

There will soon be a file sharing feature between Windows and Android devices similar to AirDrop

Microsoft's support document shows that users will have a new wireless file sharing experience between Windows and Android devices right at the device's root menu, no different from Apple's AirDrop feature.

Currently, Microsoft is rolling out new features for Windows Insiders and will soon release them to the general public.



AirDrop has long been the 'king' of file sharing features. So far Microsoft and other tech companies have struggled to compete.

Users will need a PC running the Windows 11 operating system or at least the May 2019 update to Windows 10 to take advantage of Windows' new file sharing capabilities. The mobile device needs to be running Android 9.0 or higher and have the 'Link to Windows' app version 1.24032.518.0 or higher installed.

After setup, on the Windows device, users need to click the 'Share' button and select 'Phone Link'.

On Android smartphones, users click on 'Share', the corresponding option named "Link to Windows - Send to PC" will appear.

Because the ecosystem includes many different types of devices, Microsoft and Android's new sharing features require more setup than Apple's AirDrop. However, once completed, file sharing will become more seamless.

Currently, Microsoft does not mention expanding this feature to iOS devices.

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