

Quick Overview

FolderShare™ is not your typical remote-access/remote-control application. FolderShare is a next generation productivity tool that allows people to work with their files no matter where they are. FolderShare runs silently in the background, so users do not have to alter the way they normally work.

FolderShare allows users to create a private peer-to-peer network for file synchronization across multiple computers, file sharing with friends, and remote file access. FolderShare eliminates the need to send large files via email, burn data to CDs/DVDs, or upload files to a website. FolderShare allows sharing and syncing of important information instantly with invited members, making it the perfect solution for personal and small business use.

If you work on multiple computers FolderShare can help:

- Synchronize all your devices - Retrieve work files at home or access photos at work. With your devices in sync, you no longer have to be frustrated that your information is on another computer.
- Share files, photos, and videos with your peers - Select the content you want to share, invite members, and they will be able to access the shared files directly from their computer.
- Access your computer remotely - FolderShare mobile access allows you to remotely browse and download files from your computer from any web browser (including IE, FireFox, and Safari).

Works as You Work

Setup FolderShare and work on your computer as usual. When you are online, FolderShare runs in the background, keeping all your shared files, when modified, current on all synced devices.

Private and Secure

FolderShare is a controlled, invitation-only private network. Only invited users may access your shared files, and all FolderShare clients are authenticated by RSA key certificates. File transfers from computer to computer are securely protected by AES file encryption using 256-bit keys. In effect, FolderShare provides users with a personal and highly customizable VPN (Virtual Private Network).

Set Permissions

FolderShare offers five different permission levels to give you a variety of ways to share files. You determine the permission level for each member individually. Permission levels include:

Reader (read-only access)

Contributors (add files)

Editors (add/delete/change files)

Senior Editor (add members, change permission levels, and add/delete/change files)

Owners (add members, change permission levels, and add/delete/change files)

Enhanced With Desktop Search

Run FolderShare and Windows Desktop Search or Google Desktop Search and search all of your computers in parallel and view the results on any web browser. Files can then be downloaded and opened as usual.

How it Works

FolderShare is a service that allows you to securely keep files synchronized between your devices, share files with friends or colleagues, and remotely download your files from any web browser. FolderShare consists of two components - My FolderShare and the FolderShare Satellite.

My FolderShare: Configure and manage your account [from here](#).

- Go to www.foldershare.com from any web browser and login to access your "My FolderShare" page.
- From here you can do any of the following:
 - Setup devices to sync or share with
 - Invite others (via email address) to share your files
 - Manage your account - upgrade your subscription, change your email address or password
 - Get help
 - Download the latest software

FolderShare Satellite: The software you need to install on the device(s) you want to sync or share files with.

- The FolderShare Satellite will run in the background when you are online.
- As you update shared or synced files, it will automatically update them on the other devices connected.

Installation and Configuration

To get started, you will need to install the FolderShare Satellite on each computer you want to run FolderShare. During installation you will create an account. Once the Satellite is installed and running click the FolderShare icon in your system tray and select "My FolderShare" to login to the FolderShare website to start using the service.

Once there, select an option to either Sync My Folders (keep folders in sync between your own computers), Share with Friends (share a folder with your friends or colleagues), or Download My Files (remote web-download).



This will launch you into a wizard where you can select the folder you want to sync or share, or in the case of "Download My Files" choose a file you to download from a remote computer.

Note: To successfully "Sync My Folders" you will need to have FolderShare installed and running on at least two of your own computers.

Keeping Folders in Sync Between your Computers

When you choose to "Sync My Folders" you will need to specify a folder on at least two devices (computers) that you want to keep in sync. You can have FolderShare automatically sync common folders such as My Documents or Internet Favorites, or you can manually specify folders on each of your devices.

Once you select the folders you want to keep in sync, you will need to choose how the files will be synced on each device. By default each device is set to automatically sync – this means that all the files in these folders will be copied to each computer and any changes made to files in this folder will be made on all devices that you've setup to be included in this library (a library is the collection of folders that you've selected to keep in sync or share with other people). The other option is on-demand sync, when you choose to have a device in this mode – files will only be downloaded when you manually select them, one at a time. Once the file is downloaded – any changes made to that file will be automatically synced. On-Demand is a good setting for libraries with many large files that you might not want to download all at once, or for people with slower Internet connections.

After you are satisfied with the settings for this library – complete setup and the folders will begin syncing almost immediately. FolderShare runs silently in the background constantly monitoring the files in the folders you specified to keep in sync for any changes. Once changes are detected, they are replicated to all other computers. You can continue to access and work with the files in this synced folder as you normally do.

Tip: A quick way to open the folders you are syncing and sharing with FolderShare is to click on the FolderShare icon in your system tray and select the library name. This will open the folder you have specified to keep in sync with that library.

Sharing Folders with Others

When you choose this option, you will only need to setup a folder on one of your computers you want to share with friends or colleagues. After you select a folder to share, you will need to invite people with their email address – you can set various permission levels for each member giving them certain levels of interaction with the contents of this library. Once you're satisfied with your settings, complete setup and you're set. Invitation emails will go out to people you've invited to share with that aren't FolderShare users notifying providing them a link to automatically download and access the files in this library.

Technically – sharing with others is identical to keeping folders in sync between your own computers. Once files are added, changed, or deleted in this library – all computers setup to access it will receive those changes.

Remember, you do not need to invite yourself to share folders between your computers. You should use the "Sync My Folders" option to do this. If you want to setup additional personal devices with a Shared

Library – you can do so after its been created by selecting the add/remove devices option next to the library name on My FolderShare.

Remote Access to Files

The "Download My Files" option is intended for people to have a quick, easy way to download and access any file on their personal devices from any web browser. This is useful if you're on a public computer and can't install the FolderShare software. You are the only one who will be able to access the files on your computer – the people you are sharing folders with have no ability to web download files from any computer but their own. It's important that you pick a secure password and keep in confidential to prevent any kind of malicious activity. We've recently enhanced this feature by integrating FolderShare with Windows Desktop Search. When running both programs on the same computer you can remotely search and open files from anywhere.

System Requirements

Operating System:

Windows ME, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Server 2003

Hardware Requirements:

Intel Pentium II processor (or equivalent), 350 MHz or higher

128 MB RAM required, 256 MB RAM recommended

10 MB available hard disk space

Display Resolution:

800x600, 16 bit 65,536 color

Web Browser:

Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher, FireFox 1.0, Opera 7.x, Safari 1.x

Internet Connection:

56 kbps dialup connection minimum

LAN (Local Area Network) with Internet access, DSL, or cable modem preferred

Support

To help answer your questions we've put together a comprehensive FAQ

<https://www.foldershare.com/info/support.php>

Didn't find an answer to you question? Contact Us

<https://www.foldershare.com/account/feedback.php>

Availability

FolderShare 2.5 is available now. Each person can run FolderShare on all their computers or devices.