10 Cloud Storage and Backup Services

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The company that was storing our backups online was always a little flakey and recentlythe scripts just started failing altogether. Time to find a new backup service methinks.

Since I first looked at backup online the market has changed a lot. It's now called "cloud storage" for starters, and the number of companies providing competing services has ballooned.

Here is a quick comparison a few key players on the market, and the monthlycost of storing 100GB of backups. The server being backed up is running Ubuntu, so the last column shows how the backups are run. Rsync is our preferred method.

Company	Plan (GB)	Monthly Price	Sync / Backup method
iDrive	150	$4.12	custom scripts
SkyDrive	100	$4.16	
Google Drive	100	$4.99	
Amazon S3	100	$9	local mount + rsync
iBackup	150	$9.95	rsync
Dropbox	100	$9.99	
Box.com	1000	$15	local mount + rsync
StrongSpace	200	$18.99	rsync
rsync.net	100	$32	rsync
iWeb	100	$40	

Although idrive don't have rsync, they do have good support and documentation for linux.We've signed up and so far the testing is going pretty well. The popular services looked a little frustrating to use for backup as they are more geared towards sharing and collaboration.

If you have any other recommendations for cloud-based backup, just drop them in a comment below.

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