

# Cloud Productivity

A series of three discussion on using Internet Services Productivity iCloud ~ Google Drive ~ OneDrive

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### Google Drive Productivity Zoom Protocols



- Please keep muted during the beginning session and slide presentation.
- Please be sure to let us know who you are if your name isn't listed.
   We like to check everyone in.
- Please type any questions you have in the Chat window by clicking on the Chat icon at the bottom of your screen or on a tablet or phone, tap the screen first to get the menu to pop-up.
- Stay tuned for Cloud Productivity with OneDrive.

#### **Cloud Productivity**



I began thinking about how often I use a word processor or spreadsheet online when I am away from home. That lead to my exploring Cloud Productivity or working in an online instead of a program on my computer.

I will be discussing iCloud, Google Drive and Microsoft's OneDrive over the next month or so.

You may find the need sometime to be able to write a letter or access your documents when away from home. So here goes.

#### **Cloud Productivity**



*iCloud* 

Google Drive

**OneDrive** 

Pages Numbers Keynote Docs Sheets Slides Word
Excel
PowerPoint

#### **CloudProductivity Platforms**



Regardless of your device, you can access the cloud service of your choice.

iMac

Mac book

**Windows Desktop** 

Laptop

Chromebook

You can access any cloud service from any device.

I worked on my Windows 10 HP Laptop, my Asus Chromebook, and the Windows 11 AlO at our Resource Center.



Google's Internet cloud storage space and more...

If you have a Gmail account, Google Drive is YOUR cloud storage. Plus one way to access your Google Docs (word processing) Google Sheets (spreadsheet) and Google Slides (presentations).

Be sure to set up your Two-Factor Authentication with your Google Account. But remember if you do, you'll need to have your phone with you for the process to work when you are away from your home base.

It is also helpful that you have a secondary account set up, preferably on a different email service, for added security



You will need your Gmail & Password and have your phone with you if you use 2 Factor Authentication for security.

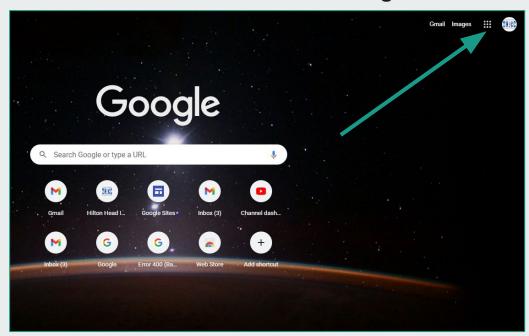
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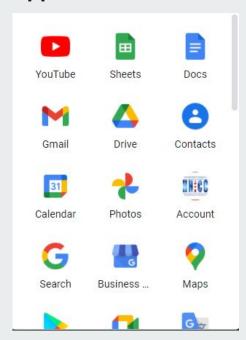
Or from Gmail, Single Left Click on the 9-Box App icon in the upper right corner next to your Account Avatar.

This feature shows all the apps available as a Google account holder.



#### A brief review of the Google services and apps available







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Calendar, YouTube, Maps, Photos, Contacts Search, Drive, Account, Gmail, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Earth, Images, Translate, Chat, Spaces, Meet, News, Duo, Voice, Blogger, Sites and many more.

If you'd like to learn more about Google Services and Apps, Click here:

https://about.google/products/



You can get to Docs, Sheets or Slides by going to your Google Drive drive.google.com

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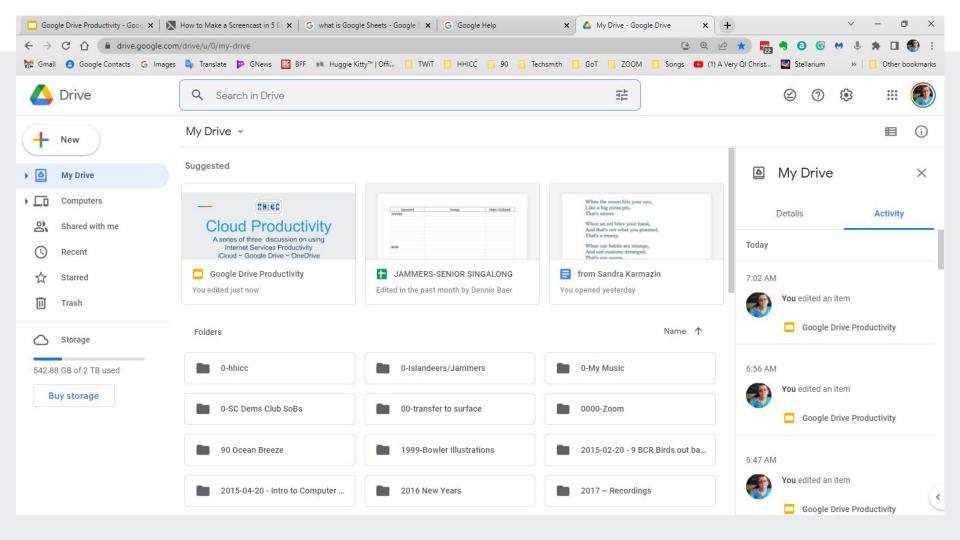
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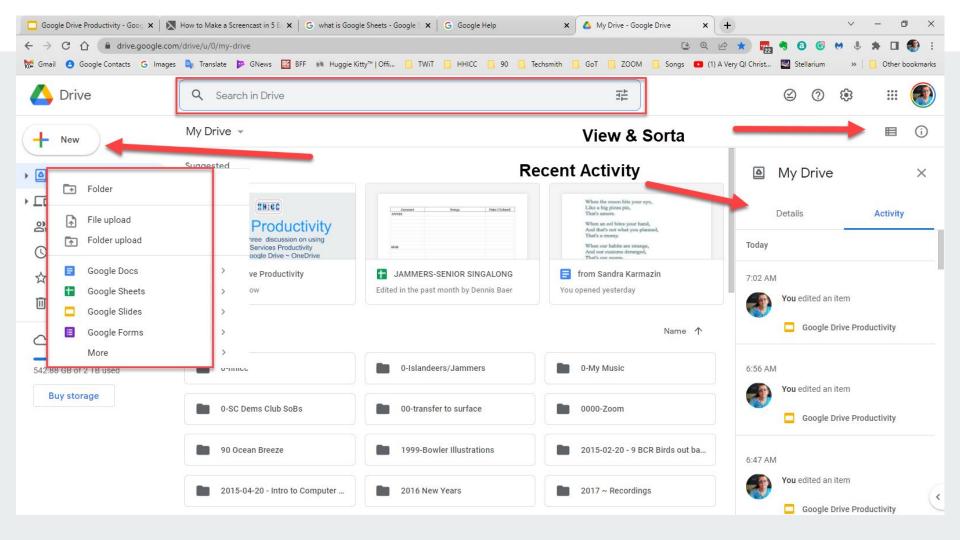
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One of the advantages of these online productivity services is collaboration. The ability to share documents or spreadsheets or the design of a presentation with others is such an advantage.

And regardless of the platform, in many cases you can open an iCloud, Google or OneDrive file in any of the other online apps. Alternately, you can EXPORT or Save As in a different format. It doesn't quite work universally, but it can be helpful is someone is working in a different "realm". A document may need a little tweaking, but it can save a lot of time,





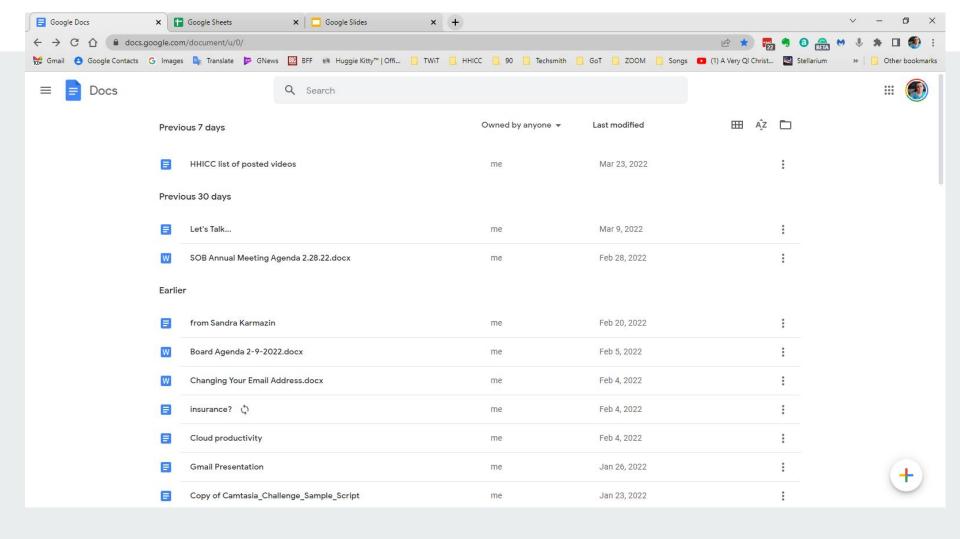
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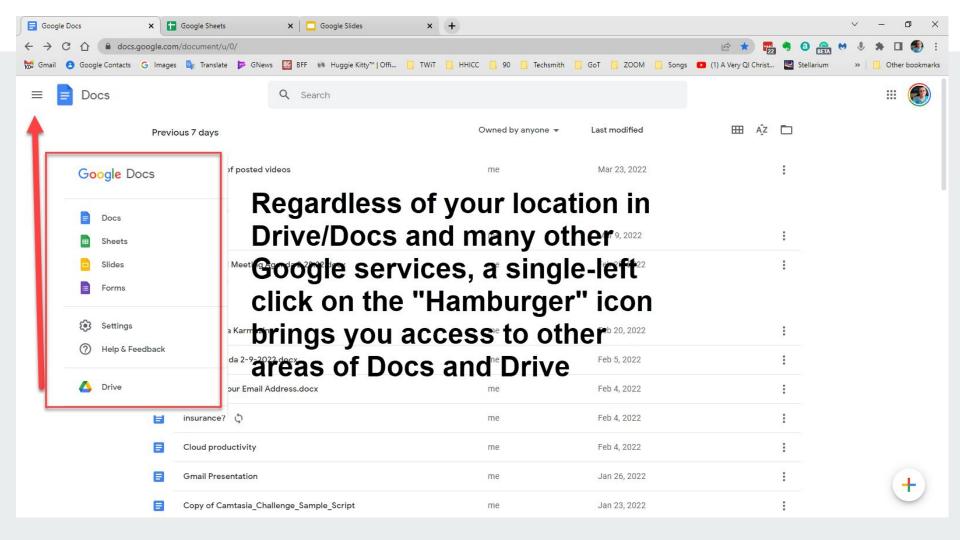


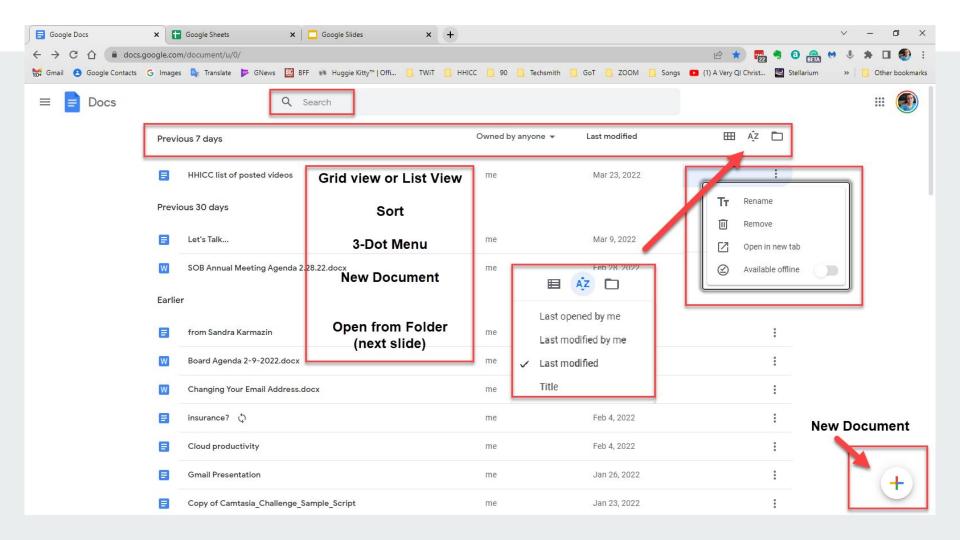
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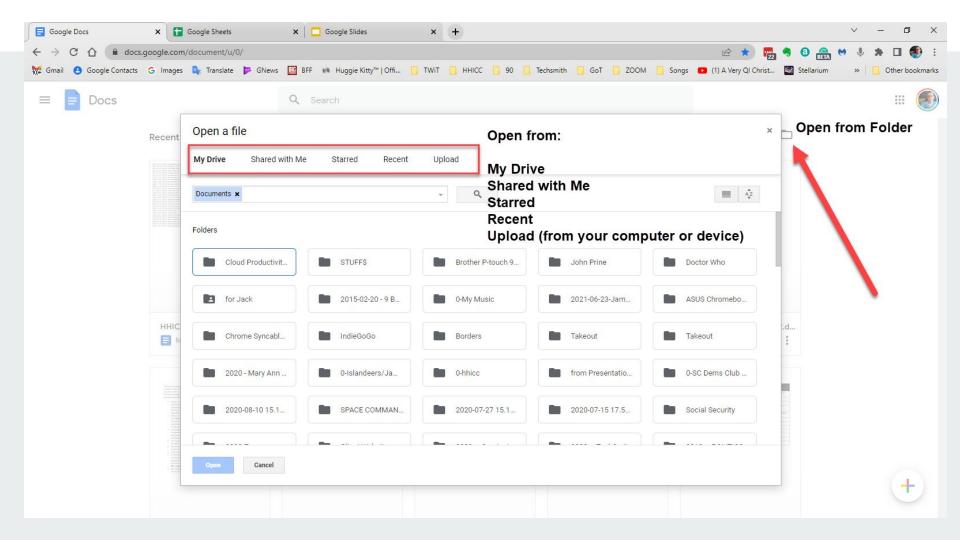
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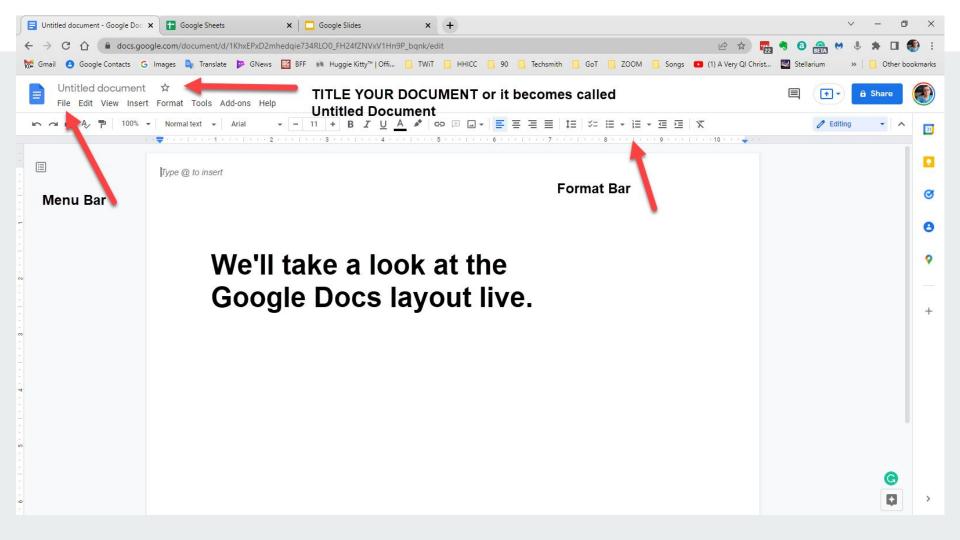
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#### **Google Sheets ~ spreadsheet**

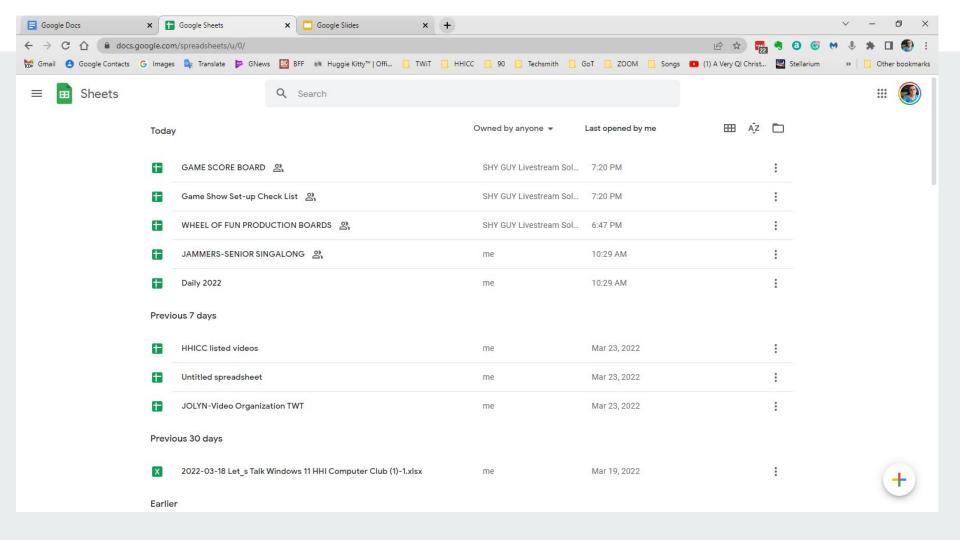


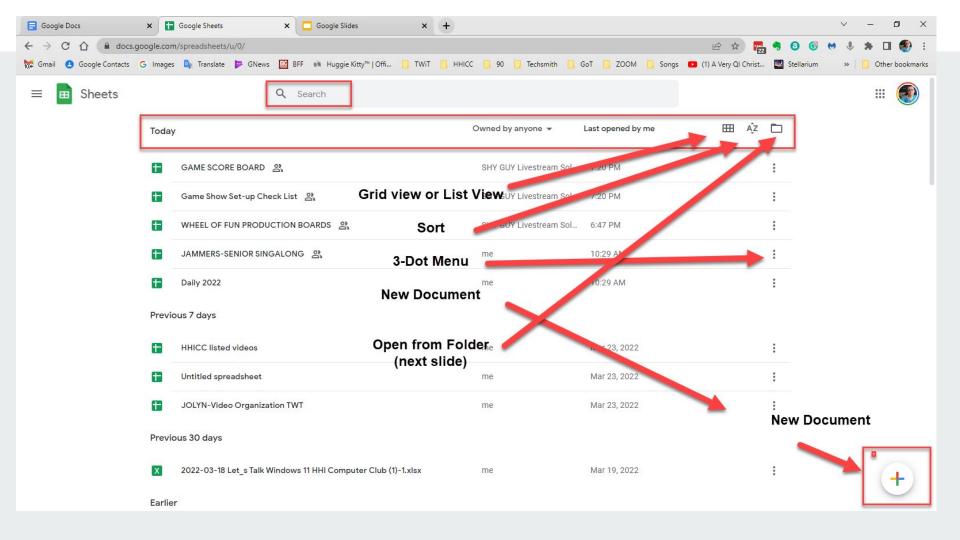
With Google Sheets, you can create and edit spreadsheets directly in your web browser—no special software is required. Multiple people can work simultaneously.

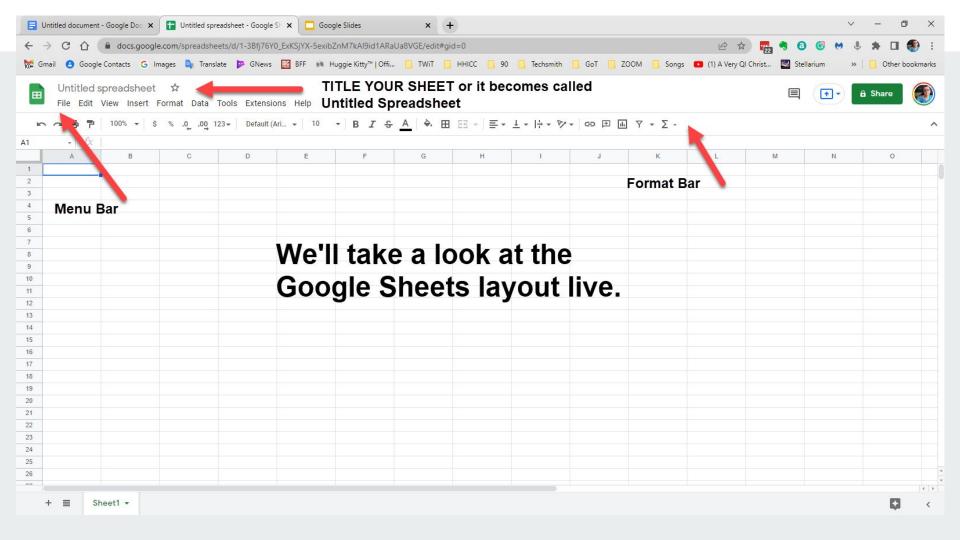
Collaboration is one of the strong points of Google Docs/Sheets/Slides. Easy for two or more folks to work on the same project together.

The offer a nice variety of preset themes and transitions.

There are terrific how-to's for formulas etc.









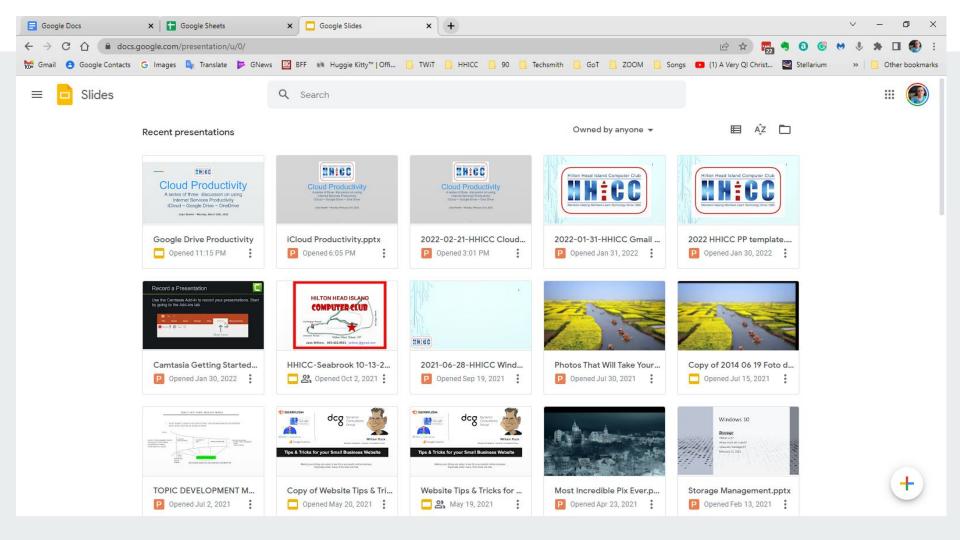
#### Google Slides ~ presentation

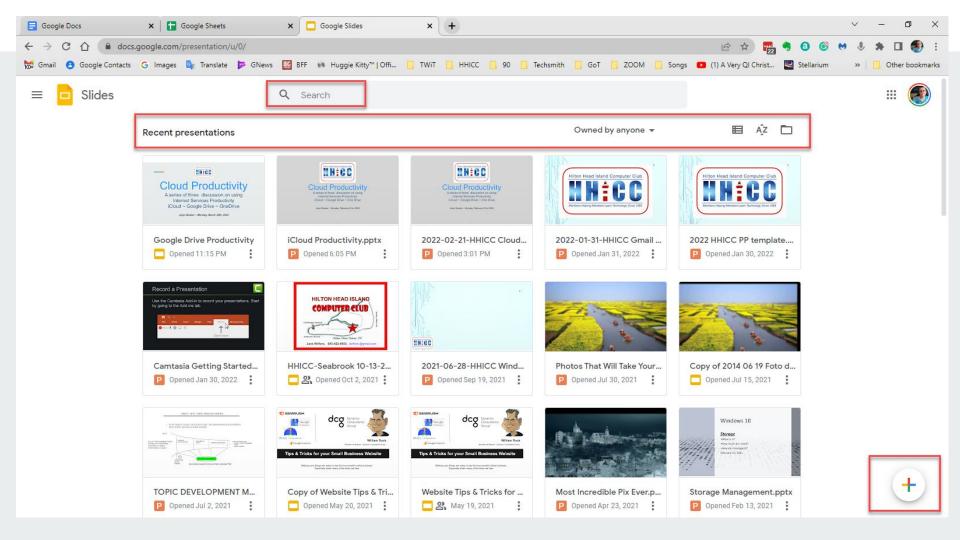


Google Slides is thoughtfully connected to other Google apps you love, saving you time.

Embed charts from Google Sheets or reply to comments directly from Gmail.

For anyone who has used PowerPoint, this is also a good alternative... online vs on your local computer.







#### **Google Cloud Productivity**



This has been a quick overview of the three-part cloud productivity suite that Google offers among many of its services, apps and products.

There is amazing support from the Google Support Forums. <a href="https://support.google.com/">https://support.google.com/</a>

You are welcome to join me on a Monday for more help with setting up and working with your Google Productivity Suite.



## Q & A



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