



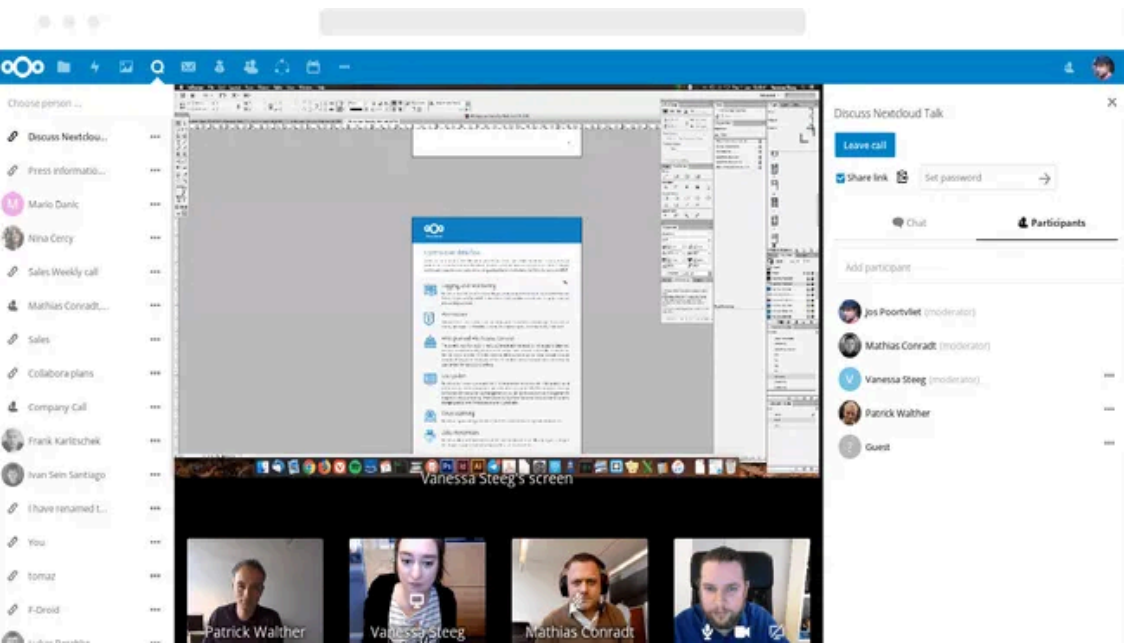
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# German government goes open source with cloud firm Nextcloud

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Seeks "construction of a private cloud for the federal government"



[Nextcloud](#), the open source [file sync](#) and online collaboration technology, has announced it will be supplying the German federal government with a private, on-premises cloud platform as part of a three-year contract.

The Federal Information Technology Center (ITZBund), which manages IT services for the federal government, has been running a pilot of 5,000 users with Nextcloud since October 2016 and after a tender for a private cloud was won by Computacenter, the Nextcloud technology will now be rolled out to 300,000 users in ministries and other federal agencies.

Speaking to [Der Spiegel](#), the ITZBund confirmed that the focus of the tender was "the construction of a private cloud for the federal government," to address concerns within the government for a platform that it fully controlled; that would not allow access to data by any third party; and that was fully GDPR compliant as the DSGVO (the German implementation of GDPR) will come into effect in May 2018.

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## Germany's Bundescloud goes open source

Nextcloud has added significant collaborative features to it's Dropbox-like, file syncing base since 'forking' the source code from ownCloud and setting up business in Stuttgart in 2016. In the latest release, [Nextcloud 13](#), it announced end-to-encryption on a per-folder basis and Nextcloud Talk, an open source fully self-hosted, complete audio/video and text communication platform.

Speaking to Der Spiegel, Managing Director at Nextcloud GmbH Frank Karlitschek said, "Nextcloud is more secure than a public cloud solution

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All of Nextcloud’s code is fully, certified by [OpenChain](#) and backed by a Security Bug Bounty Program paying security experts for any vulnerabilities that they uncover.



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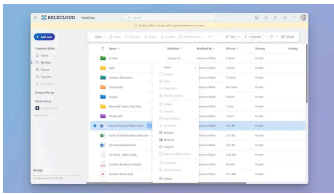


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