[Solved] Copy or Transfer Google Shared Drive Files and Folders

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Looking for a way to Copy or Transfer Google Shared Drive Files and Folders? — Here's all you need to know…

There are **no Google APIs** that allow actions such as **copying** and **moving** files and folders **from MyDrive to Shared Drives** and from Shared Drive to another Shared Drive.

Actions NOT allowed on Shared Drives

Due to this limitation from Google's end, the below actions are **not allowed** on **Shared Drives**.

- **Change ownership** of Shared Drives – As the Shared Drives **don't have "owners**" - we can change Manager - Content Managers to them
- **Copy files/folders** of Shared Drives – At the moment it is **not possible** to **copy Shared Drive files**

The above actions however are allowed for **MyDrive files –** see the 'how-to' examples below.

- Copy files and folders from Internal and External users
- Change ownership of Google file

Actions Allowed on Shared Drives

Using GAT+ a Google Workspace Admin can:

- **Add** – Add users as (Commenter/Viewer/Contributor/Manager/Content Manager)
- **Remove** – Remove users as (Commenter/Viewer/Contributor/Manager/Content Manager)
- **Replace** – Replace existing permissions/users as (Commenter/Viewer/Contributor/Manager/Content Manager)
- **Settings management** of Shared Drives:

    - Sharing only inside a domain
    - Sharing only with drive members
    - Only Contributors can download, copy and print

See the ‘how-to’ examples below.

- Add, Remove, Replace Shared drive permissions
- Shared Drives’ settings management