


Phone Link app & software (also known as Link to Windows)









Why would you want to do it - if you're not at work!

- Bigger resolution
- Zoom calls: Display your phone window on another monitor
- Make phone calls using your laptop speakers/mic (joint phonecalls)
- **TRANSFER FILES:**
 - One step quicker than uploading/downloading to a cloud account
 - Aversion to setting up a new cloud account...

The "Phone Link" app, formerly known as "Your Phone" app, utilizes **Microsoft's cloud infrastructure** for its cross-device functionality. It uses the cloud to synchronize data like messages, notifications, photos, and calls between your Windows PC and Android phone or iPhone. This allows you to access and manage your phone's content directly from your computer. 

Specifically, Phone Link uses the Microsoft Cloud for features such as:

- **Cross-device copy and paste:** Enables seamless transfer of text and content between your phone and PC. 
- **Notifications:** Delivers your phone's notifications to your PC, allowing you to interact with them directly. 
- **Messages:** Lets you view and respond to text messages from your computer. 
- **Calls:** Allows you to make and receive calls on your PC, using your phone's connection. 
- **Photos:** Enables access to your phone's photos on your PC. 

Essentially, the cloud acts as a bridge, facilitating the real-time exchange of data between your devices when using Phone Link. 

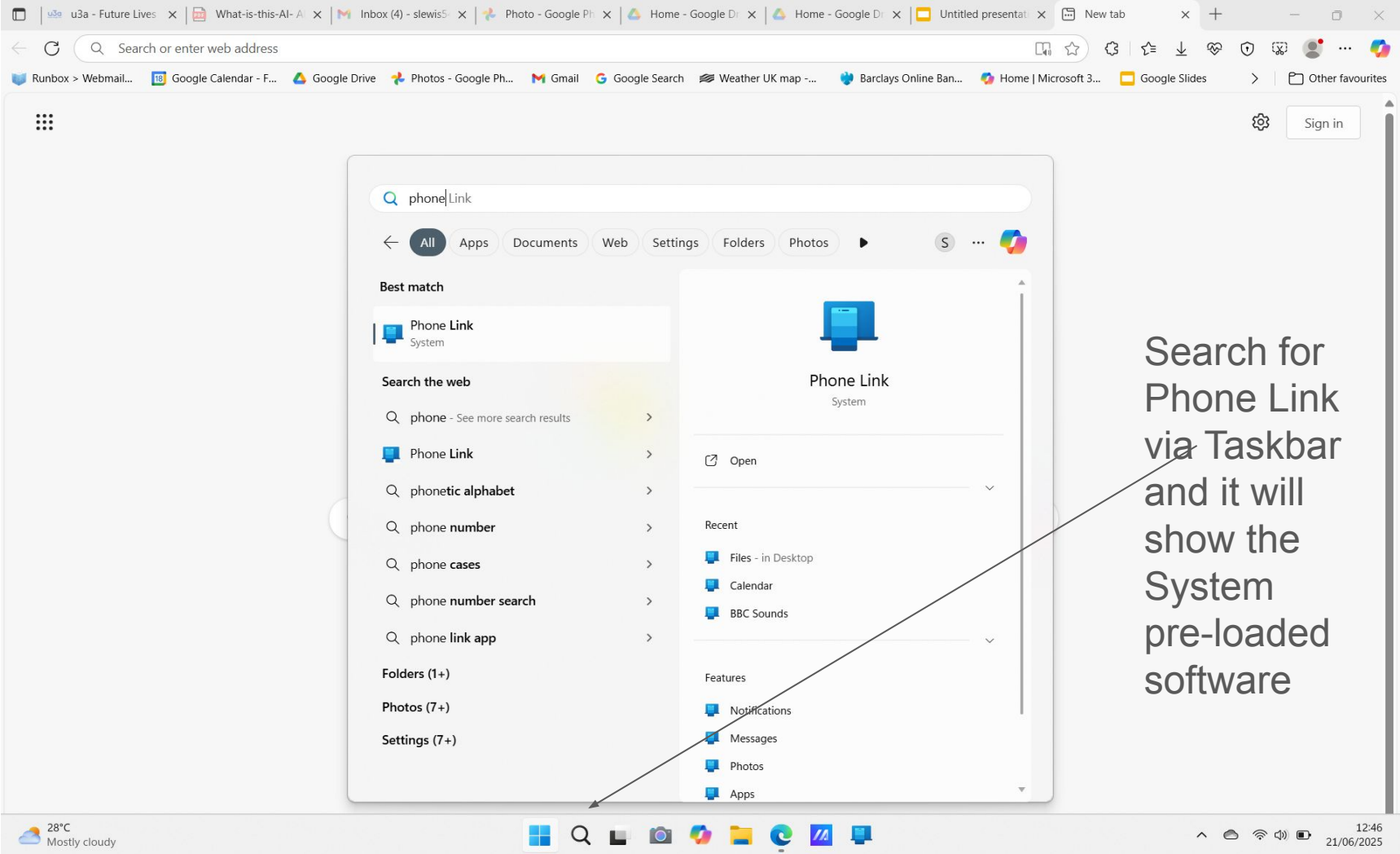
A bridge to your phone's cloud! Sign into same wifi necessary. Edge browser on laptop. Bluetooth connection.

Phone link operates from any (Android) smartphone (with appropriate app - often already pre-loaded)
to a Windows 10/11 laptop.

Obtain Link to Windows app for your phone if necessary



Phone Link (its pair on your laptop) should be pre-loaded
See following slide



Search for Phone Link via Taskbar and it will show the System pre-loaded software

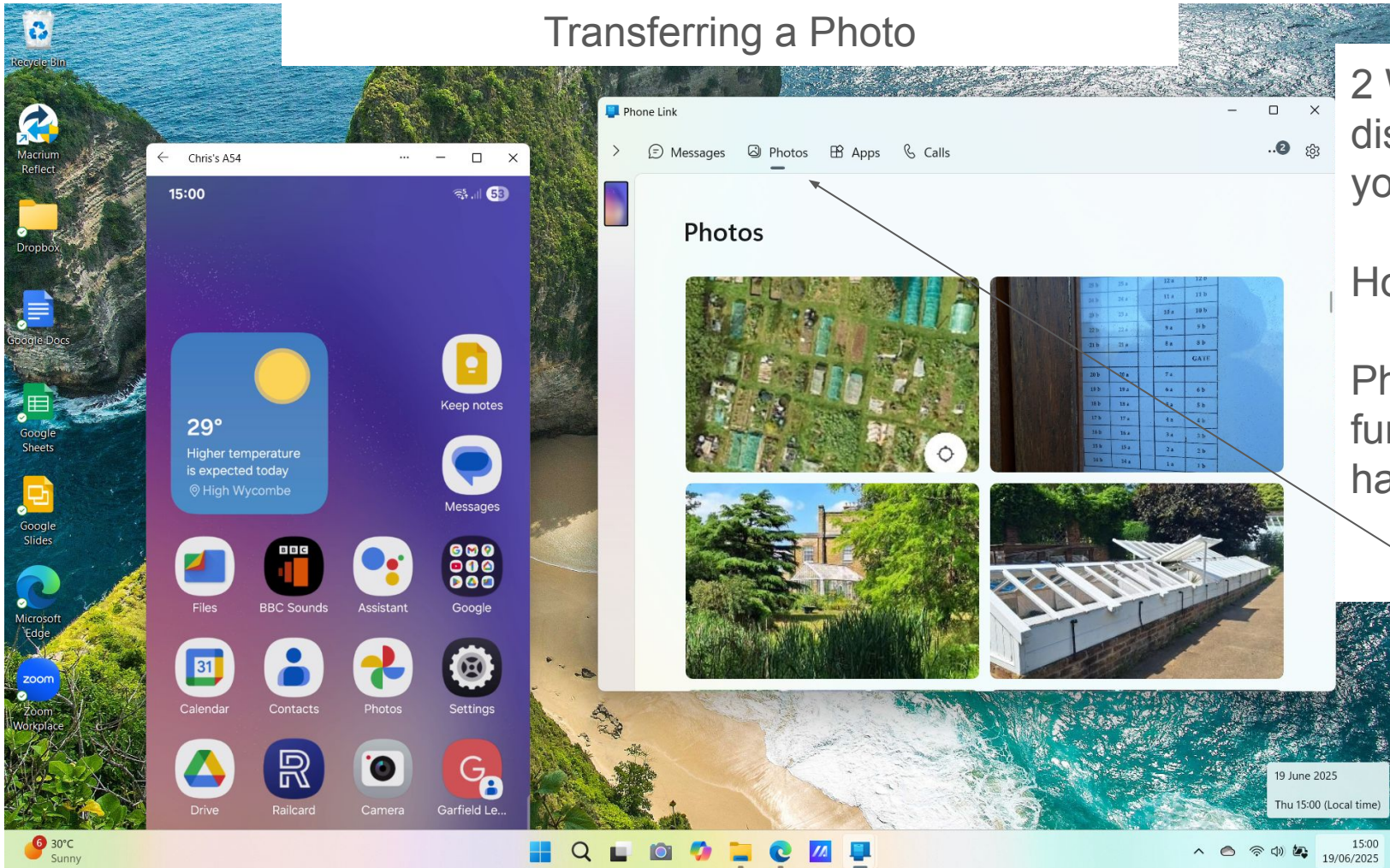
Pair your laptop with your phone - Bluetooth/Devices in Settings

The image shows the Windows Settings application with the 'Bluetooth & devices' category selected in the left-hand navigation pane. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Bluetooth:** At the top, the Bluetooth toggle is turned 'On'. Below it, the laptop is discoverable as "ASUSVIVO". A button labeled "Add device" is present to the right of the text "Connect a new device to 'ASUSVIVO'".
- Input:** A section containing a "USB Optical Mouse" which is currently connected.
- Audio:** A section containing three audio devices, all of which are "Not connected":
 - CE220735
 - Utility speaker
 - WF-C700N
- Other devices:** A section containing one device, "Chris's A54", which is "Connected". The battery level is shown as 60%.

A black arrow points from the top of the page down to the "Chris's A54" device entry in the 'Other devices' section.

Transferring a Photo



2 Windows displayed on your laptop:

Homepage

Phone function you have selected

Rt click a photo and the MS options are opened - "Save as" will go to MS personal cloud account & you can transfer to Downloads

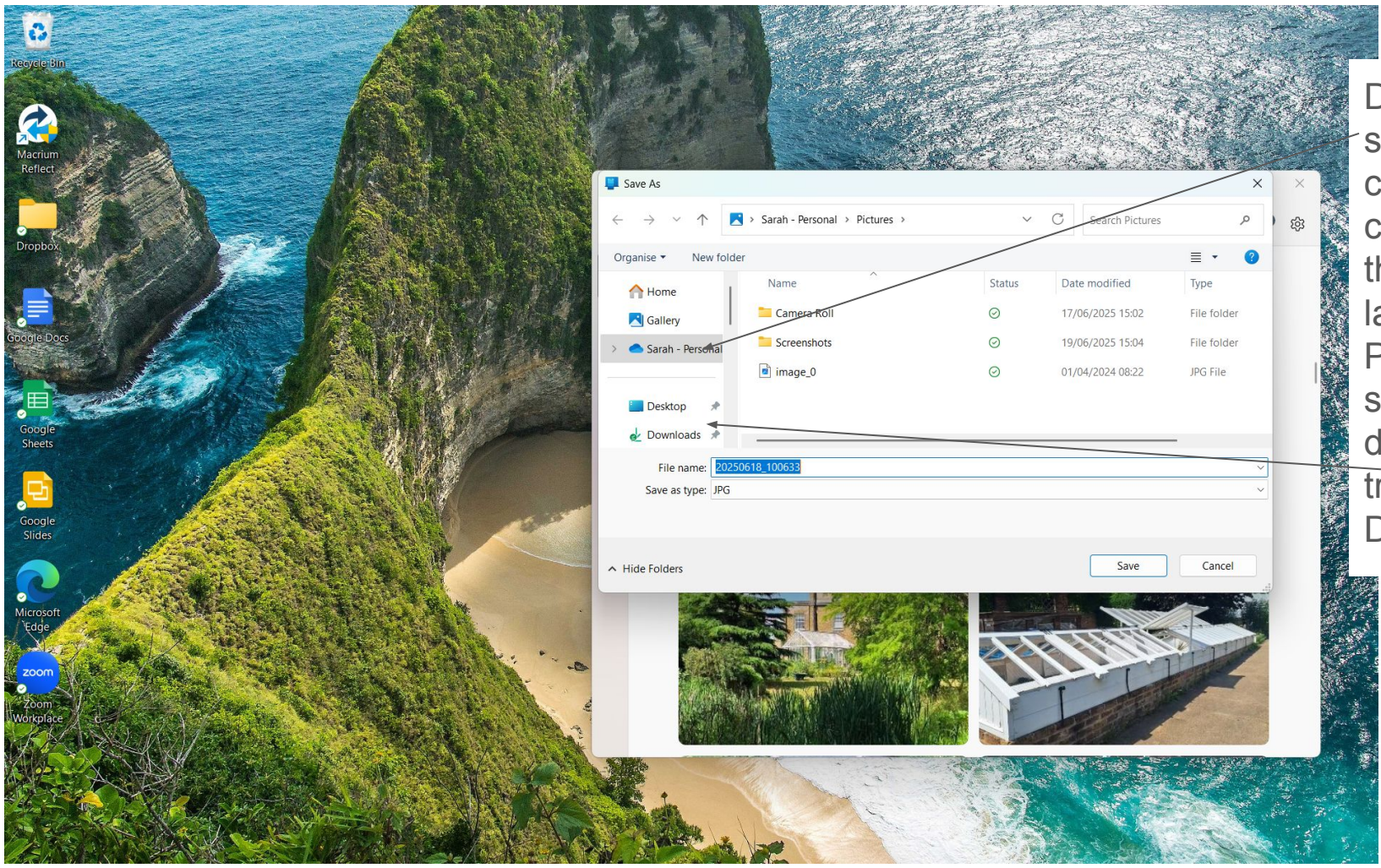
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- Macrium Reflect
- Dropbox
- Google Docs
- Google Sheets
- Google Slides
- Microsoft Edge
- Zoom
- Zoom Workplace

Phone Link

Messages Photos Apps Calls

Photos

- Open
- Open with...
- Copy Ctrl+C
- Save as...
- Share
- Delete



Defaults to saving in MS cloud. You can change that in the laptop Phonelink settings for direct transfer to Downloads

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Save As

Sarah - Personal > Pictures

Organise New folder

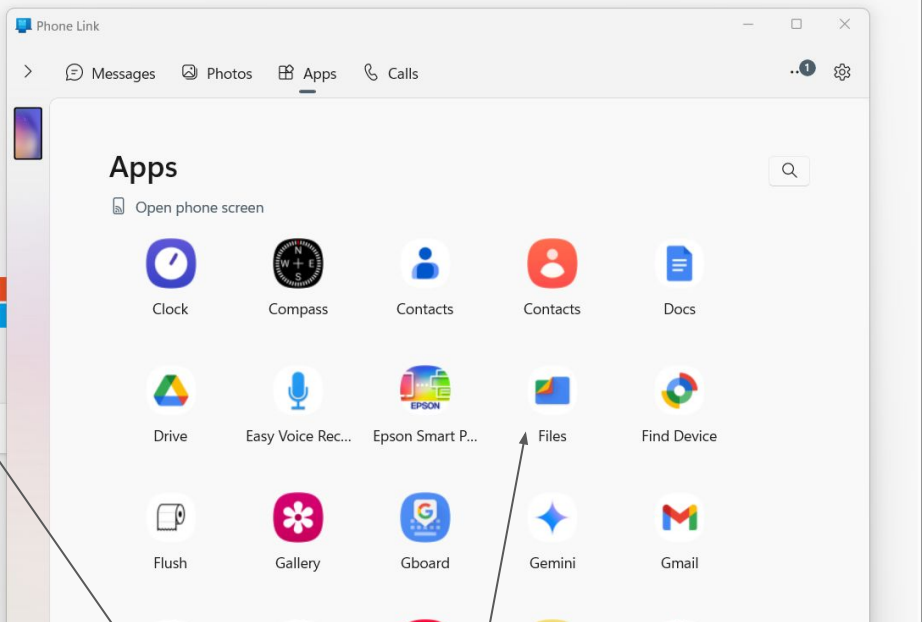
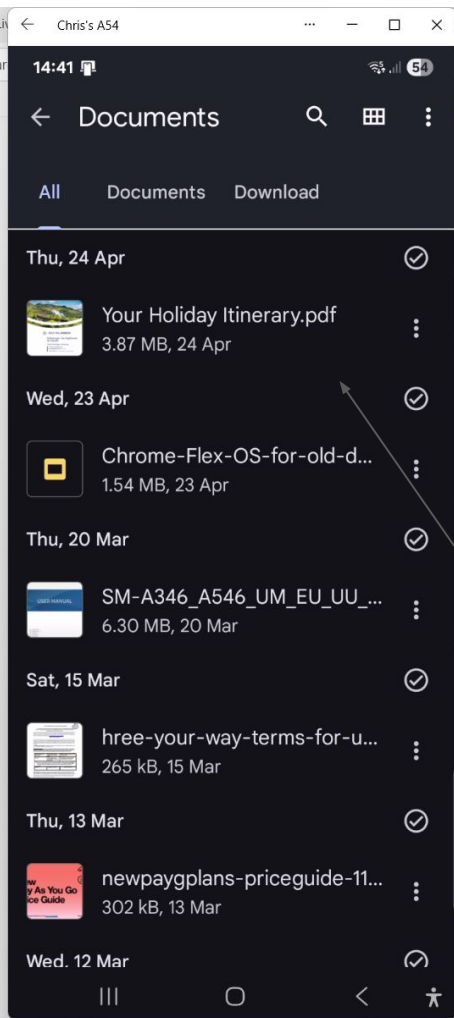
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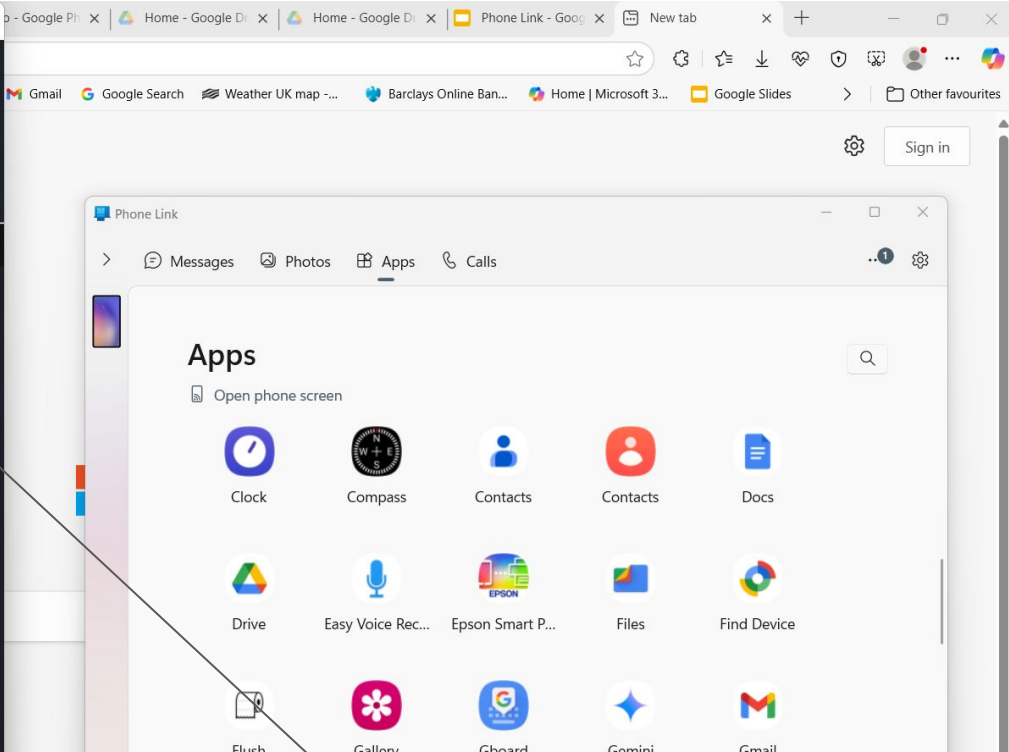
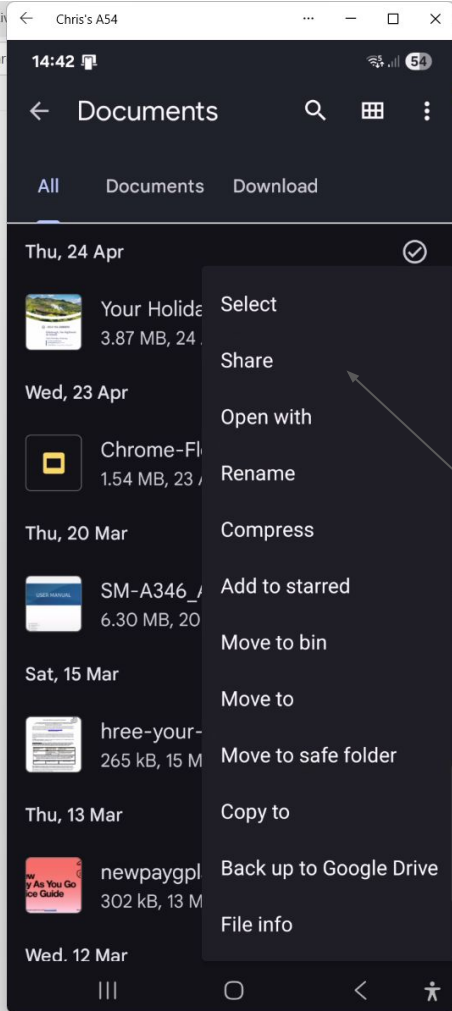
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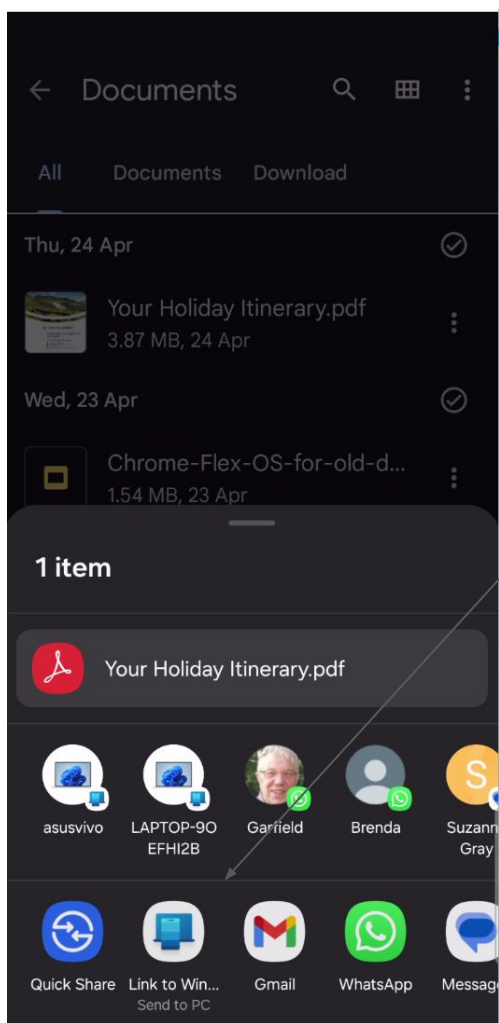
Transferring a file eg document



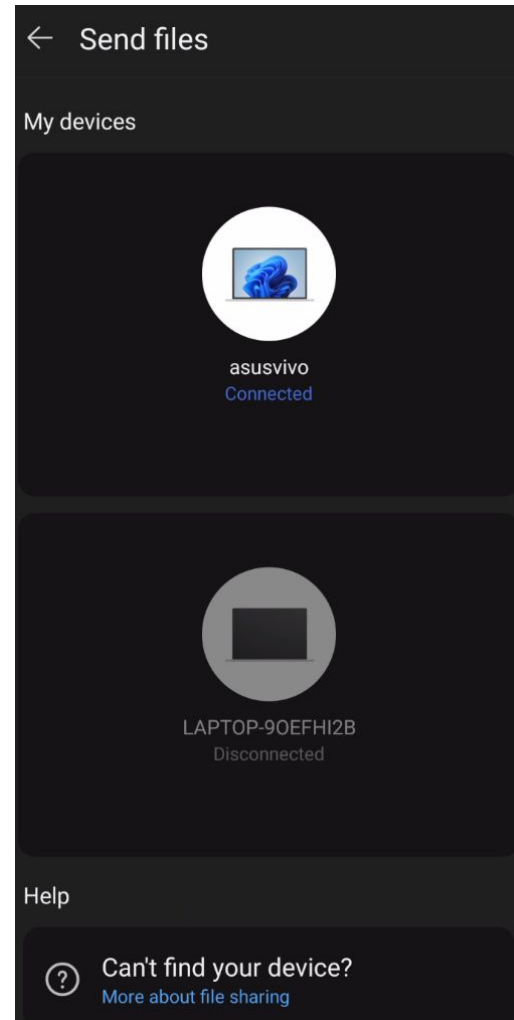
Open Files app, and rt click the document you want to transfer.



The phone's choice of options now opens (NOT your laptop's). Choose Share



Choose Link to Windows



Select the laptop identifier - (you may have linked a different laptop in the past.) And click it.

A notification message will display - bottom right of your taskbar - on your laptop within 30 seconds for a normal size of file and reasonable wifi speeds.

FINALLY, before closing down your laptop, unlink the Phone Link on your phone before closing down, or there will be an error message on your laptop, showing “Task Host Window” is still running. Closing will also save battery life.

CONCLUSION - for transferring files from phone to laptop
You won't escape “the cloud” but this method uses the Windows version which you may be more familiar with.