



All Drobos are excellent destinations for backup data. Not only are Drobos remarkably easy to use, but you can instantly and infinitely grow storage capacity, ensuring that you always have enough space to back up important data.

Drobo® PC Backup is now included with every Drobo, Drobo S, Drobo FS, and Drobo B800fs to make backing up your Windows computers as easy as possible. To purchase more Drobo PC Backup licenses, visit www.drobostore.com.

Topics

- Backup basics
- Back up to a direct-attached Drobo
- Back up to a networked Drobo
- Back up your computer and a Drobo to another Drobo
- Create an offsite copy of your backup data

What You Will Need

- A computer running Windows
 - Windows XP (32-bit)
 - Windows Vista (32 and 64-bit)
 - Windows 7 (32 and 64-bit)
- Drobo, Drobo S, Drobo FS, or Drobo B800fs
- Drobo PC Backup (included in the Drobo box)



Backup Basics

Your data is important, so create backup copies of everything to ensure that it doesn't vanish one day. Whether it is digital music you purchase or photos of your children and friends, some data is expensive to replace while other data is irreplaceable. Here are backup basics that you should follow:

1. Create backup copies of all of your files. This saves you if your computer dies, if it is stolen, or if your hard disk drive fails. You can always get a new computer, but if your data is not backed up, you cannot get that back.
2. Save multiple versions of all of your files. This saves you from file corruption, viruses, and user error by allowing you to revert back to a previous version of a file.
3. Take your backup data off site. This saves your data from a major disaster like fire, flood, and theft. Major disasters are not fun to think about, but if they occur, it's good to know that you can recover your data.

Drobo PC Backup can easily help you implement all of these backup basics and ensure that you're automatically protected all of the time. It allows you to focus on creating and using data without worrying about protecting it.

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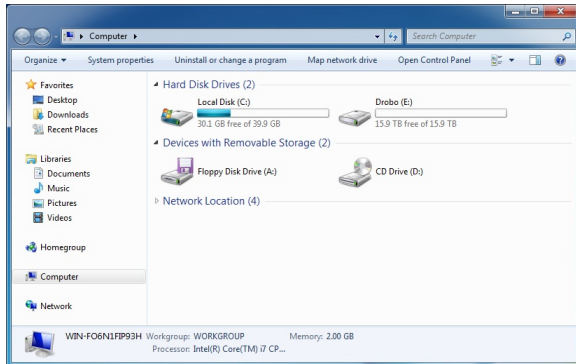
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Back Up to a Direct-Attached Drobo

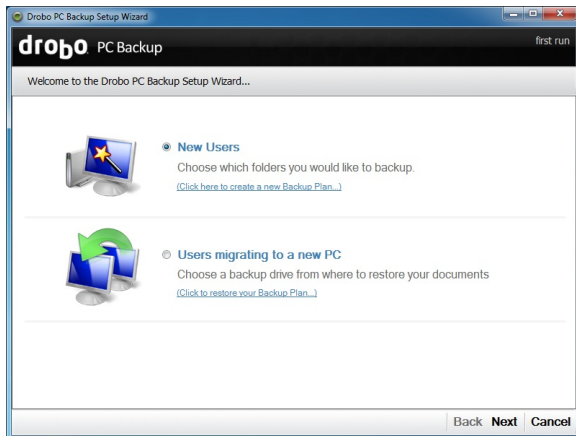
If you have just one computer that you need to back up, you can connect your Drobo or Drobo S directly to the computer using a USB, FireWire, or eSATA cable. Drobo PC Backup ensures that all of your valuable data is automatically backed up to your Drobo.

STEP 1



Follow the *Drobo User Guide* to set up, initialize, and format your Drobo for use with your computer. Once this is complete, a drive letter representing the Drobo appears in Windows Explorer.

STEP 2



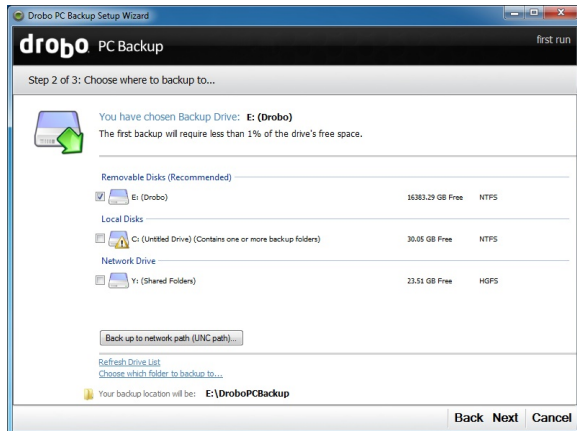
Install and launch **Drobo PC Backup**.

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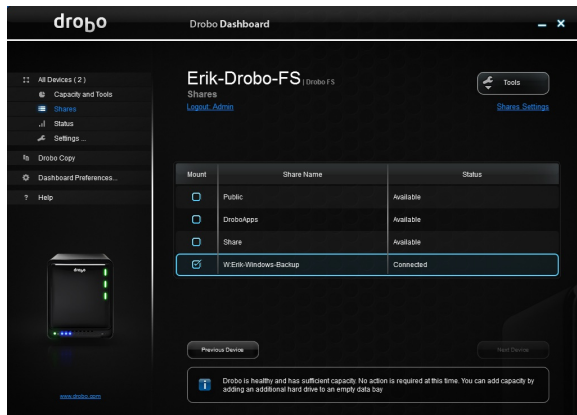


Continue through the Setup wizard to choose which files you would like to back up. When you get to the “Choose where to back up to...” window, check the box next to your Drobo in the **Removable Disks** section.

Back Up to a Networked Drobo

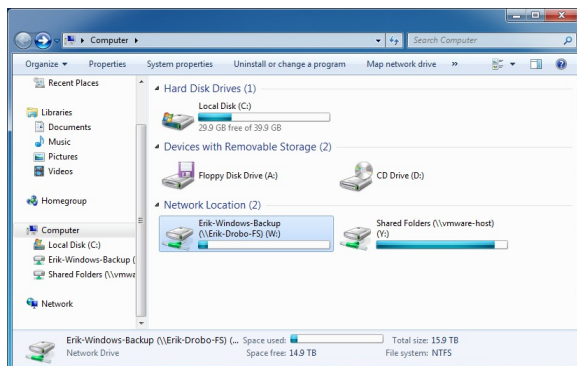
If you have a Drobo FS or a Drobo B800fs connected to your network, you can back up your computer to an available network share. A networked Drobo allows you to back up multiple computers to their own shares.

STEP 1



Follow the *Drobo User Guide* to set up, initialize, and format the Drobo for use with your computer. Once this is complete, create a new share using **Drobo Dashboard** and mount by checking the box next to the share name.

STEP 2



Verify that the Drobo share you want to back up to is now seen in Windows Explorer. In this example, the share is mapped to the W: drive.

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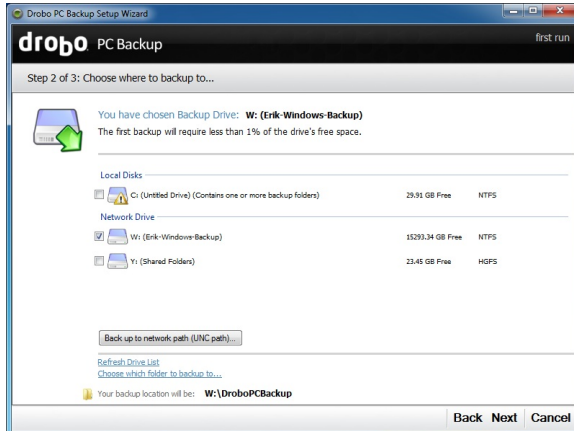


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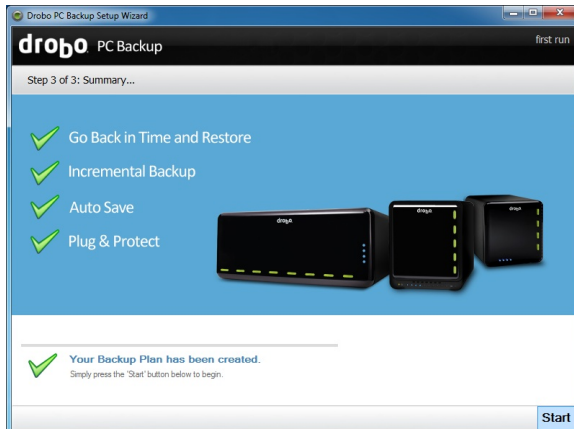
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STEP 4



Continue through the Setup wizard to choose which files you would like to back up. When you get to the "Choose where to back up to..." window, check the box next to your Drobo share in the **Network Drive** section.

STEP 5



Continue through the wizard and click **Start** to begin backing up your computer to your Drobo.

STEP 6

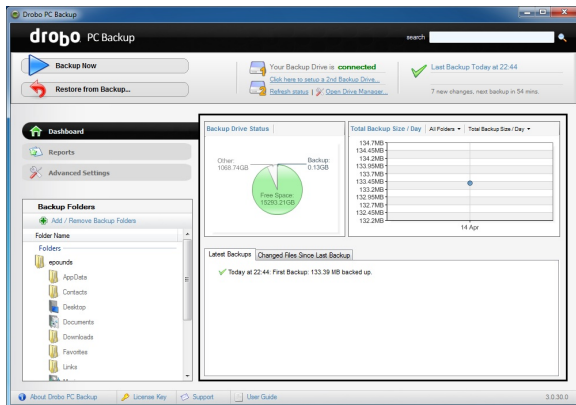
Repeat steps 1 through 5 for additional computers you would like to back up to this networked Drobo.



Back Up Your Computer and a Drobo to Another Drobo

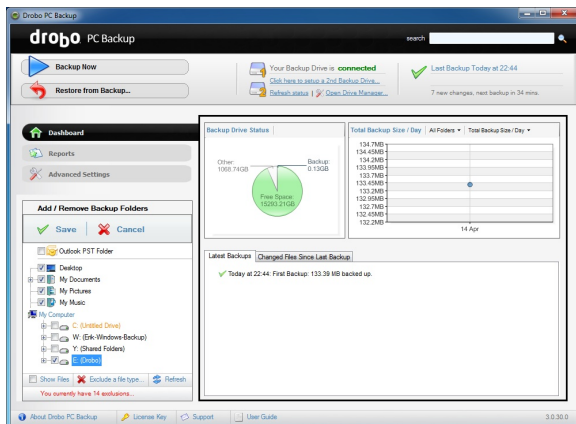
Drobo PC Backup cannot only back up your internal hard disk drive, but also external hard disk drives, such as a direct-attached Drobo to another Drobo. If you are using a Drobo for primary storage, you should ensure that it's backed up.

STEP 1



In the main Drobo PC Backup window, click the **Add/Remove Backup Folders** link on the left side of the window.

STEP 2



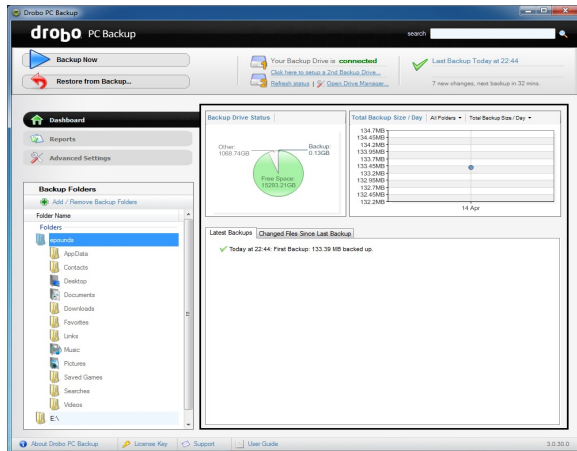
In addition to the already selected folders to be backed up, also check the locally attached Drobo. Then click **Save**.

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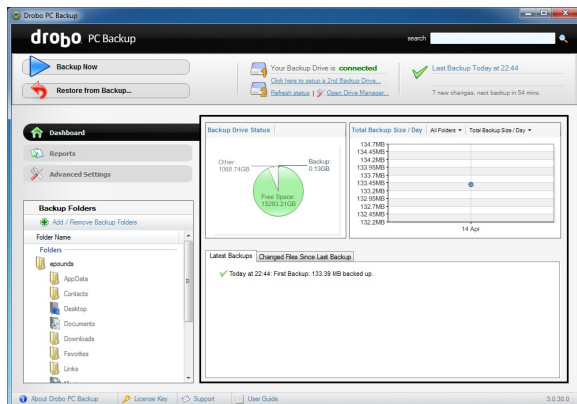


Your local user data and data on an external drive will now be backed up.

Create an Offsite Copy of Your Backup Data

Drobo PC Backup can also automatically clone your primary backup drive to a secondary backup drive. This allows you to take a secondary backup drive offsite to protect your files from a major disaster such as fire, flood, or theft.

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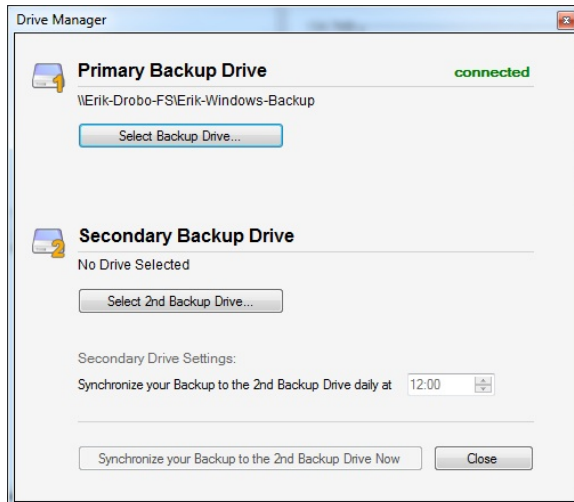
In the main Drobo PC Backup window, click the **Click here to setup a 2nd Backup Drive...** link near the top middle of the screen.

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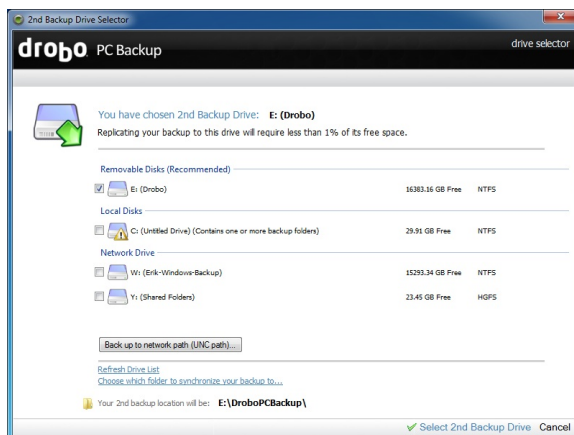


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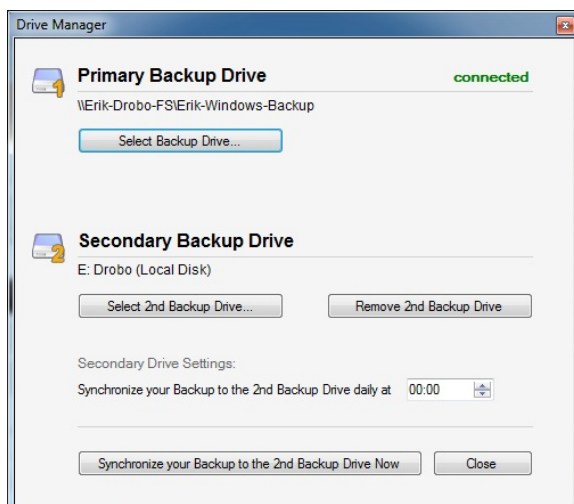
In the Drive Manager window, click **Select 2nd Backup Drive**....

STEP 3



Check the box next to the Drobo that you would like to use as a secondary backup drive. Then click **Select 2nd Backup Drive** button at the bottom right of the window.

STEP 4



You now have a secondary backup drive set up, so that all of your backup data will now exist on two drives.

In this window, you can also set the time the second drive will be synchronized with the primary drive.

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