

The GP3 Cloud Sharing Project

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The purpose of this project is to create a central location where we can share relevant documents related to group piano and piano pedagogy teaching. Just as we join at the biennial GP3 Forum to learn from each other and share ideas, this project will facilitate greater collaboration with all of our colleagues who are committed to the mission of GP3: teaching, learning, and sharing.

Who?

The project will be administered and maintained by Courtney Crappell, a member of the GP3 Executive Committee. Any previous participant of the GP3 Forum is welcome to join and participate in the GP3 Cloud Sharing Project. The administrator reserves the right to remove any participant engaged in improper conduct.

What?

The project will begin as a simple shared folder on DropBox. In order to participate, you must download the application at: <https://www.dropbox.com/>. You also must sign up for a DropBox account. DropBox is a cloud storage solution that currently provides 2 GB of free storage space. When you install DropBox, a folder will be created on your computer called, "DropBox." After you have completed the installation, send a short email to the administrator, courtney.crappell@utsa.edu, requesting an invitation to the shared folder. Include the subject line: "GP3 Cloud Sharing Project."

Please realize that if you join this folder by invitation, you will be actively collaborating with your colleagues continually. In other words, anytime a participant uploads a new file, it will automatically be downloaded to your computer. This does not mean that participants will have access to your hardware or personal data; it only means that files in this shared folder will be changing with or without your active participation. Perhaps the most significant concern is storage space: by sharing this folder, you are committing up to 2 GB of storage space on your local drive to this project. Your collaboration is voluntary, and you may choose to leave the shared folder at anytime.

When?

The project is currently active and available.

Where?

In the cloud! While this project is beginning on DropBox, as technology evolves, or the needs of the project change, it could migrate to another platform.

Why?

In our global community, the most significant professional accomplishments are achieved through collaboration. As insular instructors of group piano and piano pedagogy, a central sharing location will facilitate more frequent and effective collaboration with our peers.