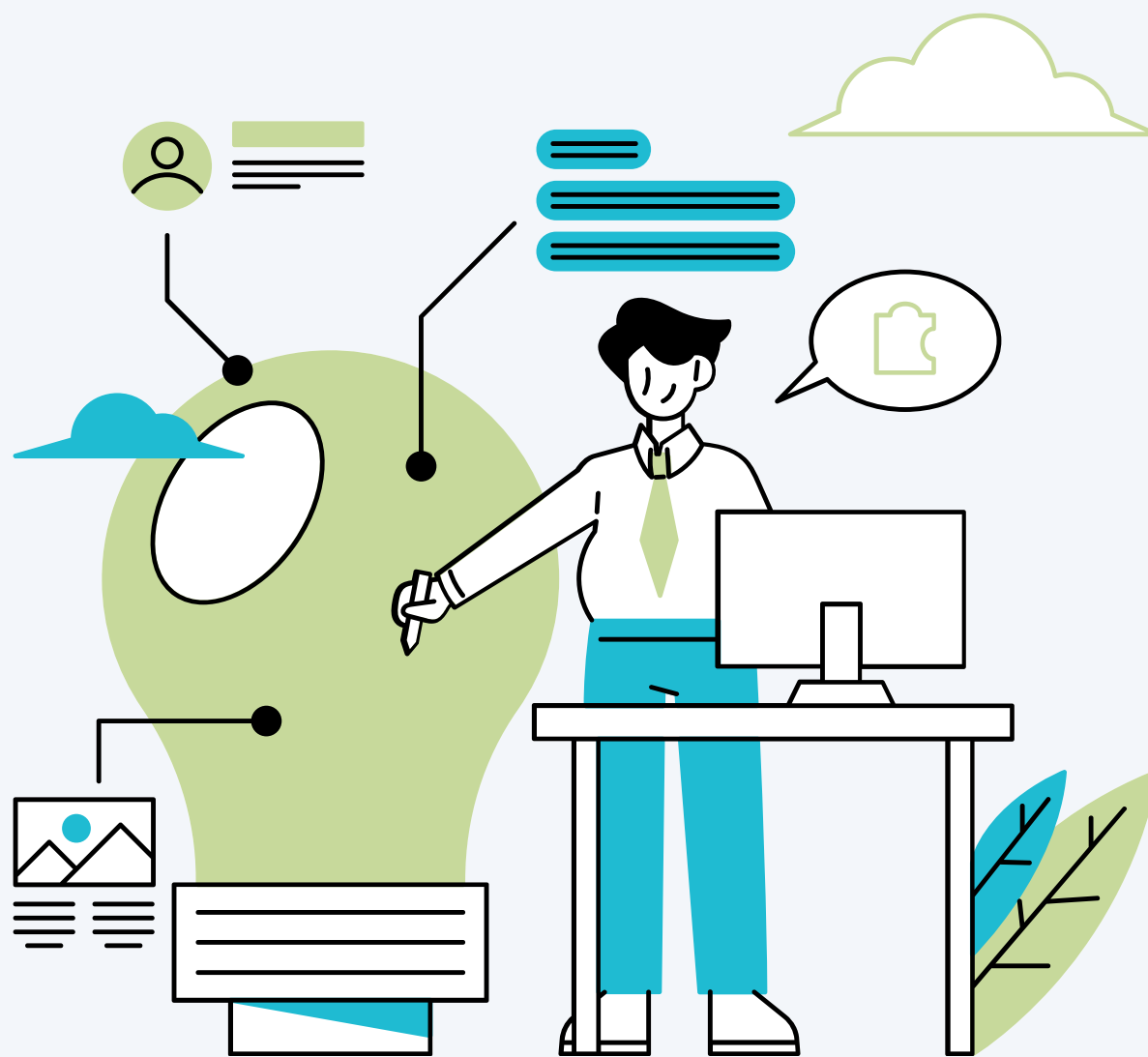


Perplexity AI Spaces

A Practical Tool for Academic Researchers



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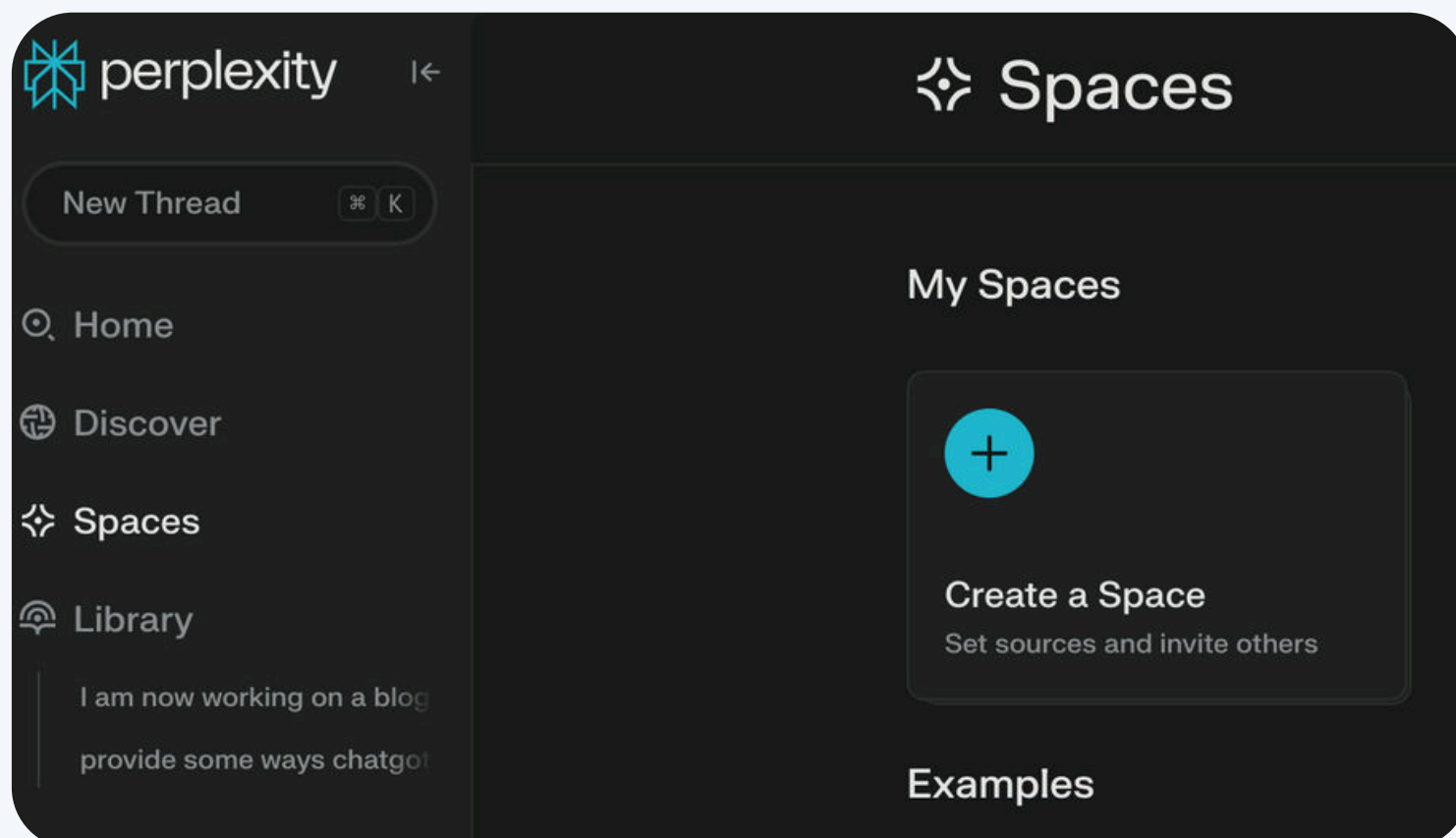
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What is Spaces?

Spaces is Perplexity AI's answer to ChatGPT and Claude's Projects feature.

It gives you a dedicated workspace where you can organize your research, upload files, and interact with your materials all in one place.

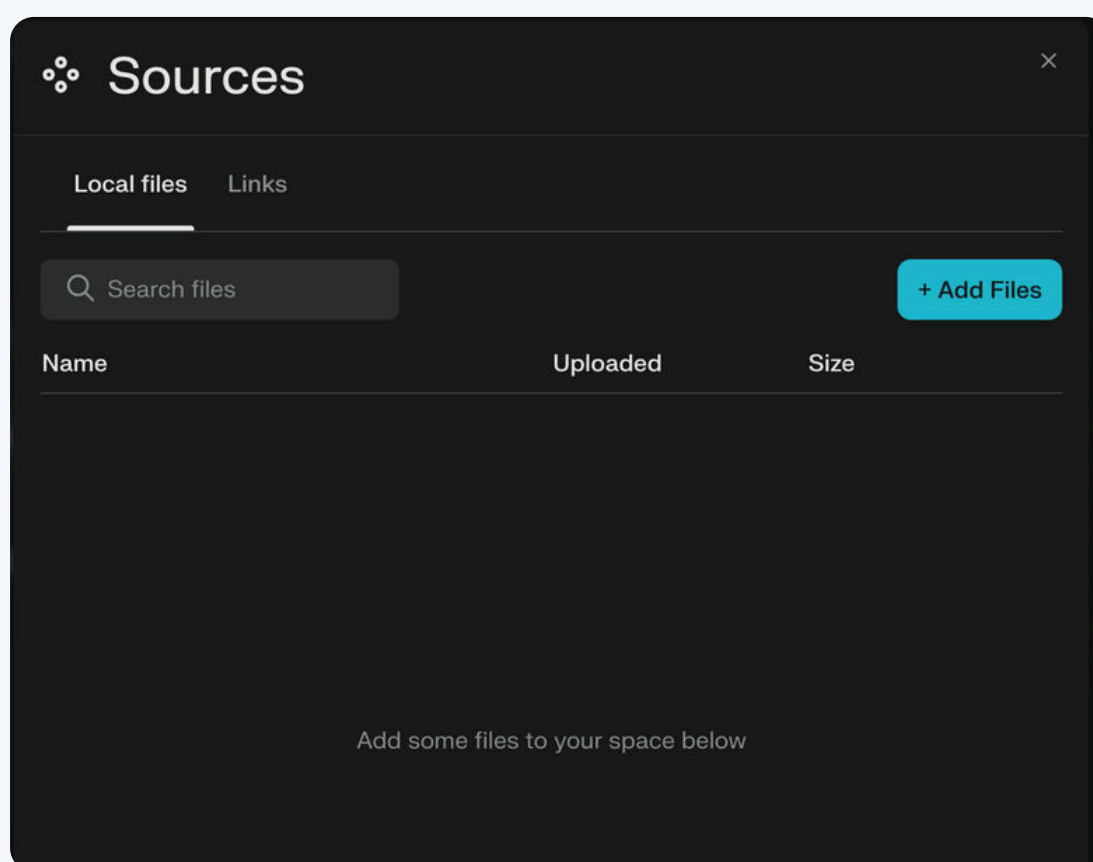




Think of Spaces as your personal knowledge hub

In a Space, you can:




- Upload research papers, PDFs, or links
- Add custom instructions to guide how the assistant behaves
- Save ongoing conversations
- Invite collaborators to join your project





One of the best parts? The search options

You can choose exactly where to search:

-  Only your uploaded files
-  Just the links you've added
-  Or go broad: Web + Files + Links for comprehensive results

Perfect when you want to focus—or when you want it all.









Example: Literature Review

Let's say you're writing a literature review on "AI in Education."

Here's how Spaces can help:

-  Upload all your collected readings
-  Ask for summaries, themes, arguments, counterpoints
-  Check if your research question has already been tackled
-  Get new angles and ideas you might've missed





Bonus: Collaboration

Working with a research partner or supervisor?

Invite them to your Space.

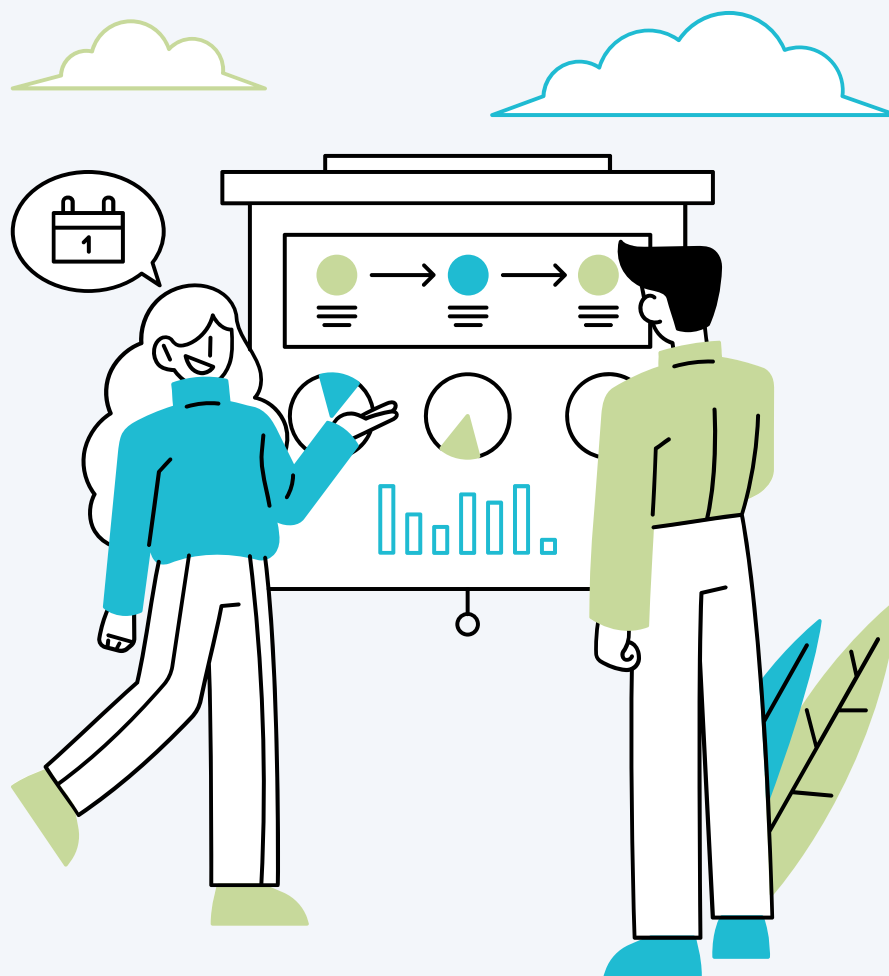
Everyone sees the same files and can interact with the assistant inside the shared workspace.





One note about access

- ❌ Free users can create and organize Spaces
 - ✅ But only Pro users can upload and use files in search
- If you want full functionality, a Pro subscription is worth it.





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