when you're nearby.



No thanks

Confirm



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× Fast Share



📄 Receiving 1 file



Received from  
Alice's Pixel 2

Open

**Alice Smith given preferred visibility**

Open settings to manage who has preferred visibility.



Dismiss

Settings

In terms of safety and security, Fast Share provides the **'Preferred Visibility' feature** for those who regularly send files. Settings for this feature are available in the upper right corner of the main sharing interface.

You can add **'Preferred Visibility'** for everyone to share faster. These people always see your device when you're nearby, even if you don't use Fast Share.

The article has enabled Fast Share on Android Q with Pixel 3 XL, but may still work with previous mobile operating system versions, as this is a Google Play service feature. It is unclear when this new function will officially launch.

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## ← Fast Share



On



Device name

Dylan's Pixel 3 XL

### Preferred Visibility

A Alice

B Bob

C Charlie

D Dan



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