

# RelaNet Cloud Quick Start

A brief guide to using RelaNet Cloud for the first time

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#### Introduction

RelaNet Cloud is a service RelaNet provides to financial professionals like accountants, tax preparers, and bookkeepers which allows you to safely and securely exchange files that contain personal identifiers (like Social Security numbers), financial data, and other sensitive information. All files stored within RelaNet Cloud are encrypted in order to protect them from unauthorized access. The financial professional that you are working with has asked you to use RelaNet Cloud because he or she understands how important it is to secure this information in order to protect your privacy and prevent identity theft.

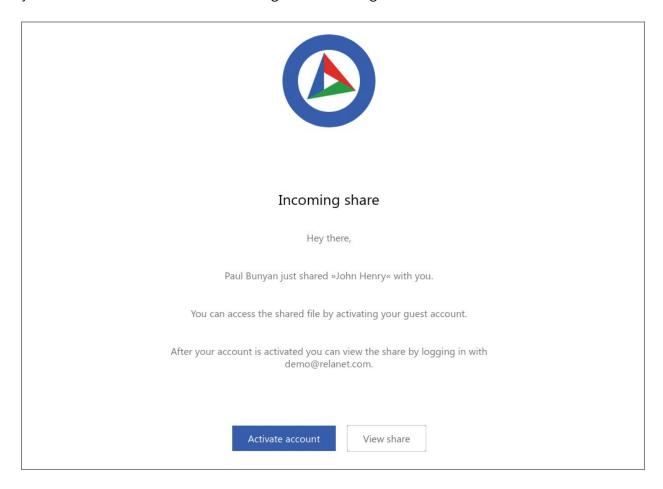
In this document we provide a brief overview of your initial interactions with RelaNet Cloud. We discuss how to log into your new account, how to set your password, and how to exchange files. We hope that this illustrated guide will make it easier to work with RelaNet Cloud and safely exchange information.

## **Activating Your Account**

Before you can access RelaNet Cloud and use it to exchange files, the financial professional that you are working with will need to create an account for you, and you will need to activate that account.

#### Your RelaNet Cloud Invitation

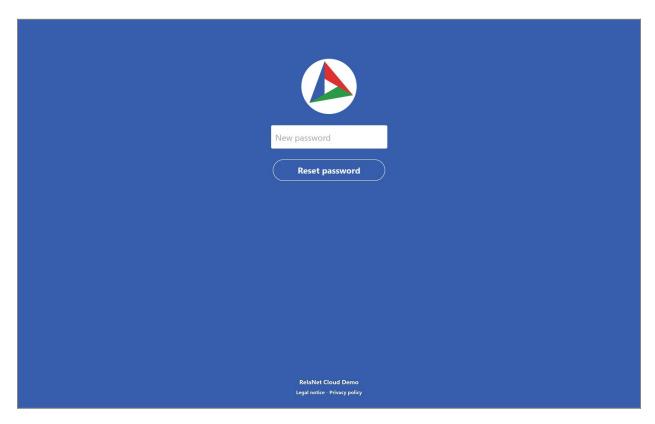
After your account is created, you will receive an invitation via email. The invitation you receive should look something like the image below.



Once you receive your RelaNet Cloud invitation, click on the *Activate account* button located towards the bottom of the email. This will open RelaNet Cloud in your default web browser, and allow you to set your password.

#### **Setting Your Password**

After you click on the *Activate account* button in your RelaNet Cloud invitation, you will be taken to a screen where you can set your RelaNet Cloud Password.

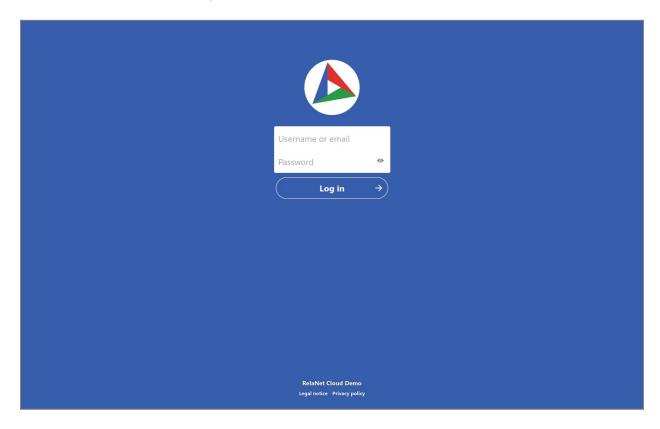


To set your password, choose a password, enter it into the *New password* text box, and then click the *Reset password* button.

When choosing your password, please be aware that it will need to meet certain requirements that have been established to ensure the security of RelaNet Cloud. Your password must be at least 10 characters long, and must contain at least one upper case letter, one lower case letter, and one number. Your password must also not appear on lists of commonly used passwords, or lists of compromised passwords.

#### **Your Initial Login**

After you set your password, you will automatically be taken to the initial login screen, where you can log into RelaNet Cloud for the first time.



To log into RelaNet Cloud, enter the email address that your RelaNet Cloud invitation was sent to as well as the password that you chose, and then click on the *Log in* button.

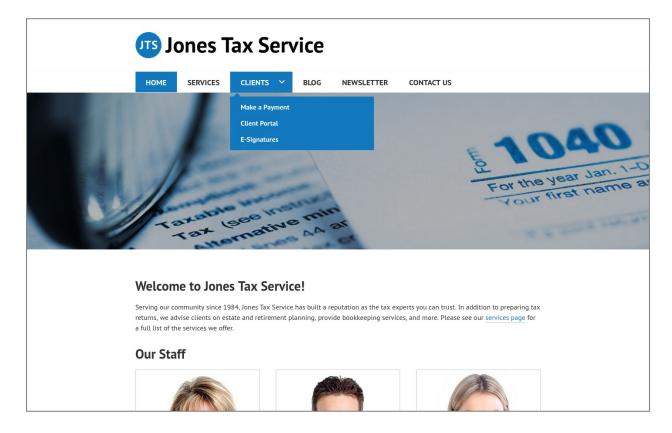
After logging in, you will be taken to the Files area of RelaNet Cloud. (For more information about using RelaNet Cloud, see *Exchanging Files*.)

## **Logging Into RelaNet Cloud**

The first time that you log into RelaNet Cloud, you will need to log in using the procedure detailed in the *Activating Your Account* section. That procedure only needs to be completed once, however. After that, you can log in using just your email address and password.

#### **Opening RelaNet Cloud**

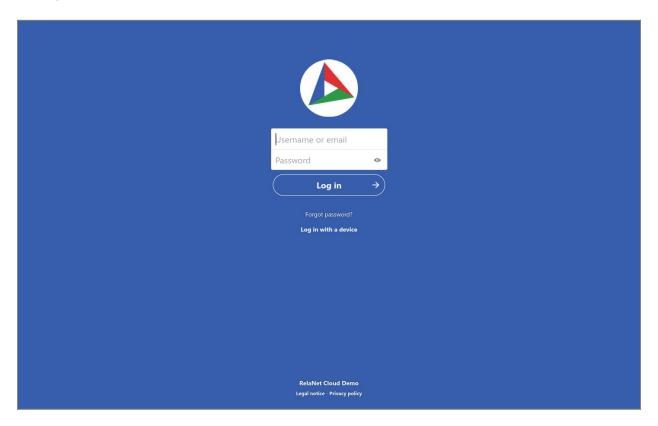
Before you can log into RelaNet Cloud, you must first open it in your web browser. To open RelaNet Cloud, visit your financial professional's website, and look for a "Client Portal" link in the website's main menu.



Your financial professional's website will probably look different than the image above, and the menu might be in a slightly different place, but once you find the main menu, you should also find the "Client Portal" link. Once you find that link, click on it to open RelaNet Cloud.

#### Logging In

When you open RelaNet Cloud, you may be taken to the log in screen if it has been a long time since you last opened RelaNet Cloud.

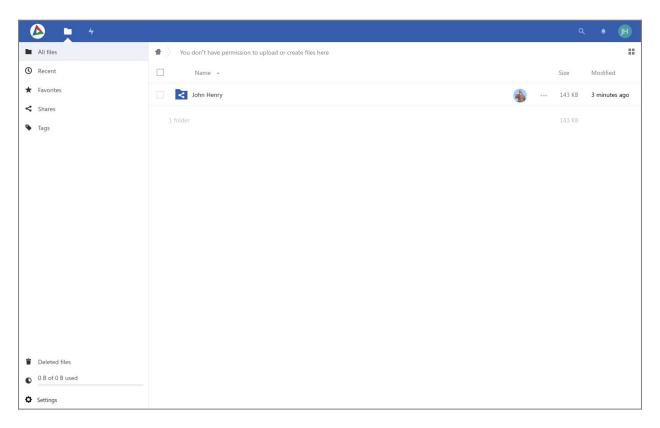


To log into RelaNet Cloud, enter the email address that your RelaNet Cloud invitation was sent to as well as the password that you chose, and then click on the *Log in* button.

After logging in, you will be taken to the Files area of RelaNet Cloud. (For more information about using RelaNet Cloud, see *Exchanging Files*.)

## **Exchanging Files**

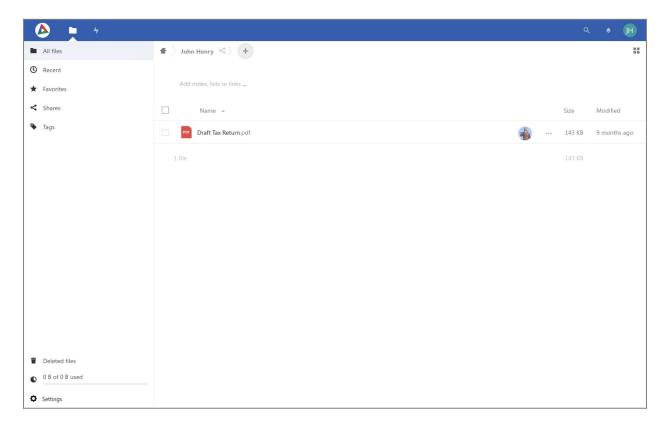
To exchange files with your financial professional, you first need to log into RelaNet Cloud. (For more information about logging in, see *Logging Into RelaNet Cloud*.) After logging in, you will be taken to the *Files* area of RelaNet Cloud.



In the Files area, you should find a folder. (In the image above, the folder it titled "John Henry".) This folder is shared between you and the financial professional that invited to you to RelaNet Cloud. Any files placed in that folder will be visible to both parties.

#### **Receiving Files**

To receive files from your financial professional, open your shared folder by clicking on it.



Once your shared file is open, all the files in that folder will be displayed. (In the image above, the shared folder contains only one file called "Draft Tax Return.pdf".)

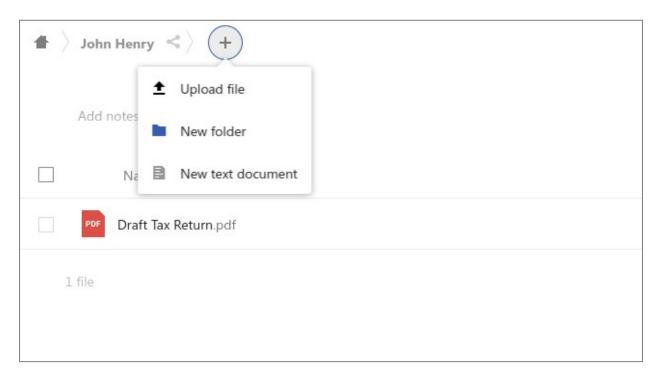
To download a file, right on the file to open its action menu. Then click on the *Download* option in the file's action menu.



After clicking on the *Download* option your web browser may prompt you to ask where you would like to save the file, or the file might be automatically downloaded to your downloads directory.

#### **Sending Files**

To send files to your financial professional, open your shared folder by clicking on it. Then click the *Plus* button towards the top of the screen. This will open the button's action menu. Select the *Upload file* menu option in the action menu.



Clicking on the *Upload file* option will open your computer's file selection dialog. Select the file that you want to upload from your computer's file selection dialog, and the file will be uploaded to RelaNet Cloud. (The details of selecting a file will differ depending the operating system of the computer of smartphone being used.) After the file is uploaded, it should appear in your shared folder.

Alternately, if you are using a laptop or desktop computer, you can find the file that you want to upload in your file system and drag the file's icon to RelaNet Cloud in your web browser. The file will be uploaded automatically.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What Is My Username?

When you log into RelaNet Cloud, your username is the email address that your RelaNet Cloud invitation was sent to.

#### How Do I Reset My Password?

If you have forgotten your RelaNet Cloud Password, you can reset it yourself. Open RelaNet Cloud and look at the login screen. Below the *Log in* button, you will see a link the reads "Forgot password?" Click on that link and you will be able to reset your password to a new value.

#### What If I Didn't Receive My Invitation?

If you did not receive an expected invitation to RelaNet Cloud, there are a few things you can do:

- 1. Check your "Spam" folder to see if the invitation was saved there.
- 2. Make sure that you are checking the same email account that your financial professional sent the invitation to.
- 3. Wait a little longer. Email is usually delivered within seconds of being sent, but sometimes it can take several minutes for an email to be delivered.

If none of these solutions help, contact your financial professional and ask him or her to recreate your account. When the account is recreated, your invitation will be resent.

#### How Can I Get More Help?

If you need help using RelaNet Cloud, please contact the financial professional that created your account. RelaNet is unable to assist end users who were invited by our customers, so please do not contact RelaNet directly for support. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.