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Transferring Android Phone Photos to a Windows PC

Methods that can/could be used

- 1 **For a Phone with an SDHC card slot & card**
Transfer card to card-reader plugged into PC
& copy images across from the “DCIM” folder on the card
- 2 **Connect Phone to PC with USB cable & copy images**
This involves additional phone setup changes to allow the PC to explore the phone - can be tricky, but is “doable”!
- 3 **Transfer images via “Cloud Storage” where USB transfer is not possible/viable:**
Upload the images from the phone to “Cloud Storage”
& download them later to the PC,
 - Microsoft “**One Drive**”) when installed on phone & PC
 - Google “**Google Drive**”)
 - “*Drop Box*” (*Maybe – but won’t run on my phone!*)

Method 2 - Transfer via a USB cable

See <https://www.techadvisory.org/2018/01/android-file-transfer-via-usb-cable/>

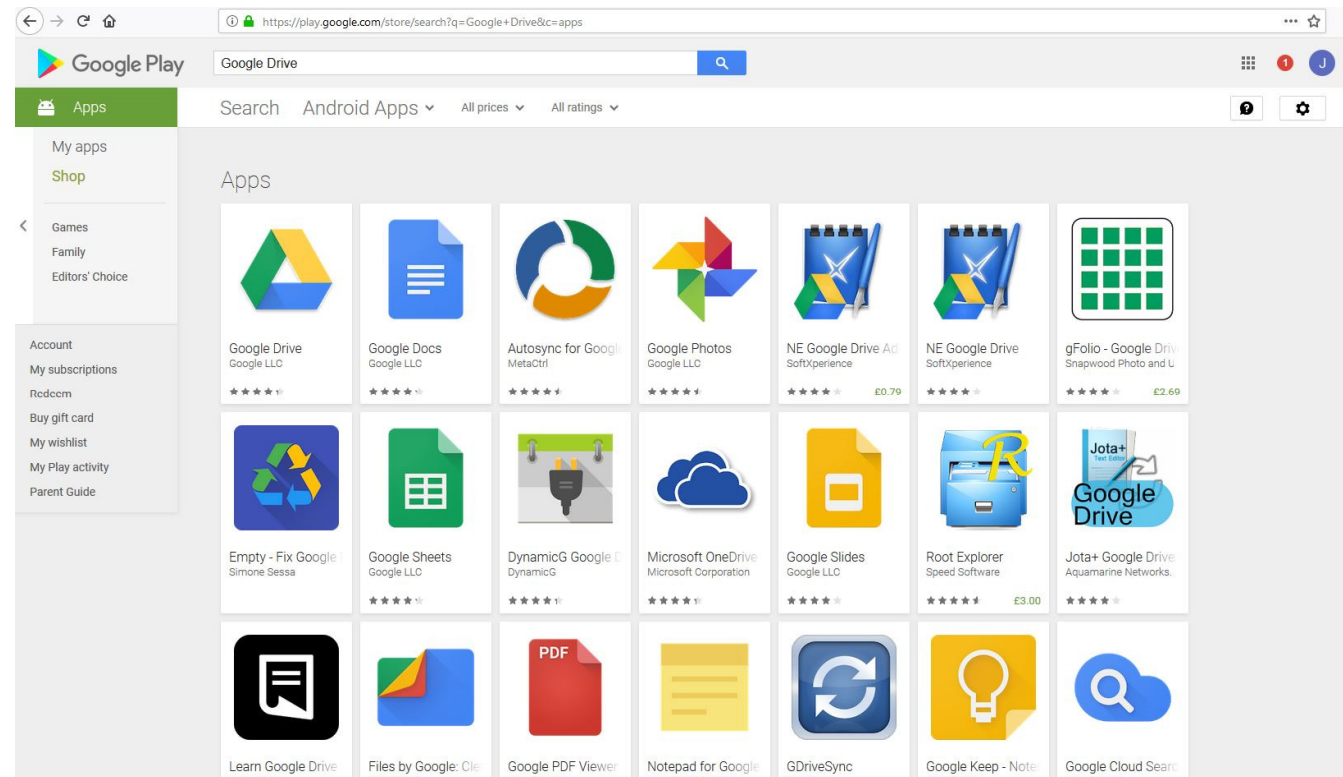
- Plug your phone into the computer via a USB port.
- Turn on the phone's screen and unlock the device. At this point, your Android device should only be connected for charging.
- Swipe down from the top of your screen and tap on **USB for charging** to view more options.
- Select **Photo transfer (PTP)** *or* **Transfer files** on the menu that appears.
- On your PC search for your Android device on the **File Explorer**. Click on the icon that represents your phone and you should be directed to your phone's internal storage.
- Drag and drop the files or folders into your preferred location, such as the desktop or documents. If you want to save videos and pictures, you can find them in the **DCIM folder**.
- Once you are done, right-click your device's name. Click **Eject** before unplugging the phone and USB cable.

Method 3 - Transfer via Cloud Storage

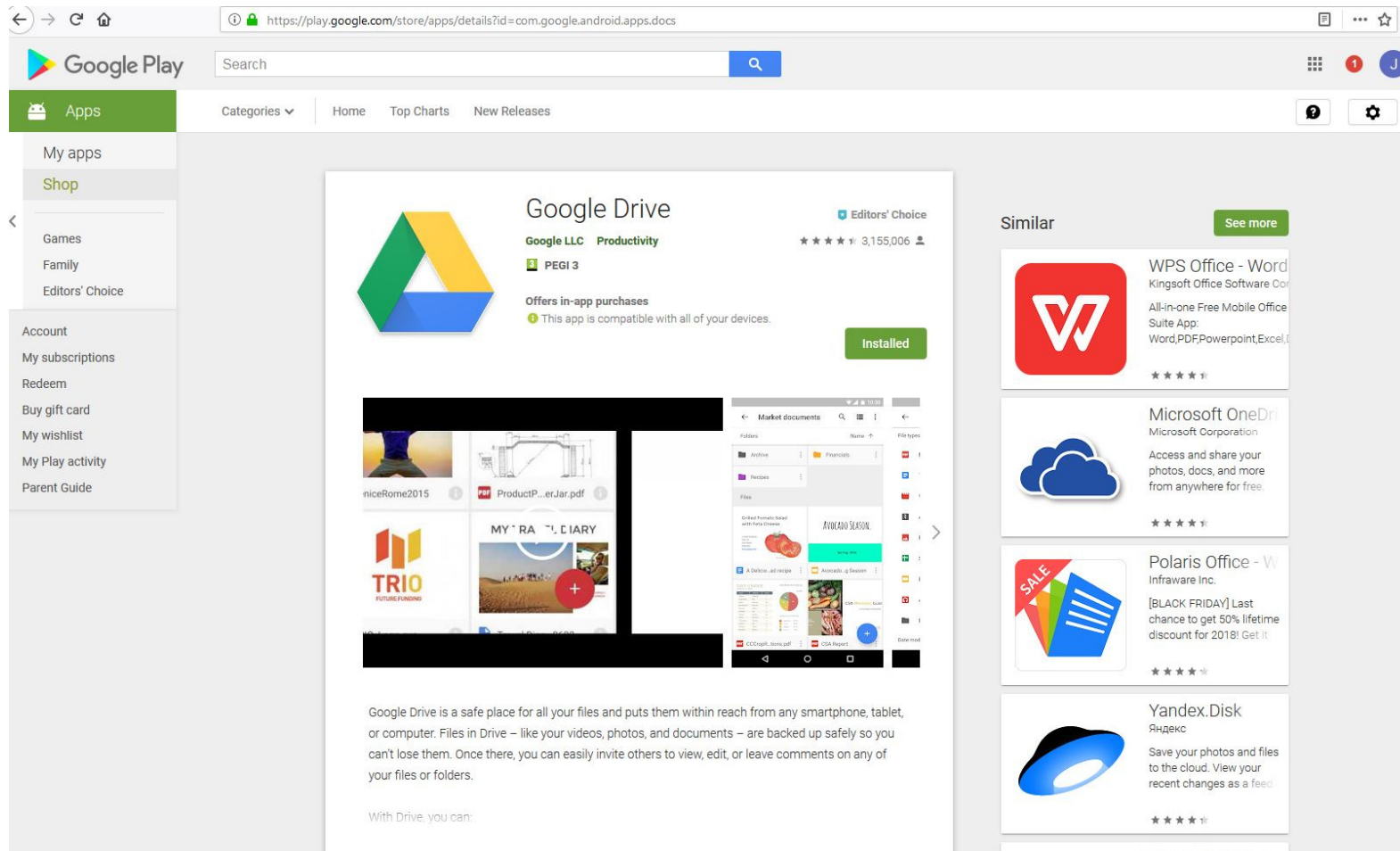
- 1. Make sure relevant Apps are installed on Phone AND PC:**
 - **Phone:** Apps are available from the Google Play Store & you need Google Drive &/or One Drive and “Photos” App installed & showing on phone screen
 - **PC:** Download “Google Drive” &/or “One Drive” from the Internet & install -> the shortcuts are on your PC desktop.
!You need a Google (“Gmail.com”)/Microsoft(“Outlook.com”) account & log in details.
- 2. On the Phone: open the “Photos” App & upload the photos to “Google Drive” /“One Drive”** *(the processes are actually very similar, but One Drive is then a little trickier!)*
 - ***do it on Wifi, not 3G/4G, to protect your data allowance!***
- 3 On the PC: download the photos from Google “Drive” /”One Drive”, & move them to the chosen storage folders.**

Screen Shots which Illustrate Method 3

PC – Download & Install Google Drive on-line



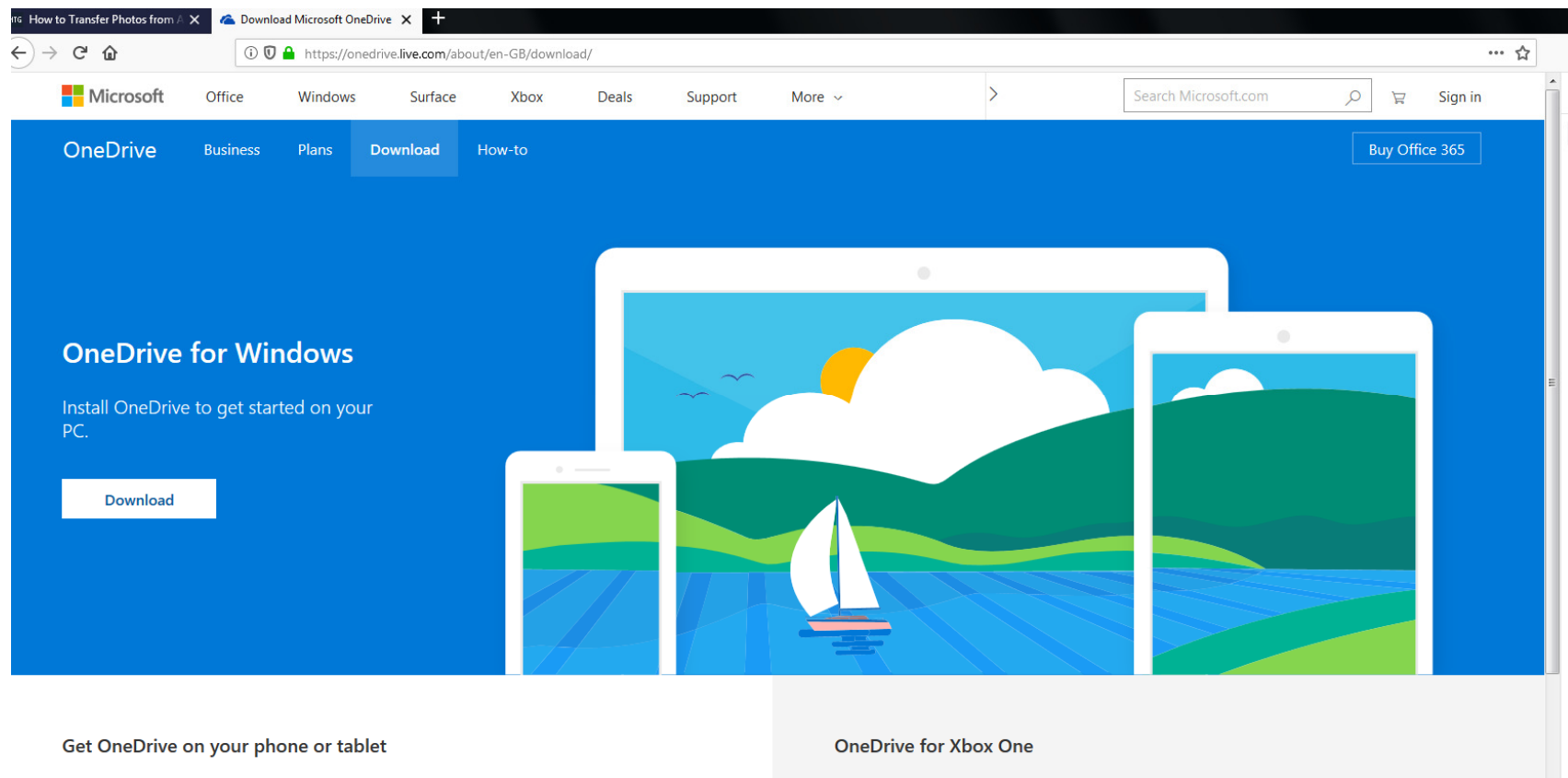
On PC – Download & Install Google Drive on-line



On PC – Google Drive now shows on Desktop



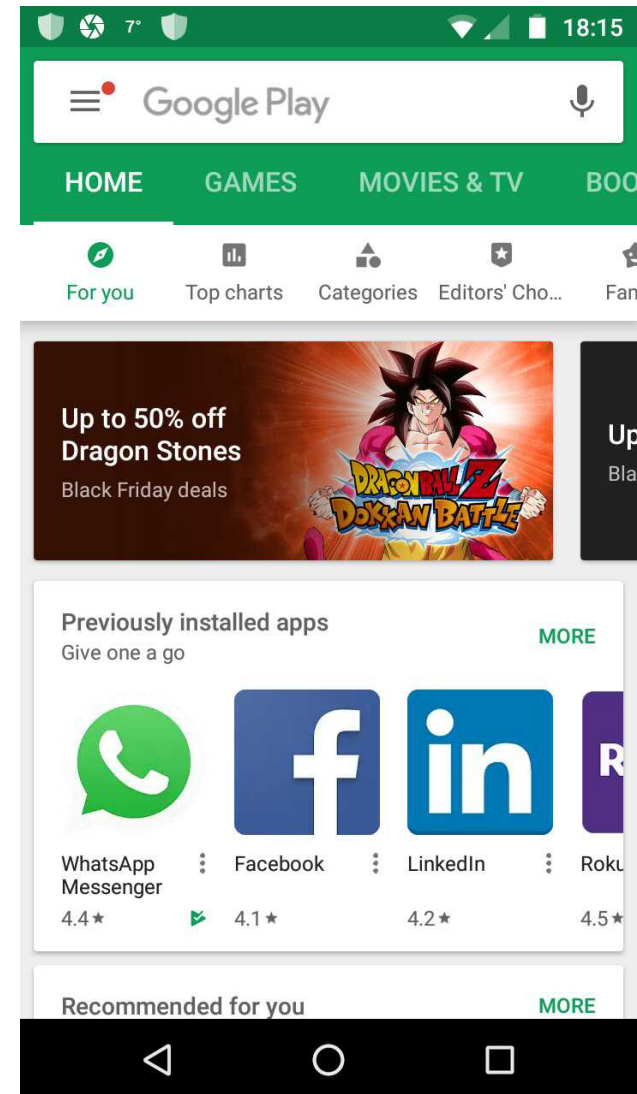
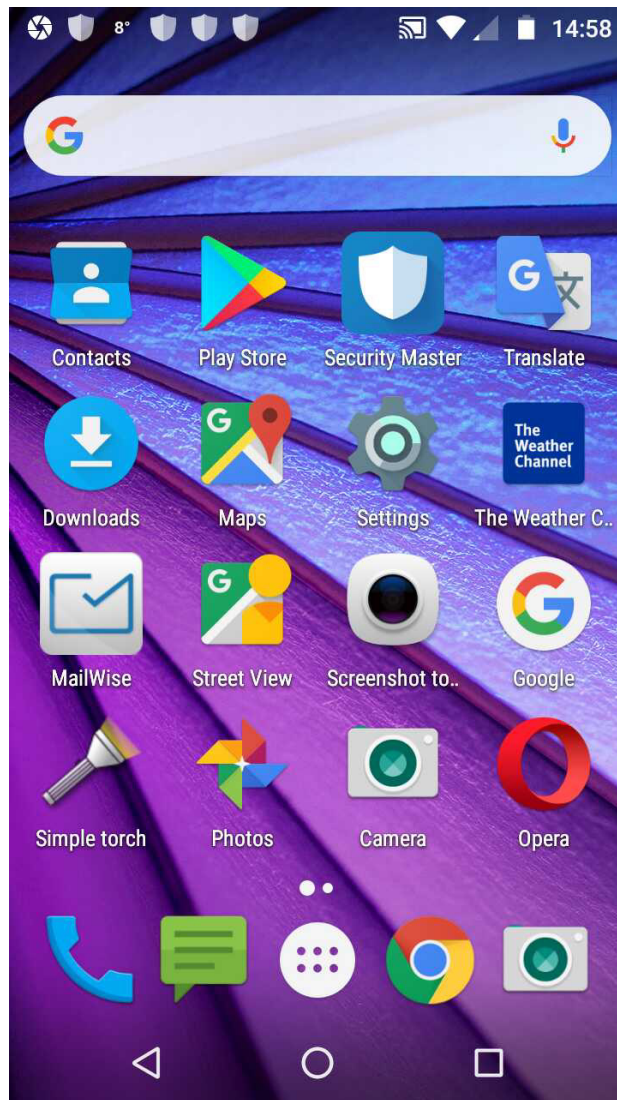
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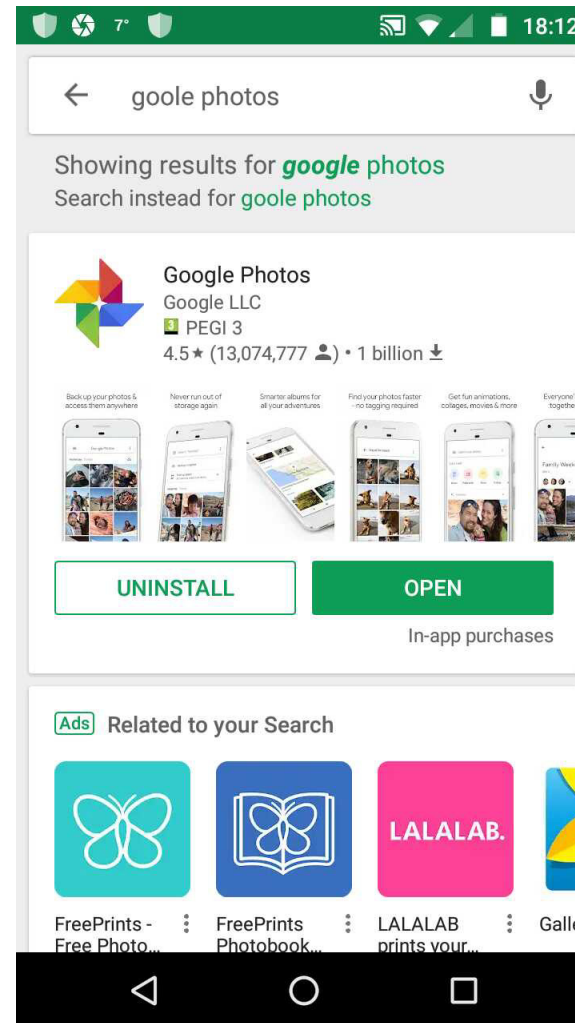
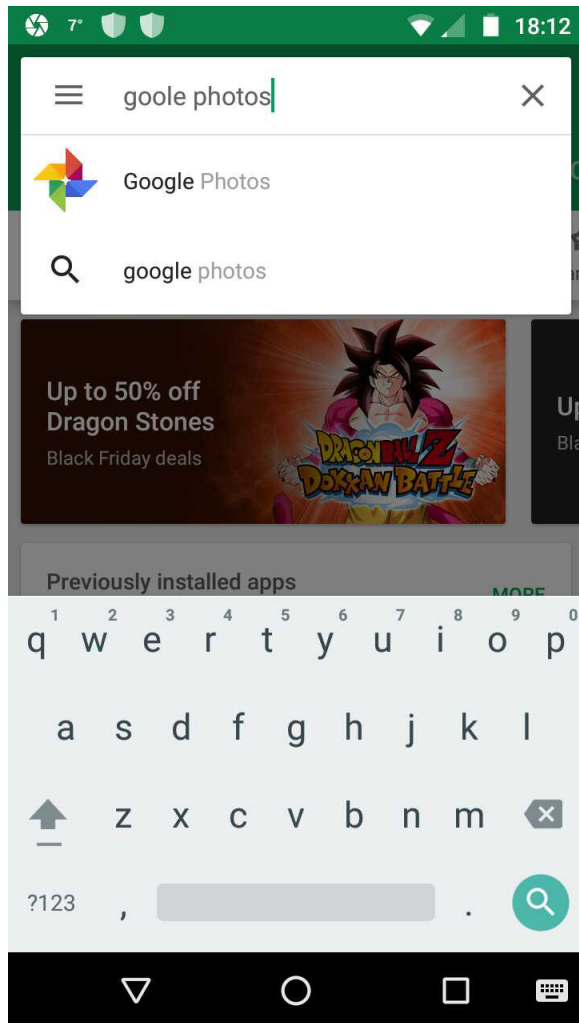
On PC – One Drive Installed & on the Desktop



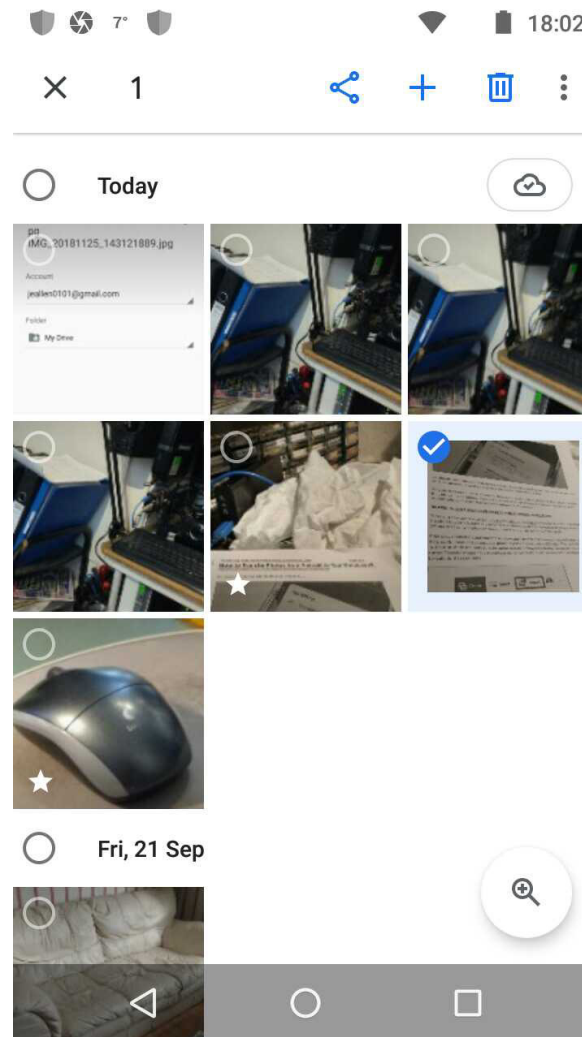
Phone – ensure you have, or download, the “Photos” App



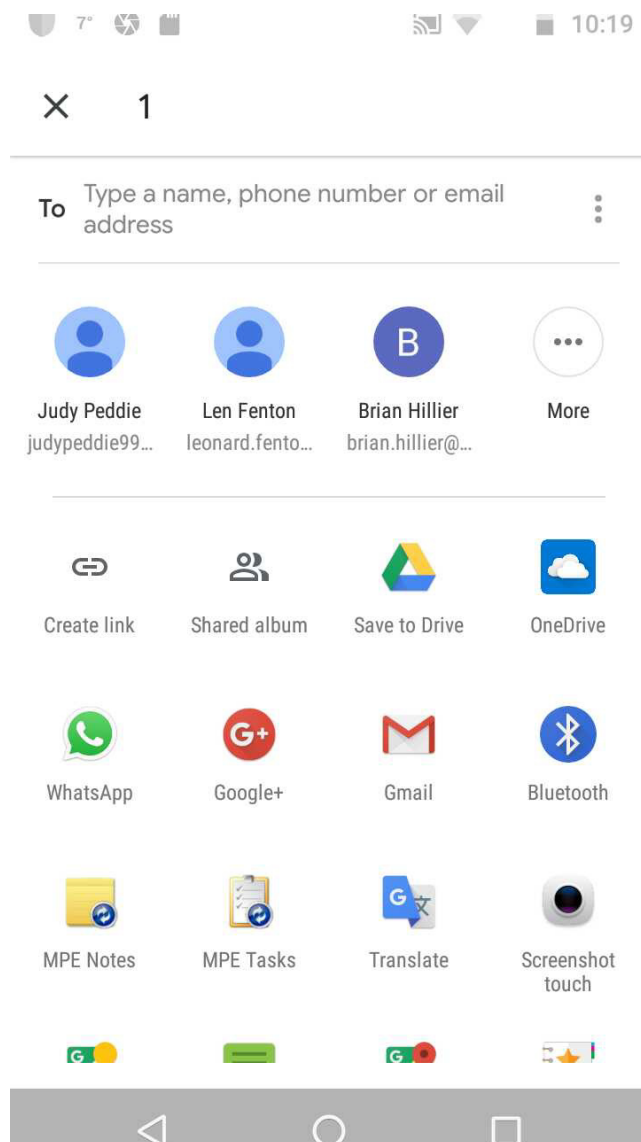
Phone – Select & Install Photos (if necessary)



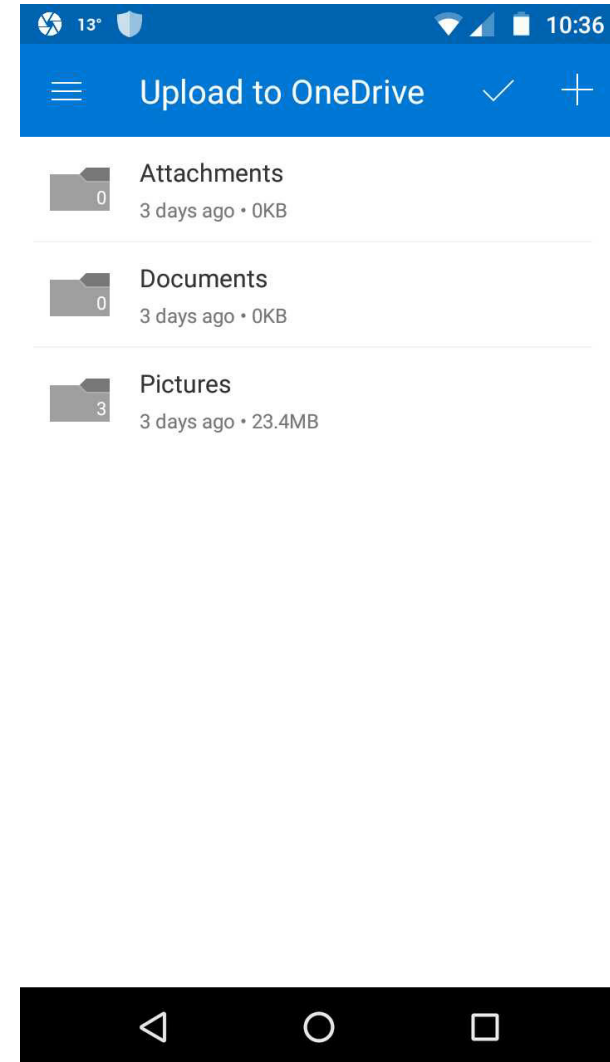
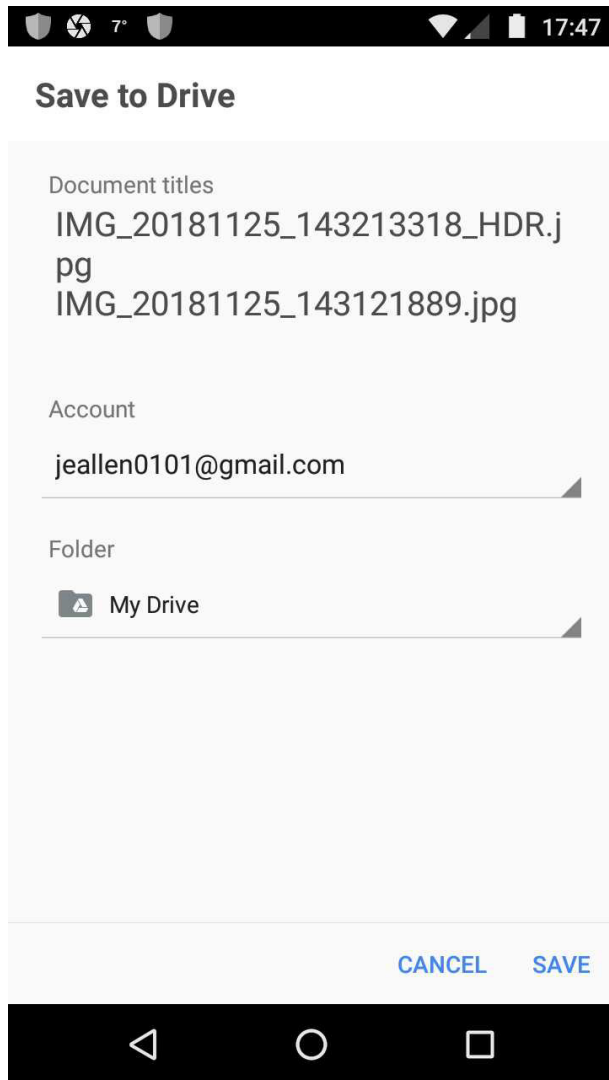
Phone – Open “Photos” App and select Images



Phone – Tap “Share” Symbol & Select Google Drive /One Drive



Phone – Tap “Share” Symbol at top & Select Google Drive / One Drive



PC – Google Drive/ One Drive files now in File Explorer → download & Store

