BIS Help Guides

How to backup your home folder using your external hard drive

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INTRODUCTION

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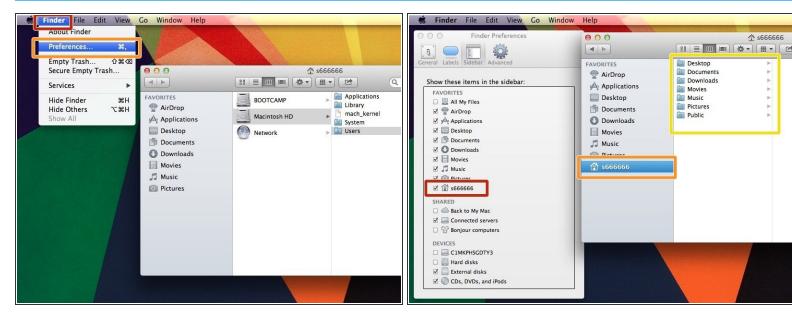
You can copy your personal files, such as music and videos, using this backup method

Step 1 — Plugin your external hard drive



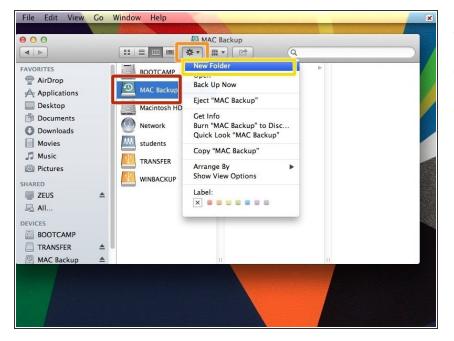
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Step 2 — Display 'Home' folder in Finder



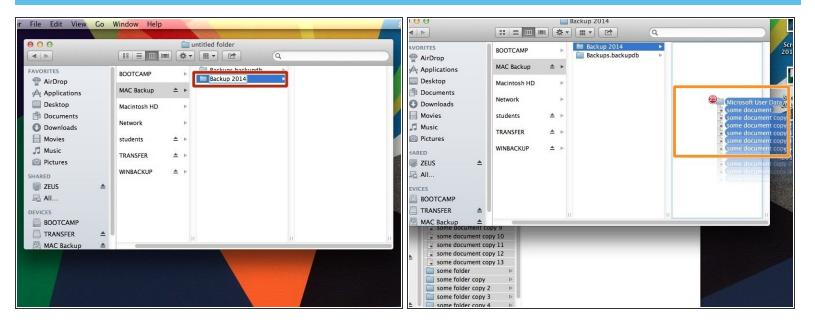
- Click on 'Finder'
- Click on 'Preferences'

Step 3 — Create a new folder on your external hard drive



- Click on your external hard drive
- Click on the 'cogs' icon
- Click on 'New Folder'

Step 4 — Transfer files and folders



- Name your newly created folder something easy to remember e.g. Backup 2014
- Make sure you create the folder alongside the Backups.backupdb folder, not inside that folder
- Transfer all of the files and folders inside your 'Home' folder. As this is your personal hard drive,
 you can copy all of your files and folders, including your personal music and videos