

Share a Folder or Drive

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Applies To: Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 R2

There are several methods you can use to share folders and files with others on the network. The **Create a Shared Folder Wizard** guides you through the steps of setting up a basic shared folder. You can also use the command-line interface to share a folder or drive.

- Using the Windows interface
- Using a command line

To share a folder or a drive by using the Windows interface

1. Open Computer Management.
2. If the **User Account Control** dialog box appears, confirm that the action it displays is what you want, and then click **Yes**.
3. In the console tree, click **System Tools**, click **Shared Folders**, and then click **Shares**.
4. On the **Action** menu, click **New Share**.
5. Follow the steps in the Create a Shared Folder Wizard, and then click **Finish**.

To share a folder or a drive by using a command line

1. To open an elevated Command Prompt window, click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, click **Accessories**, right-click **Command Prompt**, and then click **Run as administrator**.
2. If the **User Account Control** dialog box appears, confirm that the action it displays is what you want, and then click **Yes**.
3. Type:

```
net share <sharename=drive:path>
```

For example, to share a folder named myshare located on drive C, in the path \Users\Myname, type:

```
net share myshare=C:\Users\Myname
```

Value	Description
Net share	Creates, deletes, or displays shared folders.
<sharename>	The network name of the shared folder.
<drive:path>	The absolute path of the shared folder.

Note

To view the complete syntax for this command, at the command prompt, type: `net help share`

[Command-line syntax notation](#)

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