



Backup Plus Portable Drive™ Reviewer's Guide

Backup Plus



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Overview

In the box

- Backup Plus Portable Drive™ Portable Drive
- 18" USB 3.0 cable
- USB 3.0 Adapter
- Seagate Dashboard Installer pre-loaded on drive
- NTFS driver for Mac pre-loaded on drive
- Quick Start Guide
- 2 Year Limited Warranty

System Requirements

- PC or Mac® computer running Windows® 7, Vista®, XP SP3 or Mac OS® X 10.6 operating system or higher for loading media on to Backup Plus drive via USB

Specifications

- Length (in/mm): 4.86/123.4
- Width (in/mm): 3.19/81.1
- Depth (in/mm): 0.57/14.5
- Weight (in/mm): 0.440/0.224

Purpose of this guide

The Seagate Backup Plus Portable Drive will allow you to quickly back up your valuable data and irreplaceable memories, both locally and to the cloud. One of the key features of this drive is its ability to save content from Facebook and other social media sites directly to the drive. We invite you to test the limits of your imagination. The Backup Plus works with the following social media sites:



Facebook



Flick



YouTube

Backup Plus—Installation and Use

Quick Start: Setting Up Your Backup Plus Portable Drive

IMPORTANT: Don't format the drive before you use it!

The Seagate Backup Plus Portable Drive is a cross-platform device—it is both Mac and PC compatible.

Upon opening the box, please verify that you have the following items in your possession before you begin:

- Backup Plus Portable Drive
- Detachable USB 3.0 Cable

Assembly

1. Remove all items from the packaging.
2. Connect the Detachable USB 3.0 Cable to the Backup Plus Portable Drive.
3. You can now connect your Backup Plus Portable Drive to your Windows PC or Mac via the USB 3.0 Cable.

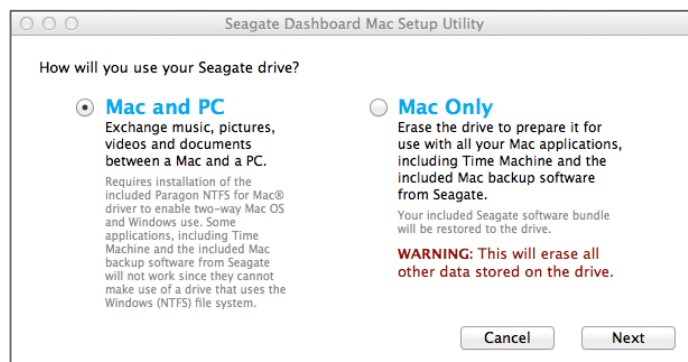
Mac users, please note: When you connect your Backup Plus Portable Drive to your Mac, a prompt will appear on the screen asking you “Do you want to use ‘Backup Plus Portable Drive’ to back up with Time Machine?”

Because you will be using the Backup Plus Portable Drive primarily to backup and upload media to various social media sites, we recommend that you choose “Decide Later” or “Don't Use.”

4. Windows PC users can now skip ahead to page 7. Mac users should continue reading so that we can guide you through a brief software install so that you can get the most out of your Backup Plus Portable Drive.

Mac Software Setup

1. When you connect your Backup Plus Portable Drive, you will see a file in the “Seagate Backup Plus Drive” folder titled “Mac Installer.dmg” Double-click on that file and go through the simple product registration process.
2. Once that is complete, you will see a prompt titled “Install Seagate Backup Plus”. Keep selecting “Continue” and later, “Agree” to proceed. You will then see a screen titled “Standard Install on...” and the name of your local hard drive. Select “Install” to proceed. Please note that if your Mac is password protected, you will need to enter your password to authorize the installation of the Seagate software.
3. After the software has been successfully installed, select “Restart” to complete the installation.



Seagate Dashboard—Installation and Use

The Seagate Dashboard works seamlessly with your Backup Plus Portable Drive. It is comprised of three main components: Protect (backup your computer), Save (download content from your social media sites), and Share (upload content to your social media sites). The benefit of this is that in just 3 clicks, you can perform all three tasks.

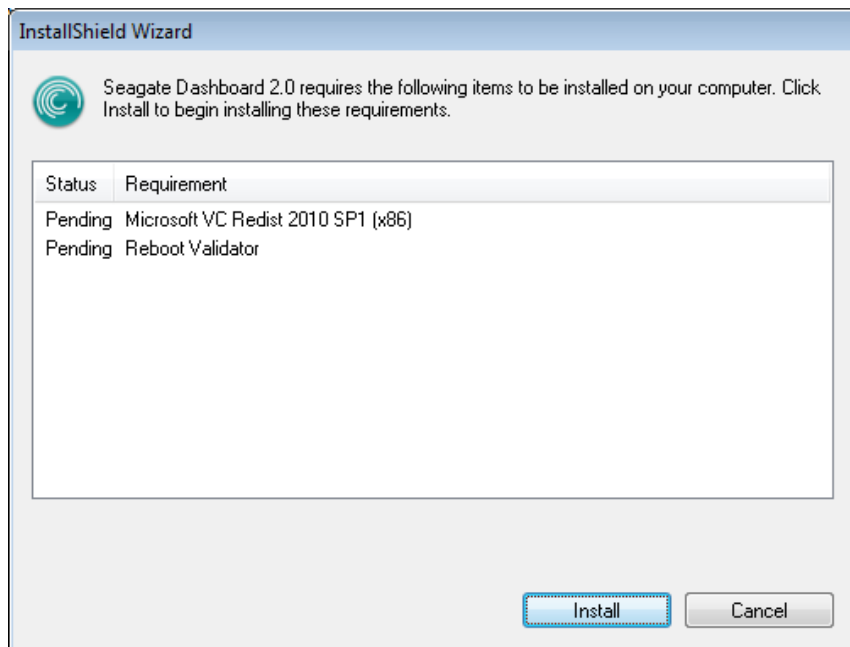
When new items are added to your computer and/or your social media sites, the Seagate Dashboard can scan them for new items and categorize them accordingly. This eliminates the need to constantly instruct the software where the new information goes. And as an added bonus; Seagate will provide up to 4GB of Cloud Storage for free for an entire year.

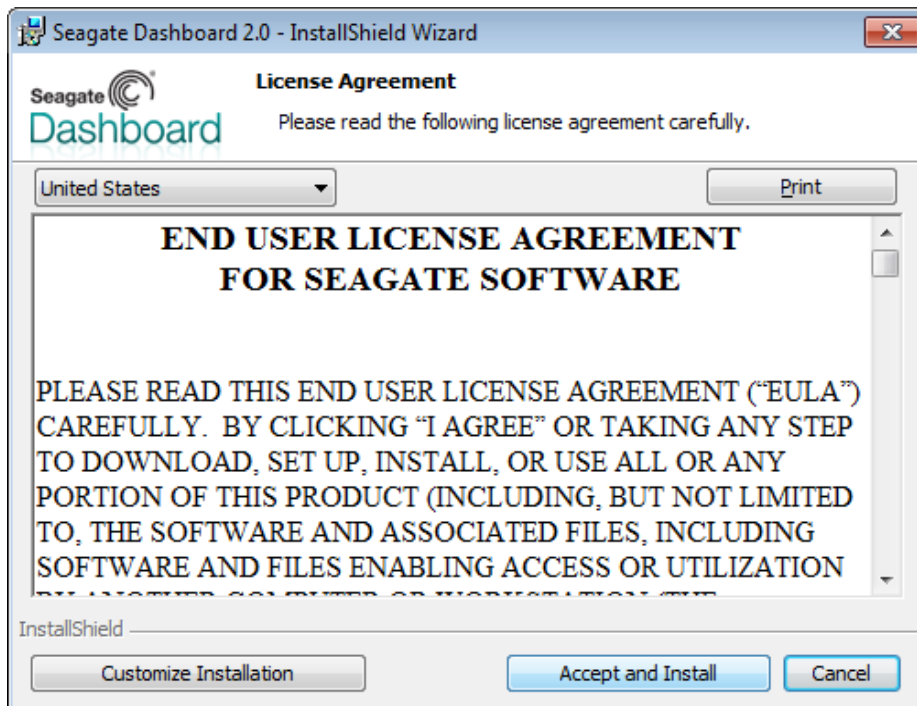
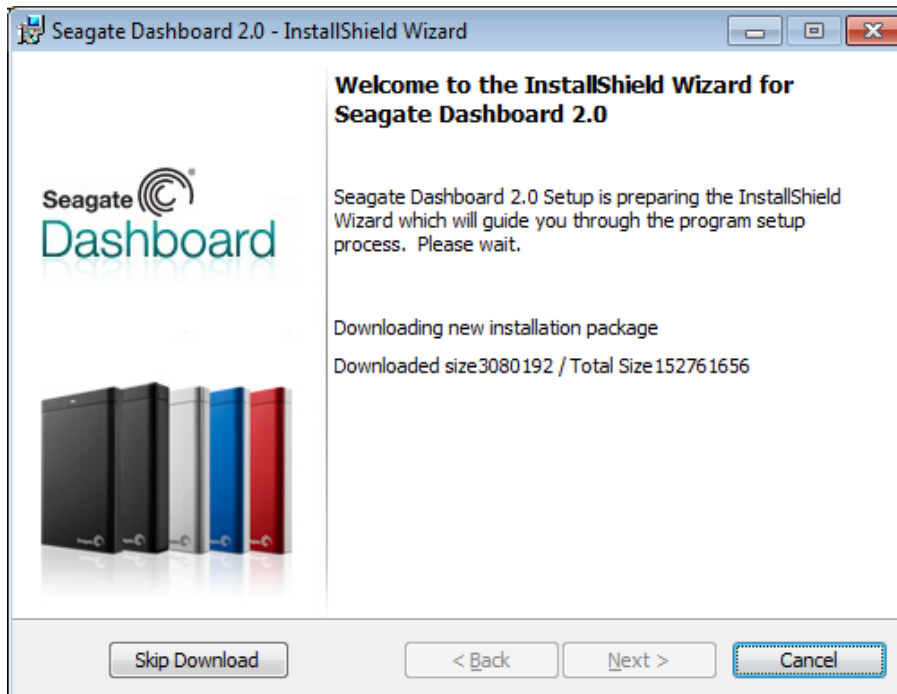
(As was briefly mentioned, the Seagate Dashboard is Mac compatible but for the purposes of this reviewer's guide, we will focus on the Windows environment.)

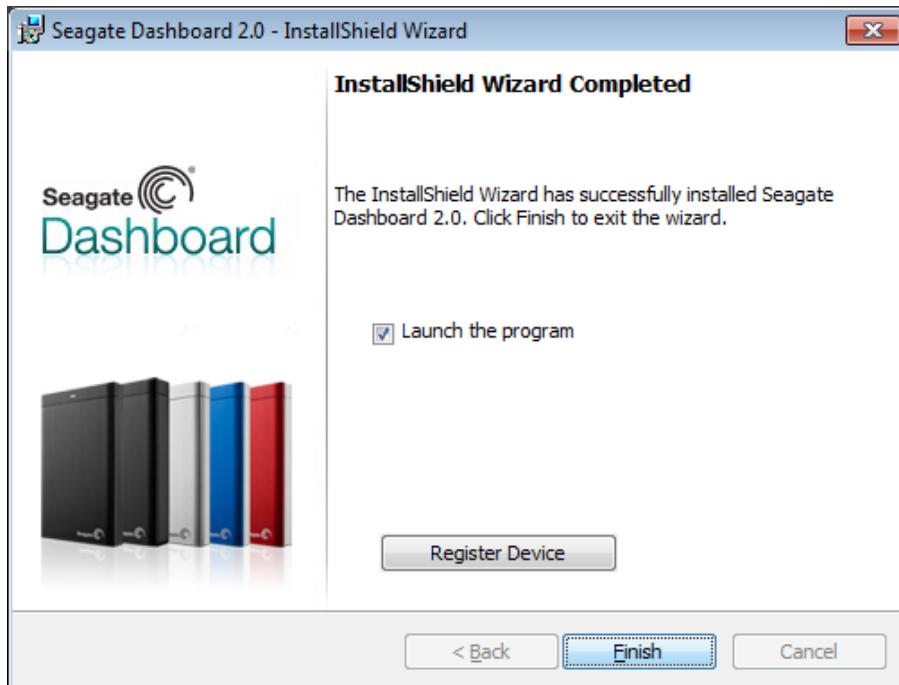
Ok, let's walk through the installation and use of the Seagate Dashboard.

Installation:

1. On your Windows desktop (or the Windows Start Menu), double click My Computer.
2. Locate and double click the Seagate Backup Plus Drive
3. Double click the Seagate Dashboard Installer.exe (you may be prompted to install Microsoft VC Redist 2010 SP1 (x86) component) & Reboot Validator, install the files
 - a. Accept any update that is available to get the latest version of the Seagate Dashboard rather than doing a manual update later.





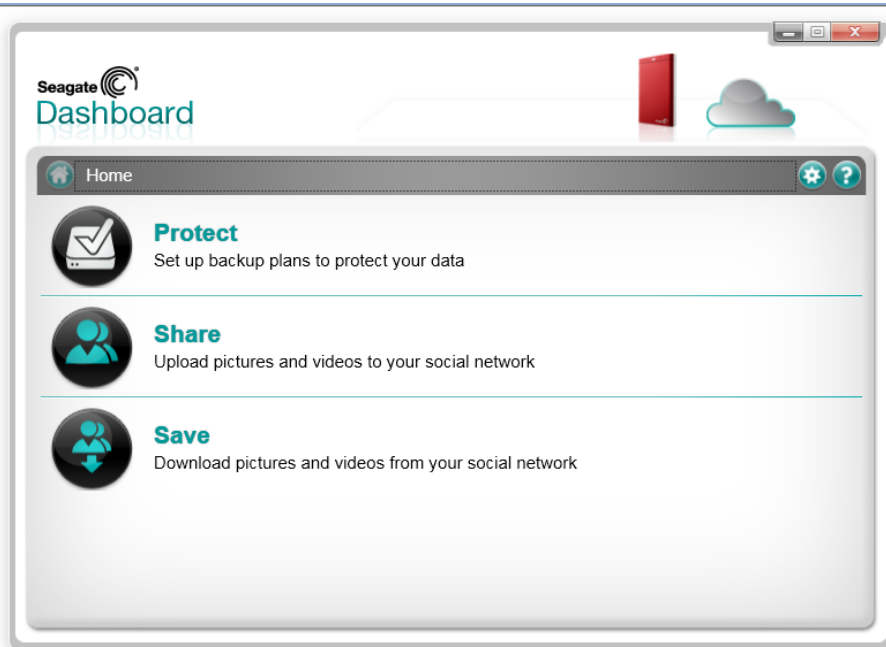


4. Click Finish. After a few moments the Seagate Dashboard will launch.

Once the Seagate Dashboard is installed and opened you will now have access to the Protect, Share and Save features.

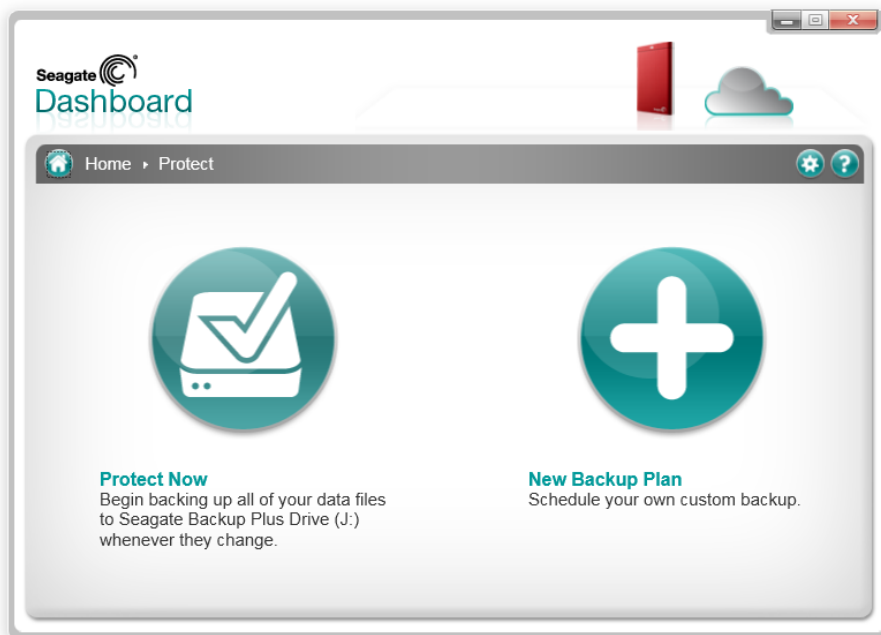
Protect

This feature will allow you to back up some or all of your non-system files. This includes your documents, photos, and videos:

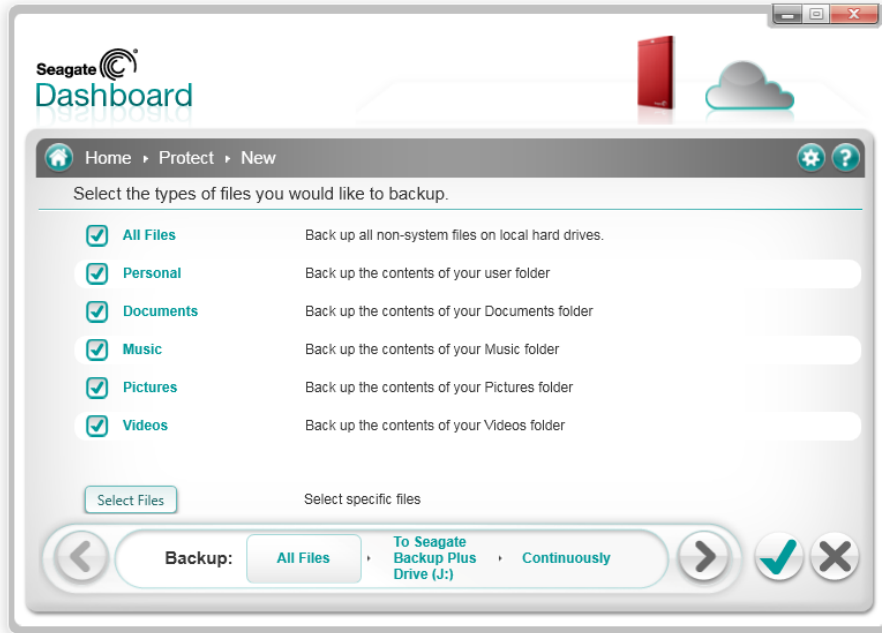


After clicking Protect, you will be presented with two options:

- **Protect Now:** This will back up all of your data files to your Seagate Backup Plus drive
- **New Backup Plan:** This allows for the scheduling of a custom back up

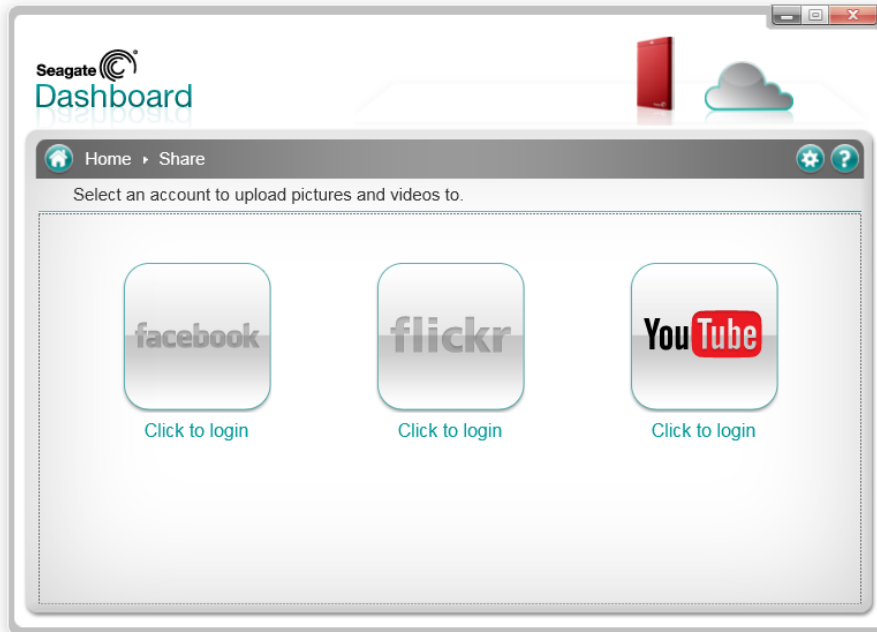


The New Backup Plan will not only allow you to set up a scheduled backup routine but it gives you the ability to pick and choose which files you wish to back up

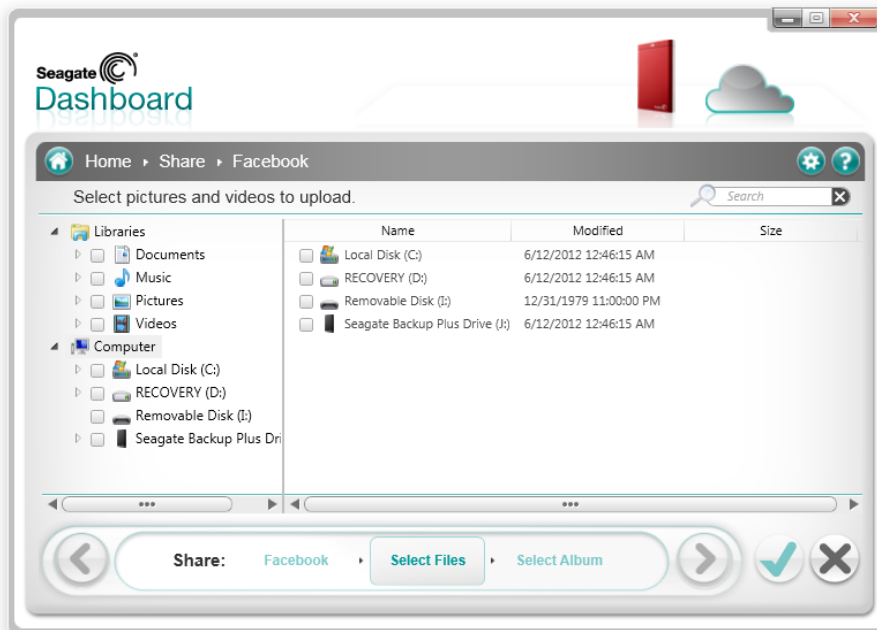


Share

This will upload pictures and videos to your social network. Upon clicking the share button, you will first be asked to sign in to your social media sites.

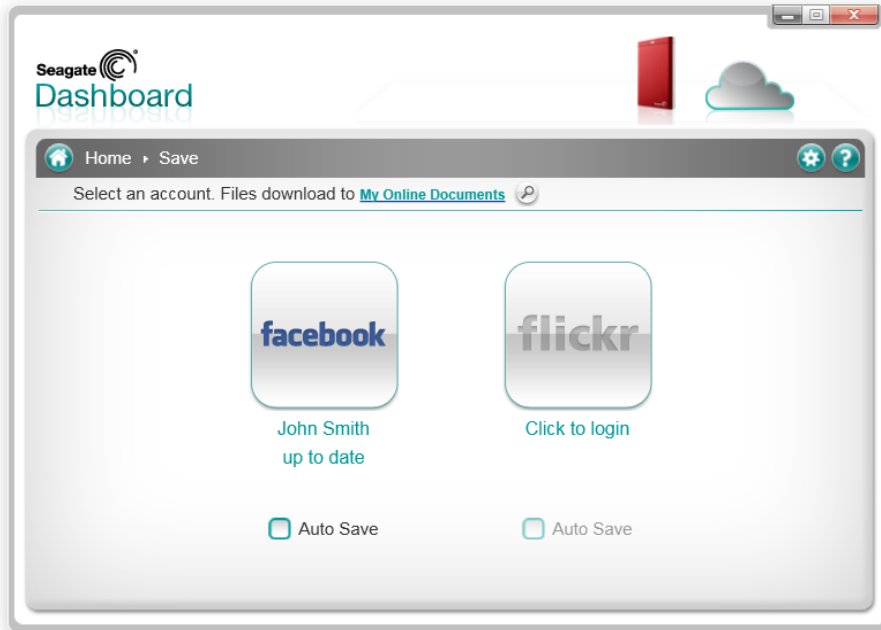


Upon signing in, you can then select which social media site to work with and the folders that you want to upload from.



Save

The Save feature allows for the downloading of pictures and videos from your social network. When downloaded, the files will appear in the My Online Documents folder.



When using the Save feature, you have the option to Auto Save. The Auto Save option will scan your social networks and automatically download any new items to the My Online Documents folder. By default, the My Online Documents will be created on the C: drive of your computer, but with a simple click on the My Online Documents link at the top of window, you can place the folder on the Backup Plus drive.

After all your files have been downloaded, the Backup Plus drive will list all of them in the My Online Documents, grouped together by the social media service they were downloaded from: Facebook, Flickr, or YouTube.

Working With Your Media—Using the Backup Plus Portable Drive Anywhere:

Now that you have backed up your videos, music, photos and documents to the Backup Plus Portable Drive, you can take it with you. The drive is completely self-contained and you are not restricted to just one machine. The Seagate Dashboard Installer file allows for multiple installs. Once the software is installed on the new computer, launch the application, log in to your social media sites and you can upload and download files to your Backup Plus Portable Drive as if you were at home. As with all Seagate drives, the Backup Plus Portable drive can still be used as a regular portable drive for carrying around the important files you use every day.

Wrapping Up

Tutorial Videos

To give customers immediate satisfaction with using the product, Seagate has pre-loaded several videos on the Backup Plus Drive. These videos include tutorials on how to use the product for ease of use and maximum satisfaction.

Commonly Asked Questions

You have reached the end of the Reviewer's Guide for the Backup Plus Portable device. Please allow us to address a couple of questions that have come up regarding the device after we brought it to market:

Q: I noticed there are several files preloaded on the drive. Are there any files that must remain or can I delete everything so that I can have more space?

A: All files can be removed from the drive BUT we do recommend keeping the tutorials and the Seagate Dashboard Installer available on the drive. The tutorials serve as a great reference for current and new users. The Installer file gives you the ability to turn any computer that you connect to in to a portal for accessing your social media files.

Q: Can I use the drive without the Seagate Dashboard software?

A: Yes. While the Seagate Dashboard software represents a necessary component for one click back up, and sharing and saving your social media files, the Backup Plus Portable drive still allows for copy and pasting and/or dragging and dropping files directly on to the drive.

Q: Does my computer need to have a USB 3.0 port?

A: No.

Q: Now that I have all the content I want on my Backup Plus mobile device, do I need to carry my USB cables for any reason?

A: Yes. The only cable that you need to carry is the USB 3.0 cable that is packed in the box. Keep in mind that connection to the drive is unique to Backup Plus drive, so if a replacement cable is needed, it can be purchased from Seagate directly.

Seagate Dashboard Updates

From time to time Seagate will provide updates for Dashboard software to add features and enhance the experience with the product. A notification of new updates will be communicated to the user via the internet when the drive is connected to a computer that is connected to the internet. The process is easy and will only take a few minutes. The process of implementing these updates is simple, go to settings (identified by the gear icon in the upper right-hand side of the software window) within the Dashboard and then select the Update tab. Within the Update tab there is a button labeled 'check for updates,' click on this button and as long as the system is connected to the network the update will download automatically.

We hope you enjoy the many ways that you can use the Backup Plus mobile device from Seagate. With the ability to Protect your computer's data, Share your social media files by simply uploading pictures and videos directly from the drive and Save your files from your social media sites in a very easy manner, you should be able quickly realize that the Seagate Backup Plus Portable drive is great tool that offers wonderful peace of mind because your files will be safe and with you at all times. Don't forget, the Backup Plus can also be used to transport and secure documents as well which gives you an added business use component.

Enjoy!

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