CCH Client Axcess™ Portal User Guide

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Icon Legend

	Tips	Best practice tips and shortcuts
	Notes	Informational notes about functions
	Warning	Important warnings about a function

CCH Client Axcess

https://www.clientaxcess.com

CCH Client Axcess allows you to receive and share files with Lumsden McCormick from any web browser or operating system.

⚠️ It is important to note that based on Lumsden McCormick's portal configurations, you may not have access to every feature covered in this guide.

📝 CCH Client Axcess can be accessed via the web URL (see above), or by downloading the free mobile app. Search *"CCH Client Axcess"* in the Apple® App Store or the Google® Play Store.

Logging in to Client Axcess

Login using the URL listed above or via the mobile app. Refer to your welcome email for the temporary password needed for your initial login to Client Axcess.

Login

📝 **Login Tips**

- The Login ID (email address) is not case sensitive; the temporary password is.
- You will be required to change your password upon logging in for the first time and answer security questions. Your security questions can help you access your portal if you ever forget your password.
- Your new password may be from 8 to 32 characters in length, must contain at least one alpha character, one numeric character, and one special character (e.g. !, @, #, etc.). The password is case sensitive.
- Your password may be reset at any time by clicking "**I Forgot My Password?**".
- If prompted, review and agree to the Lumsden McCormick end user license agreement. You can also download a copy.

Downloading files from Client Axcess

Client Axcess Home Page

Select a portal

If you have access to more than one Portal, click **Select a Portal** at the top, left-hand portion of the page, and then select or search for a portal by name.

After logging in to Client Axcess, you will see a list of folders used to organize your files. **Click on a folder to display its files.**
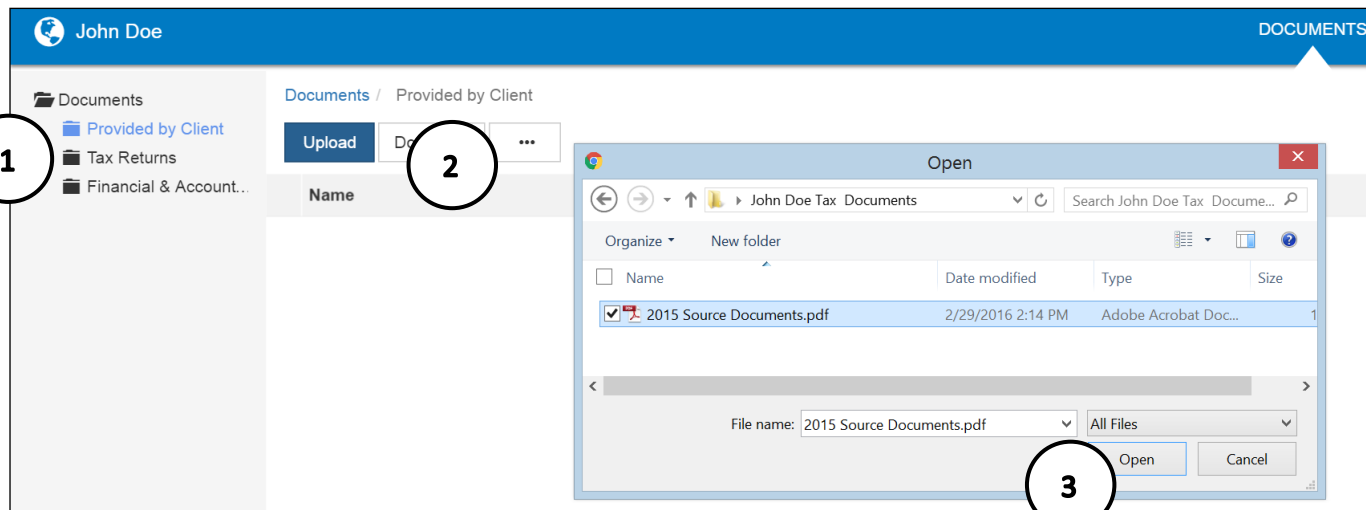

Download Files

To download a file, simply click the file name or check the box and click **Download**, either option will launch your browser's file download prompt allowing you to open or save the file. You can download one or multiple files at a time.

To download files, it may be necessary to disable your pop up blocker in Google® Chrome®, or other web-browsers.

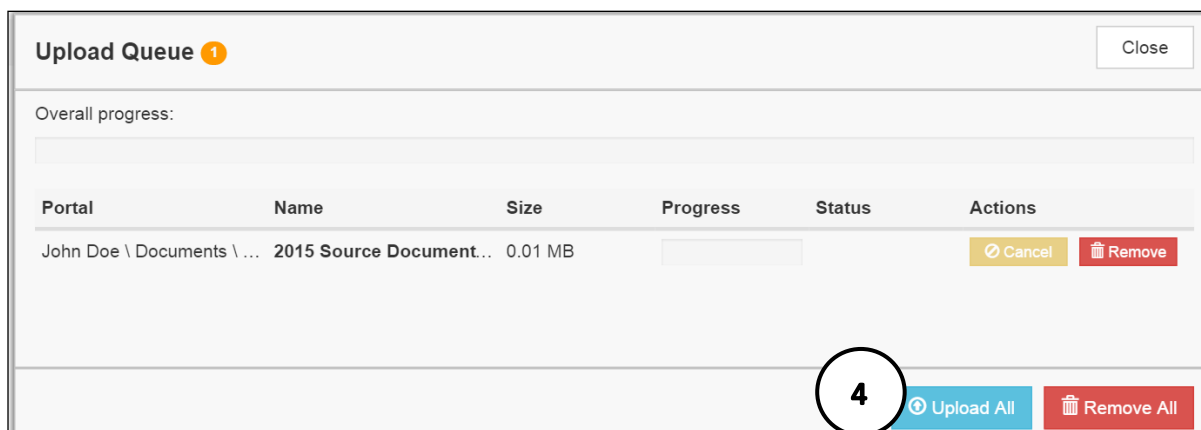# Uploading files to Client Axcess

John Doe DOCUMENTS

Documents / Provided by Client

1 — Documents
    Provided by Client
    Tax Returns
    Financial & Account..

2 — **Upload** Do... ...

Name

Open window:
← → ↑ ▸ John Doe Tax Documents   Search John Doe Tax Docume...

Organize ▾   New folder

☐ Name   Date modified   Type   Size
☑ 📄 2015 Source Documents.pdf   2/29/2016 2:14 PM   Adobe Acrobat Doc...   1

File name: 2015 Source Documents.pdf   All Files
3 — Open   Cancel

Upload Files

Follow the steps to add a file to you Client Axcess portal:

1. Click the destination folder (where the file will be located)
2. Click **Upload**, browse to and select the file(s) you wish to upload
3. Click **Open**

Upload Queue ①   Close

Overall progress:

Portal	Name	Size	Progress	Status	Actions
John Doe \ Documents \ ...	2015 Source Document...	0.01 MB			⊘ Cancel 🗑 Remove

4 — ⊕ Upload All   🗑 Remove All

Upload Queue

4. The **Upload Queue** will launch automatically. Click **Upload All** to upload the displayed file(s) to Client Axcess. An email notification is sent to Lumsden McCormick.

You will see an on-screen confirmation that your file(s) were successfully added to Client Axcess. Return to your Documents or simply close your browser window to exit Client Axcess.
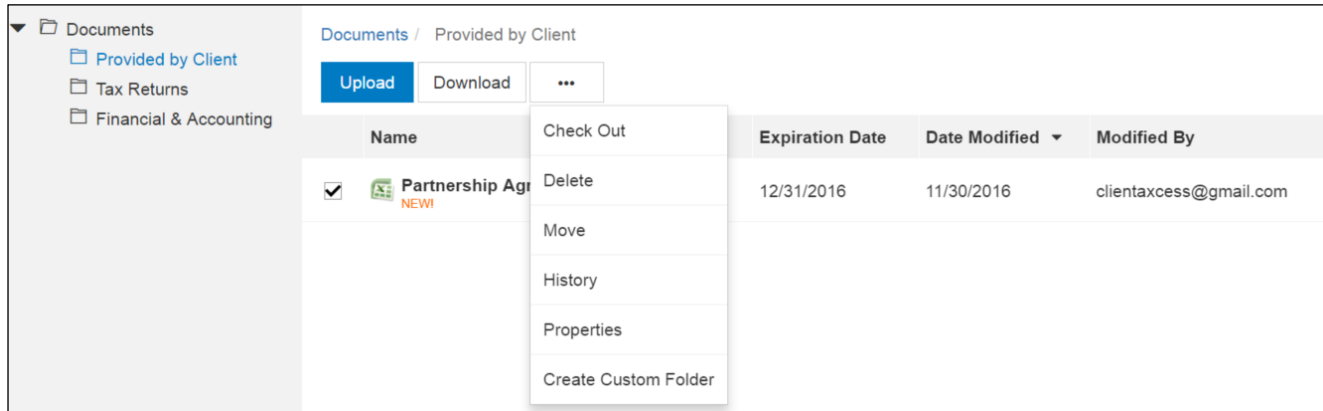
You can also drag-and-drop files into the destination folder to activate the Upload Queue. Once the Queue is displayed, click Upload All and your files will be added to Client Axcess.

Click the ⬛① icon at the top, right-hand corner of the page to reactivate the Upload Queue if you accidentally minimize it prior to selecting Upload All.

Working with Files in Client Axcess

Deleting Files

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▼ 🗀 Documents	Documents / Provided by Client				
🗀 Provided by Client	**Upload**	**Download**	•••		
🗀 Tax Returns			Check Out		
🗀 Financial & Accounting	**Name**		Delete	**Expiration Date**	**Date Modified** ▾	**Modified By**
	☑ 📊 Partnership Agr		Move	12/31/2016	11/30/2016	clientaxcess@gmail.com
	NEW!		History			
			Properties			
			Create Custom Folder			

Delete Files

You can **not** delete files uploaded by Lumsden McCormick or other Portal users. You can delete files that you upload. Click the box to the left of the file name, click the **More Options** button, and then choose **Delete**. You will be prompted for confirmation, click **Yes** to remove the file from Client Axcess.

If you would like to have a file added by Lumsden McCormick or another portal user removed from Client Axcess, follow the steps above, but choose the option "**Request for Deletion**", which will be displayed instead of the Delete, and will email to Lumsden McCormick notifying us that you want the file to be deleted.

Checking Out Files

Collaborate with Lumsden McCormick by using the Check Out feature to download a file, make changes, and then add the modified file back to Client Axcess. The file will be overwritten to reflect your changes upon Check In.
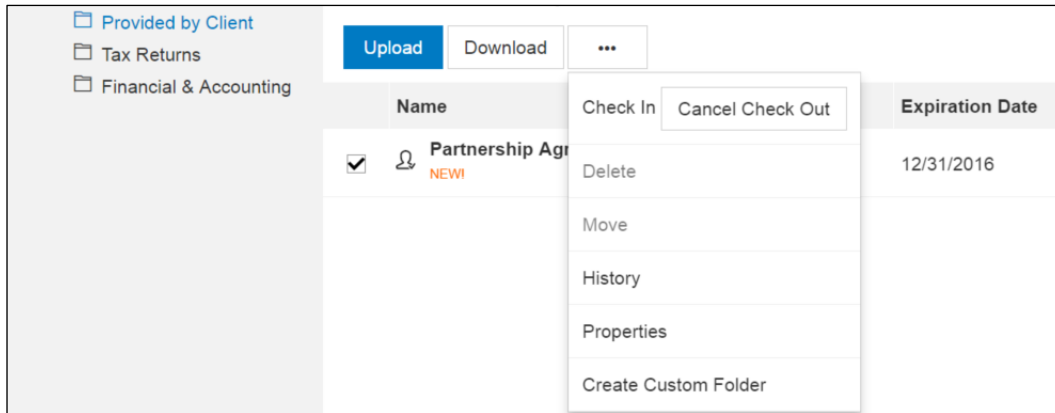

Check out a file

Steps to Check Out a file

1. Check the box to the left of the file name, and then click the **More Options** button
2. Select **Check Out**
3. On the **Check-out** prompt, click the **Due date to check in** field, and choose the latest date you expect to Check In the file, then click **Check Out**
4. When prompted by your web browser, save the file to your computer or network
5. Launch the file and make any desired changes, then click **Save** and close

Checking in Files
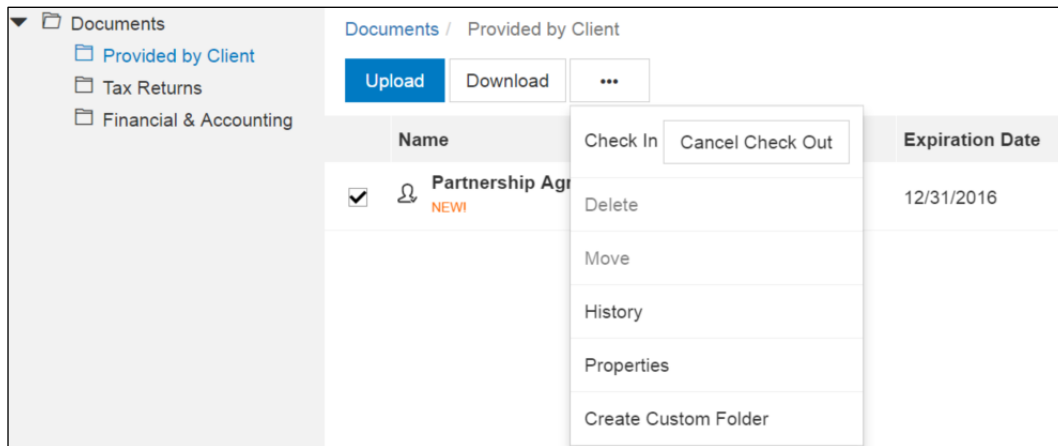
Check in a file

 Steps to Check In a file

1. Log in to Client Axcess, browse to the folder where the checked out file is located
2. Check the box to the left of the file name
3. Click the **More Options** button, and select **Check In**
4. When prompted, click Browse and navigate to the checked out file on your computer.
5. Click **Check In**
6. You will receive confirmation the file has been checked in successfully

Changing Passwords and Logging Out
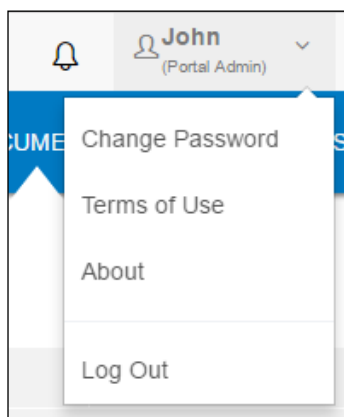
User Options

 At the top right-hand portion of the page, click the arrow to view your user options. From this menu you can change your password or Log out of Client Axcess.

ADVANCED FEATURES

This section is intended to provide further assistance on the more complex features available to a Portal Admin user. The advanced features are optional, and are not required for each Client Axcess portal.

Portal User Roles

Portal Admin

The Portal Admin is the primary user for each Client Axcess portal. The Portal Admin may perform all portal-related functions, create other Portal Users and control access for other Portal Users. The Portal Admin user will be the only user that exists initially when a portal is created.

Portal User

A Portal User is created and granted access by the Portal Admin or the firm. Portal Users should only be created when Portal access is required by more than one person.

Example of Advanced Portal Use

- You may find situations in which it is practical to grant portal access to a third party. For example, a banker that you and the firm collaborate with on a regular basis. Before having access to Portal; options to exchange information included email, fax, CD-ROM, or hard copy paper, and in many cases you had to request the document from the firm before you could provide it to the bank. As the Portal Admin, you may create a Portal User allowing your banker access to requested documents and the ability to add files at the request of you and the firm; considerably reducing the time and resources spent to exchange information. The security level of Portal far exceeds email, which is most often the primary medium of exchanging electronic files.

- If the firm has created more than one portal for you, you will be able to control which portal(s) your banker or other third party may view.

- Your firm's portal solution, may or may not, provide you with the ability to secure folders. If available, this feature allows the Portal Admin to control a Portal User's access to one or more folders within a portal.

Managing Portals

 The Portal Admin may grant portal access to others by creating Portal Users.

There are three steps to create Portal Users:
1. Create the Portal User
2. Grant the Portal User access to one or more portals
3. Choose the Portal User's File Management Role for each portal they are granted access

About File Management Roles

There are five File Management Roles that can be assigned:

1. **Administrator** – Allows Portal Users to perform all file operations.
2. **Standard User** – Allows Portal Users to perform the most common file operations.
3. **Limited User** – Allows Portal Users to perform a limited number of file operations.
4. **Read-only User** – Allows Portal Users to download files and review related information.
5. **Upload-only User** – Allows Portal Users to upload files and review related information.

It is our recommendation that Administration rights NOT be granted to Portal Users.

Create Client Axcess Portal Users

Add Portal User

From the Client Axcess home page, click **Manage Users**, then click **Add User**.

Create Portal User

On the **User Profile** tab, enter the Login ID (email address), last and first name of the user; these are the only items that are required. The next step is to click the **Assigned Portals** tab.

Create Client Axcess Portal Users Continued:

Assign Portals to a Portal User

Assign a Portal User to a Client Axcess Portal

1. Initially, only the portal you are logged in to displays, check the **Grant Access** box to allow access to this Portal. Click **Assign more portals** to grant the new user access to other portals the firm has created for you, if applicable.
2. If necessary, modify the assigned **File Management Role** for the selected Portal.
3. To prevent long-term access, select an **expiration date** for the user's access to this portal (optional).
4. Select **Save and Close** to create the Portal User. Emails containing login information will be sent to the login ID (email address) of the Portal User.

Editing or Deleting Client Axcess Portal Users

Edit or Delete a Portal User

Access to a Portal may be modified or terminated at any time. In the **Manage Users** window, click the box to left of the user's name, and then click the **More Options** button to delete the user, or click the **Edit** button to modify.

It is important to terminate access when no longer needed by the Portal User. If you need assistance please contact Lumsden McCormick.

Working with Folders

In many cases, the default folders provided by Lumsden McCormick are all that is needed and there is no need for restricted access. However, if the volume of files or Portal Users necessitate more organization and control, it can be accomplished by creating custom folders and/or applying folder level security.

Creating Custom Folders

The Portal Admin can create a custom folder in their portal. Folders may be added at the root of Portal (alongside the default folders) or as subfolders of any folder.
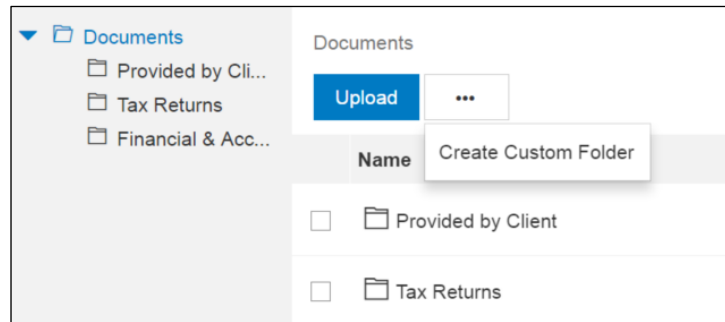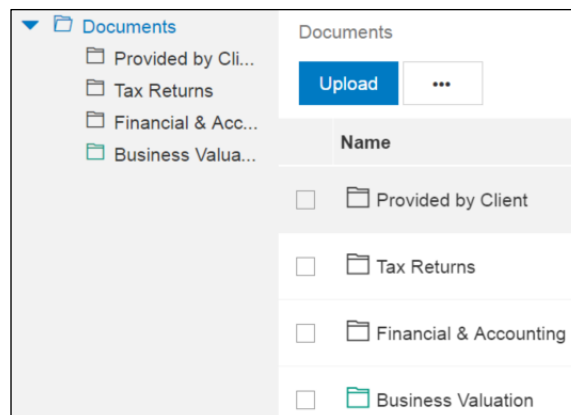

Create Custom Folder

To create a Custom Folder, click the **More Options** button and select **Create Custom Folder.**

Folder name

Type in a name that describes the content of the files that will be added to the folder, click **Continue**.


New Custom Folder

The new custom folder is now visible with the default folders in Portal. Check the box to the left of the folder to create a custom subfolder, rename, delete, or secure the folder.

Securing Folders

If needed, the Portal Admin can limit which files are visible to Portal Users at the folder level by using the **Secure Folder** feature. Folder security can be applied to both default and custom folders and subfolders. When folder security has been applied, the folder is only visible to those with access to the folder.
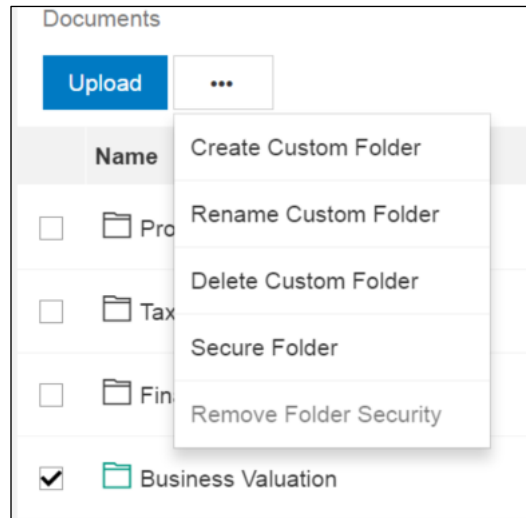
Secure Folder

To secure a folder, check the box located to the left of the folder, and select the **More Options** button. When presented with the menu, choose **Secure Folder**.

Apply Folder Security to Portal Users

You will be prompted to specify which Portal Users **should NOT** be able to access files within the folder. **Uncheck the box for each user that should NOT have access to the folder,** and then click **Save and Close**.

To edit or remove folder security, check the box, click the **More Options** button, and select **Secure Folder** or select **Remove Folder Security**.

When security is applied to a folder, the icon changes from a folder to a lock.

Secured Folder