

# Hide data into a safe location - Part 1: Windows XP

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**Network administration** - Data will be safer if you don't store them on the same partition as Windows and your programs. So in this article we want to show you how to transfer that important data.

Backing up, restoring after a disaster, switching to a new computer is easier if you keep your data - the data here includes documents, image files and music files - on a separate partition. special. But that setup is not easy because Windows and its applications want to find data in a certain location, so you need to tell them that you have moved it. And that cannot guarantee that some programs or some applications will not feel uncomfortable.

Because the features of this move vary widely in versions of Windows, in this first part, I will show you how to operate on Windows XP. Next is Vista.

Before you start, you need to create an image backup for your drive, then use the image program to divide the C drive into two drives. We recommend the program you can perform here as Disk Director Suite by Acronis. Creating a new partition is the *Logical* partition .

Once you've set up your new partition, make sure your computer has *hidden files and folders* displayed: In Windows Explorer, select *Tools, Folder Options*, click the *View* tab, select *Show hidden files and folders*, and click OK. It can be changed again when the experiment is done in this lesson if you want.

Then, to be safe, back up your registry.

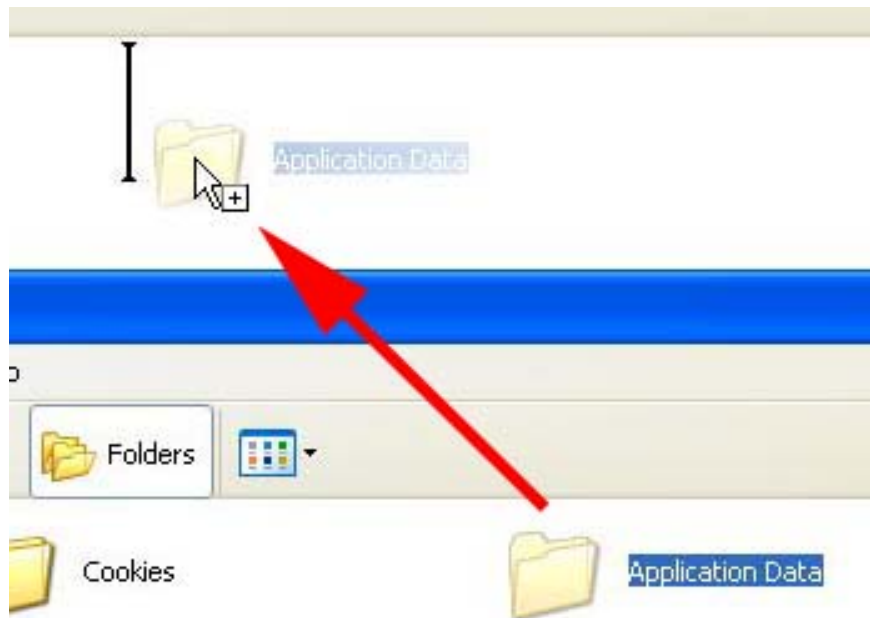
For convenience purposes, we will call the new partition, maybe D: or E: *X*:. Also call your login name *logon*, in C: Documents and Settings *logon* My Documents.

Navigate Windows Explorer to *X*: drive , create a directory here with the *logon* name as above. Open another Windows Explorer window in the C: Documents and Settings *logon* folder. Everything you need to transfer is here.



Let's start with the simplest component: My Documents. Click *Start*, right-click *My Documents*, and select *Properties*. On the *Target tab*, in the *Target field*, enter *X: logon My Documents* (the meaning of *X:* and *logon* you know as above) and click *OK*. Click *Yes* with any questions *Windows* asks you while moving files to a new location.

You also need to move the *Application Data* folder but need to be a little more complicated. With both new and old *logon* folders available, drag the *Application Data* folder from the old *logon* to the new *logon*. Because they are located on different drives, this operation will copy rather than simply move the folder.



Now select *Start, Run* , type **regedit** , and press **ENTER** . In the left pane, navigate to and select *HKEY\_CURRENT\_USERSoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionExplorerUser Shell Folders* . Double-click the *AppData* value, change the 'Value data' field to *X: log-on Application Data*, and then press **ENTER** . Restart the computer and then delete the *Application Data* folder located in *C: Documents and Settings logon* .

This operation is sufficient but some applications still have their own implementation and need special handling. Here are three common examples that need to be done:

**Internet Explorer:** Use the "drag folder then edit the Registry" technique as described above for *Application Data*. Only one point, drag the *Favorites* folder and change the Registry's *Favorites* key to point to the new location. Do not forget to start and delete the old directory.

**Outlook:** In *Windows Explorer*, navigate to and select *C: Documents and Logon Settings Local SettingsApplication DataMicrosoft*. Inside this folder you will see a subdirectory called '*Outlook*'. Move it to the *X: logonApplication Data* folder .

Then select *Start, Control Panel* . Double-click the *Mail* icon (if you don't use this icon, click *Switch to Classic View* ). Select *Data Files, Settings* . When an error message appears, click *OK* . Browse the resulting dialog to *X: logonApplication DataOutlook* , double-click the displayed file and close the other dialogs.

**Outlook Express:** Open *Outlook Express*, select *Tools, Options* , and then click the *Maintenance* tab and the *Store Folder* button. Copy the contents of the resulting file to a clipboard, then select *Start, Run*, paste the address in the *Run* field and press **ENTER** to appear that folder in *Windows Explorer*.

Return to *Outlook Express* and change the location of the data directory here to a new folder on the *X: drive* (it should be *X: logon Outlook Express* ). Then close *Outlook Express* and drag the files to the new location.

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