

SOFTWARE

# SAFE HARBOR FOR YOUR PRIVATE DATA

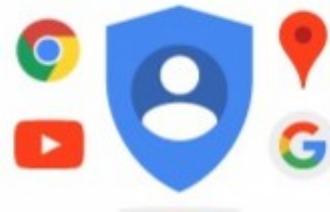
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With the new [European ruling](#) of Safe Harbor, I anticipate that all major US companies will just give you an extra click to accept their updated licenses. And everything will remain the same...



## Bevor Sie fortfahren...

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**Dieser Schritt ist erforderlich, damit Sie auf die Google-Dienste zugreifen können.**

But there is a true option: Set up your own cloud. "[owncloud](#)" (OC) is a mature product and is able to replace Dropbox with native OS X, Windows, iOS, Android and web clients.

Using just four plugins OC can WebDav sync also Files, Calendars, Todos, Contacts and RSS feeds – goodbye iCloud, goodbye Google, goodbye Dropbox, goodbye Feedly and

goodbye [Doodle](#).

Just copy all files from your Dropbox Folder to the new hot sync 'd OC folder.

Export all calendars as single ics files and upload them via [BusyCal](#) to OC. Export also all contacts as one big card and upload them via [BusyContacts](#). I was fiddling around several hours with awk, splitting files and uploading them via the web interface - while the above solution saved a lot of time. The only real problem that I had was a somewhat inconsistent WebDav implementation in OS X El Capitan.

Therefore, I added two lines in the server root .htaccess file

```
RewriteRule ^\.well-known/carddav /oc/remote.php/carddav/ [R=301,L]
RewriteRule ^\.well-known/caldav /oc/remote.php/caldav/ [R=301,L]
```

I exported all RSS feeds as an OPML file from the Feedly website and uploaded it at the OC news page. Unfortunately Readkit (Mac) doesn't support OC, so I am stuck with the web display. Neither does gReader (Android) while there is a good [news reader](#) app on F-droid.

Mail required an extra line in config.php as some webhosters (1&1) do not support own-cloud's standard setting

```
'app.mail.transport' => 'php-mail'
```

SMS sync works flawless if you rename the app folder to "ocsms".

As a last step I exported all bookmarks and uploaded them to the OC bookmark site after [patching the iframe issue](#) manually.

Altogether, this was a 1.5 day investment into a safe data harbor. Maybe it is also a good idea to force now SSL connections and think about some backup strategy and intrusion detection... So far, I have no concurrency sharing of Sente's database and all PDF files, so there is still something to do.

At least that picture looks really cool :

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