

NextCloud Forms: a New Google Forms Competitor?

UMD engineers develop a new privacy-conscious survey solution for NextCloud users

COLLEGE PARK (NEWS WIRE) -- April 3, 2019 -- NextCloud users now have a robust alternative to Google Forms right inside the NextCloud platform. A team of software engineers at the University of Maryland, College Park, have developed a NextCloud application that allows you to conduct surveys within the security-focused confines of the NextCloud platform. This product makes the privacy-centric NextCloud an even more compelling alternative to the Google suite of products.

NextCloud users have been looking for applications to be added to the NextCloud app store that can match offerings by Google. Google does not offer many of the anonymity and privacy assurances that are offered by NextCloud. So for the privacy conscious NextCloud user there was no applications offering survey capabilities that did not collect your data. Users have also been looking for ways to streamline their workflow by decreasing the need to go outside of the NextCloud ecosystem when the task they need to accomplish is not possible with an existing app.

The “Forms” application allows for a user to create a survey and send it other users to fill out. As your respondents fill it out Forms provides real time access to your results of as well as a way to export the data to a csv file for easy additional processing. The surveys are very customizable and has very similar offerings to the Google Forms service. All of this is offered without NextCloud or the application’s developers having access to or collecting any of your information. It also utilizes the myriad of security features NextCloud has out of the box to ensure that your right to privacy remains unencumbered.

Dr. Jim Purtilo, Associate Professor of Computer Science at the University of Maryland, College Park, had this to say about the Forms application. “I’ve been looking for a private way to conduct my surveys without G**gle collecting my data for a while now. The Forms product is excellent and full featured and allows me to limit my G**gle interaction to only my Personal Tracking Device”.

Check out the Forms application-- out now on the NextCloud app store!

<https://apps.nextcloud.com/>