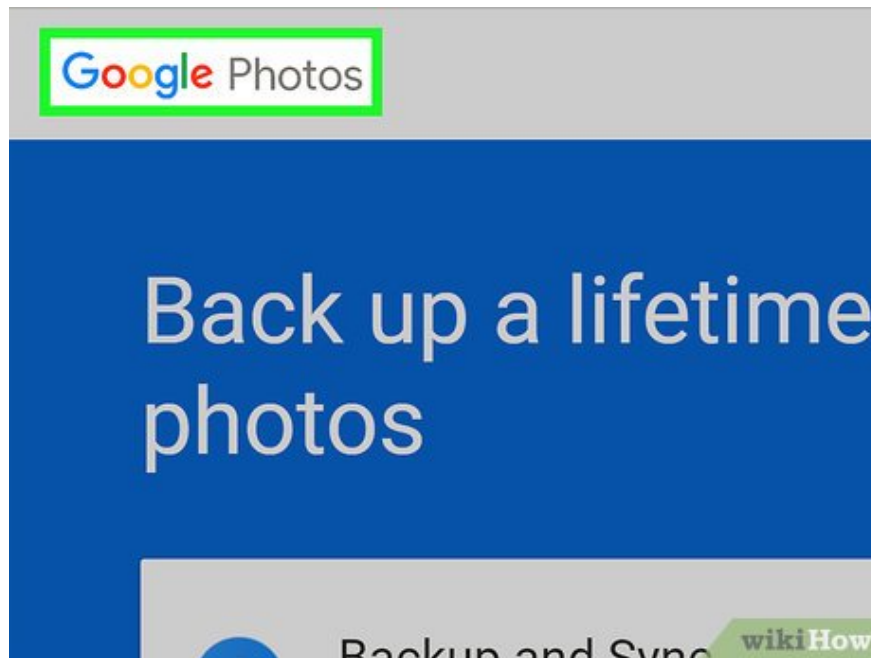


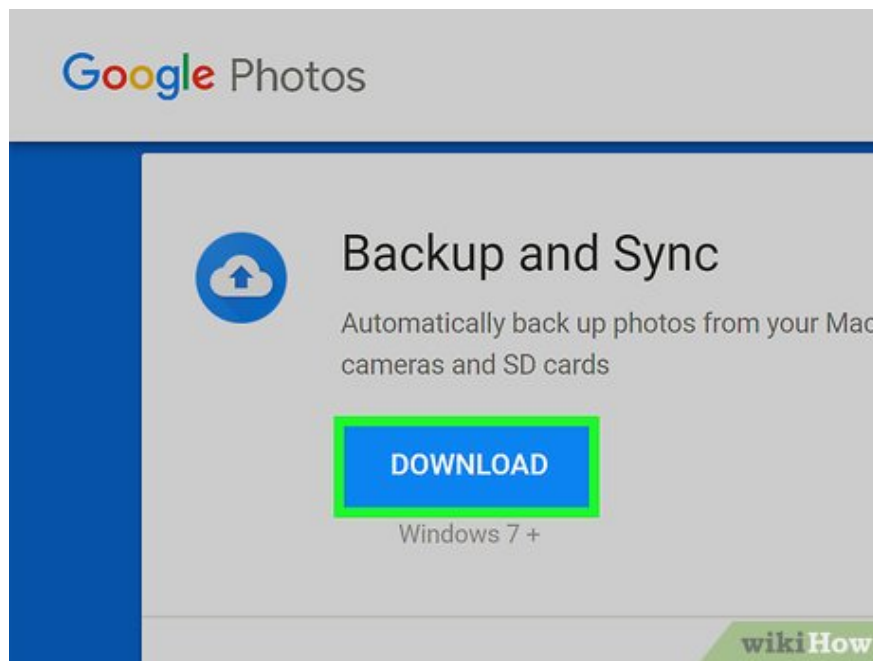
How to Get Google Photos on PC or Mac

Today's TipsMake will show you how to download Google Photos to your computer using the Google Backup and Sync tool.

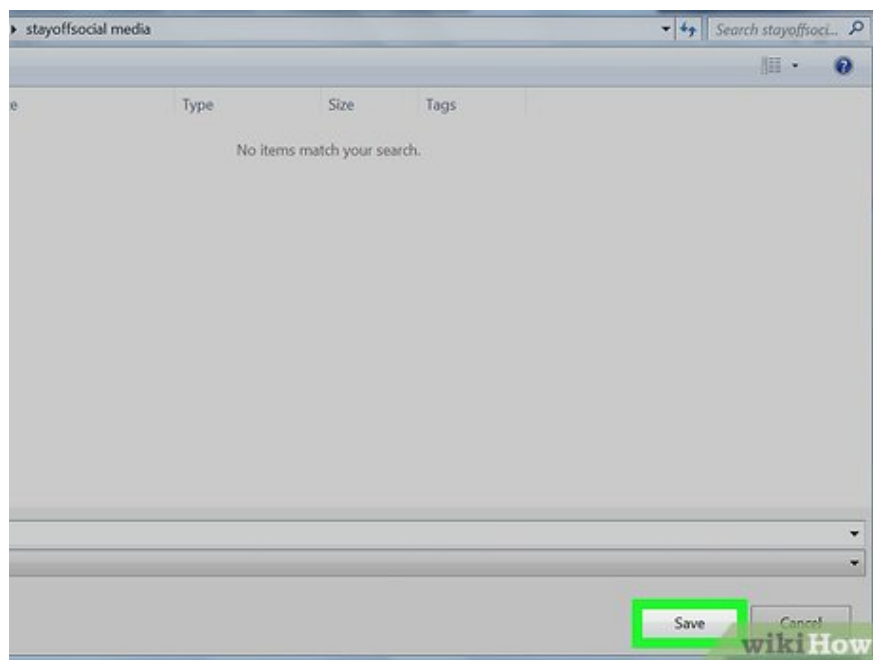
Install Google Backup and Sync



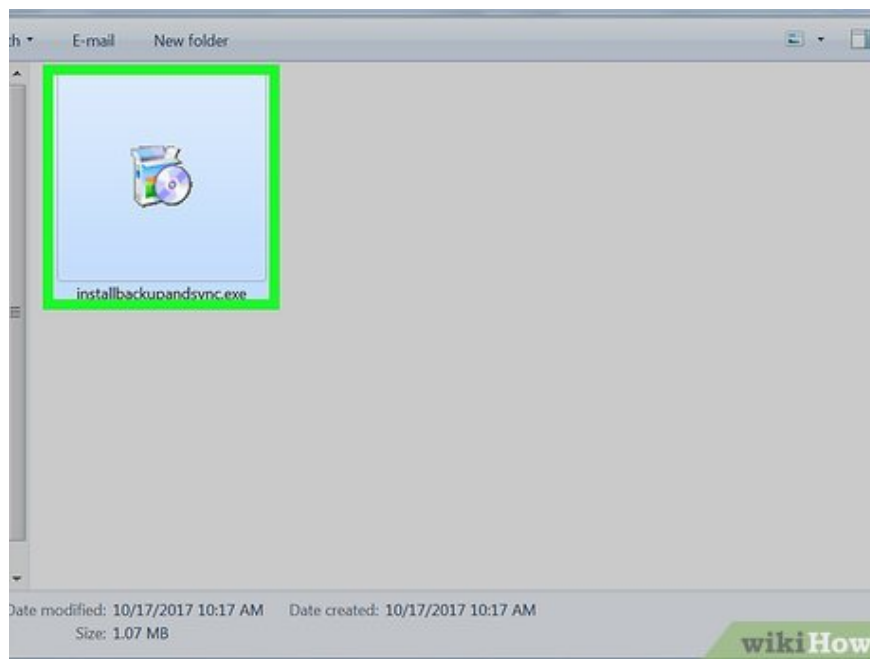
Visit <https://photos.google.com/apps> . This is the homepage of Google Backup and Sync. This free application will help you download Google Photos to your computer more easily.



Click Download . A message will pop up asking if you want to save the installer.

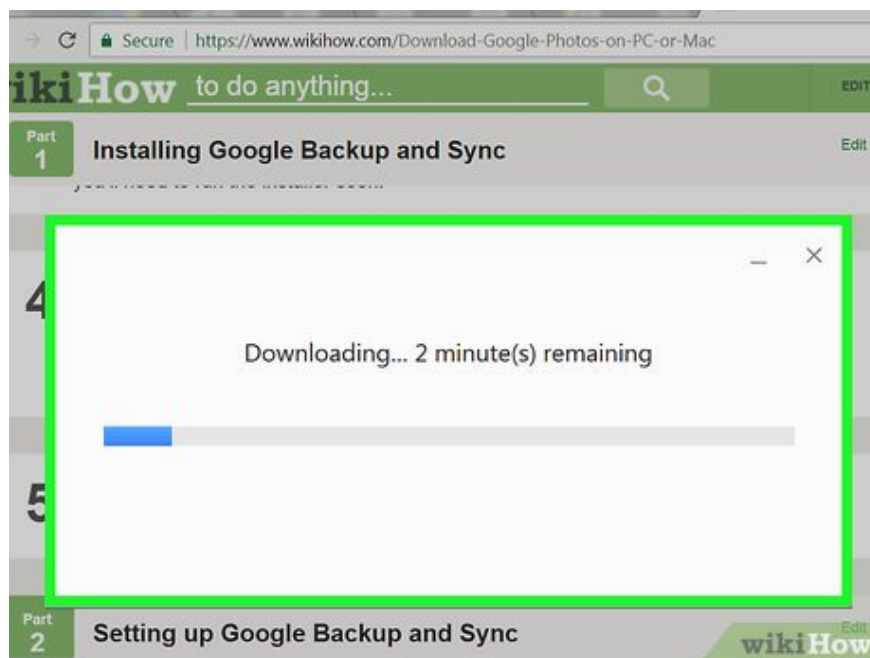


Select the folder and click Save . You should choose a folder that's easy to remember because we'll launch this installer shortly.



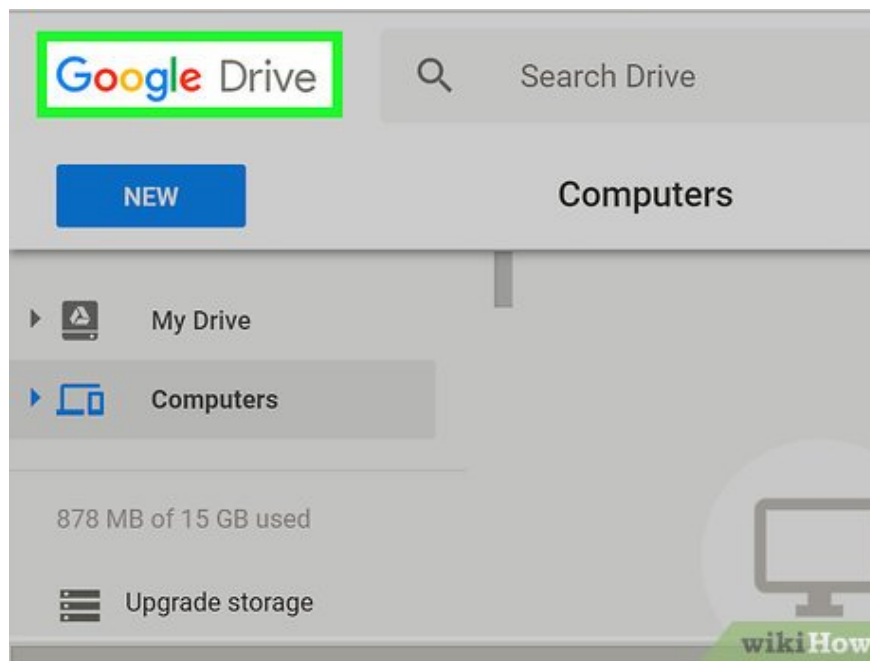
Double click the installer. This is the file you just downloaded. The installer will begin downloading and installing the appropriate software.

If a security warning pops up, click **Run** to approve.



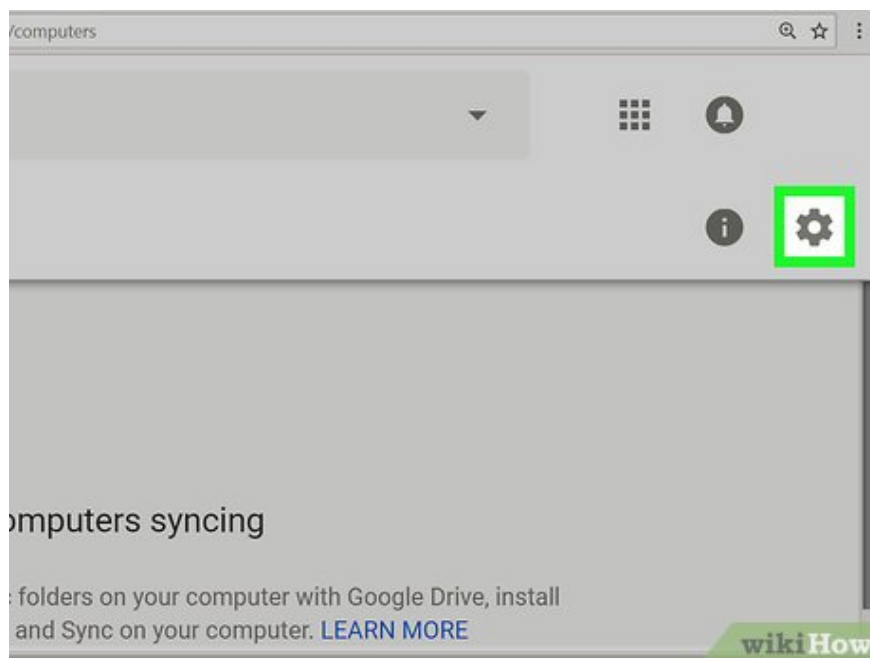
Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation process. Depending on your current settings, you may need to restart your computer to complete the installation.

Set up Google Backup and Sync

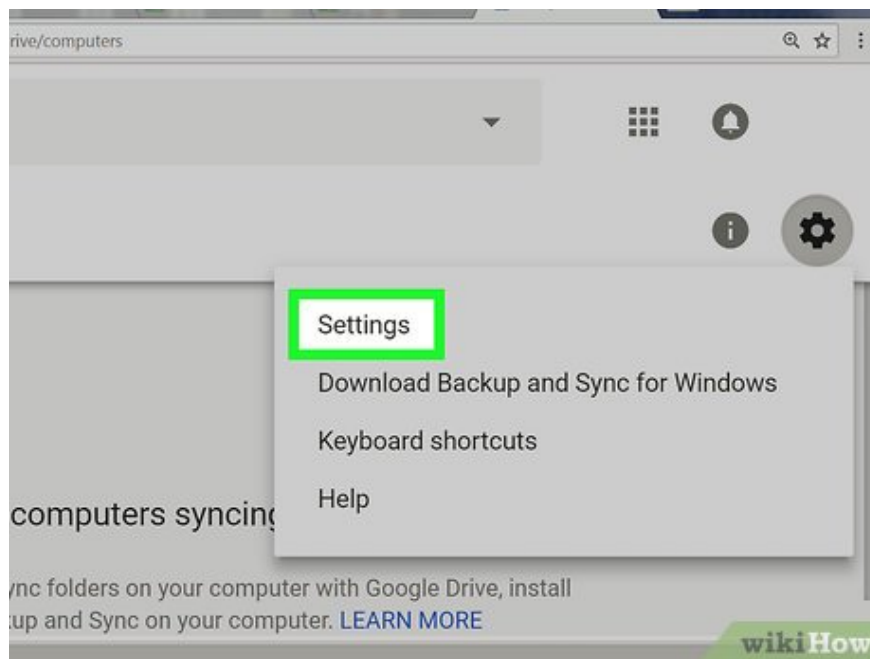


Visit <https://drive.google.com> . If you're logged into your account, content in Google Drive will open.

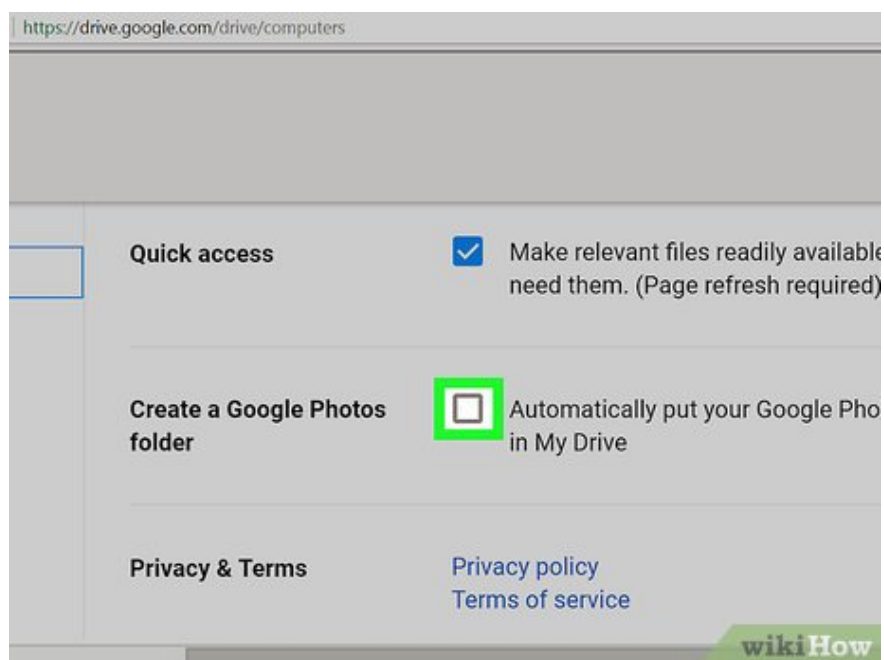
If you're not signed in, click **Go to Google Drive** and sign in now.



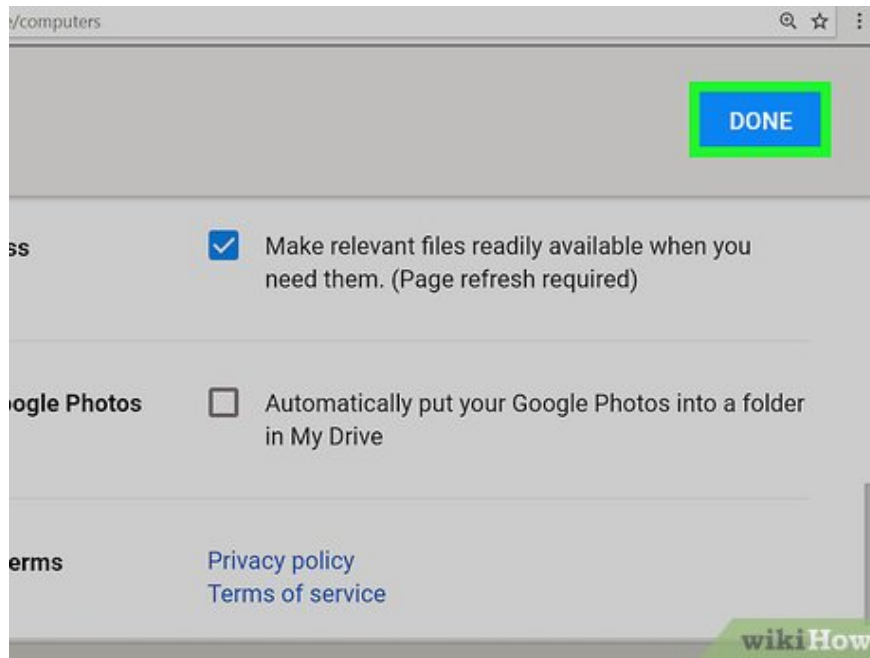
Click the gear icon in the upper right corner of the screen.



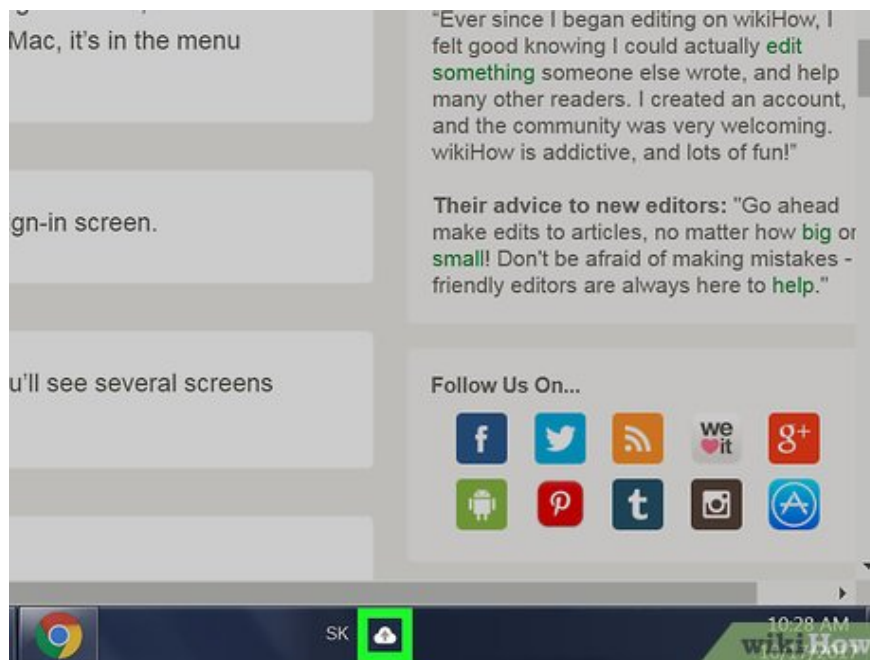
Click Settings .



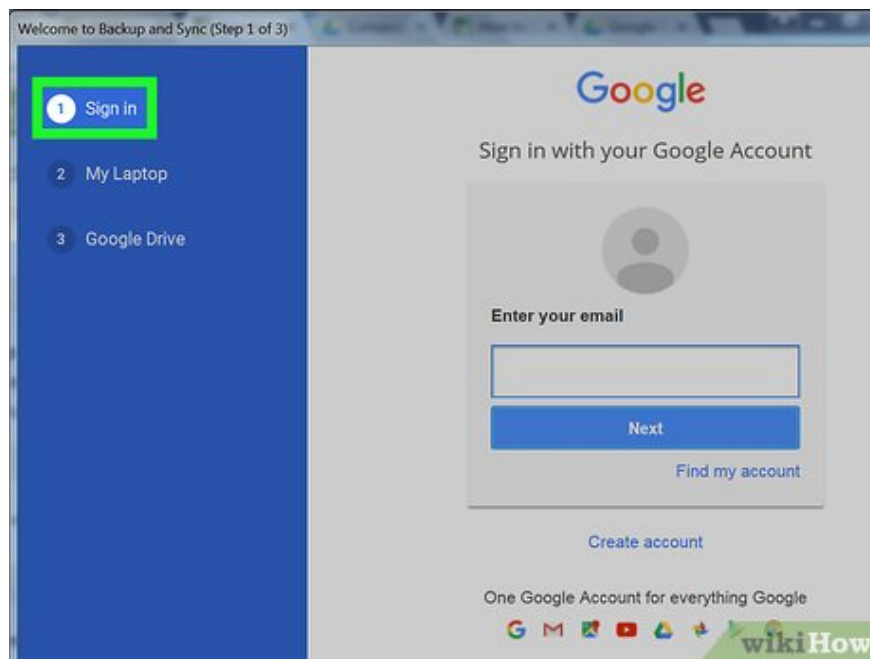
Check the box next to the 'Create a Google Photos folder' option. So Google Drive will display links to your images right in the drive.



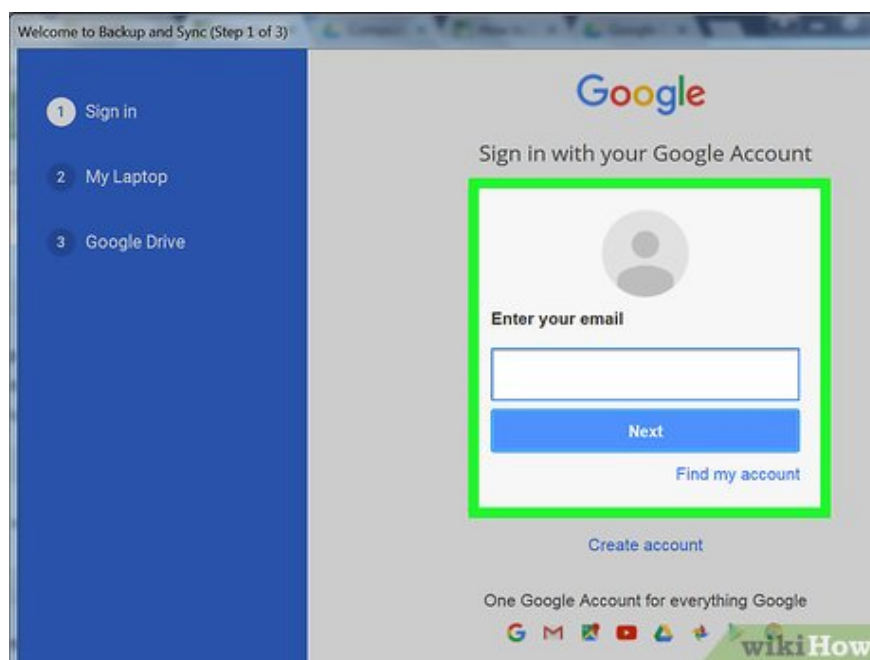
Click Done in the upper right corner of the screen. You can now close or minimize the browser window.



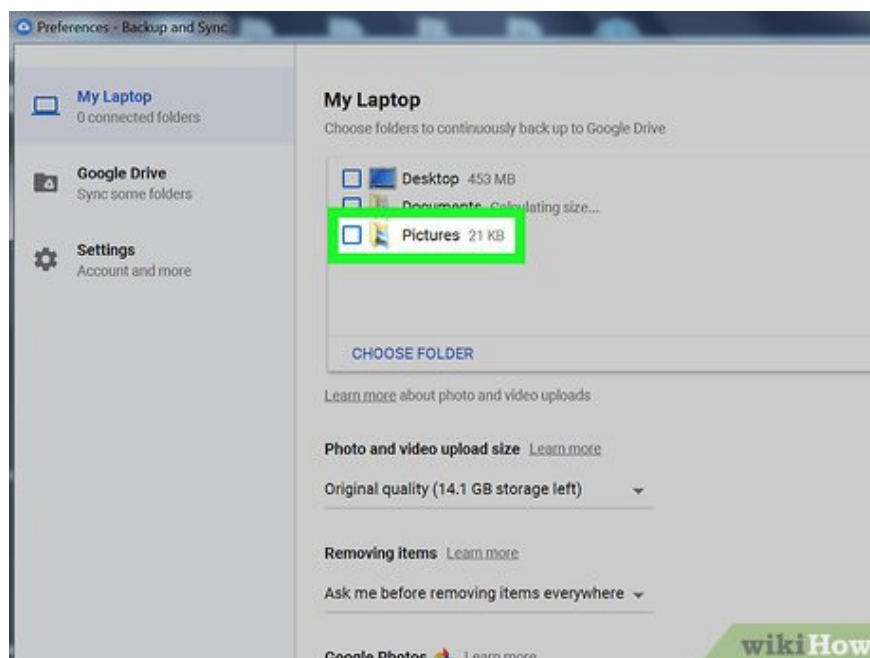
Right click on Google Backup and Sync with the cloud and arrow icon. On Windows, this icon is in the application tray to the right of the taskbar. If you use a Mac, this icon will be in the menu bar at the top of the screen.



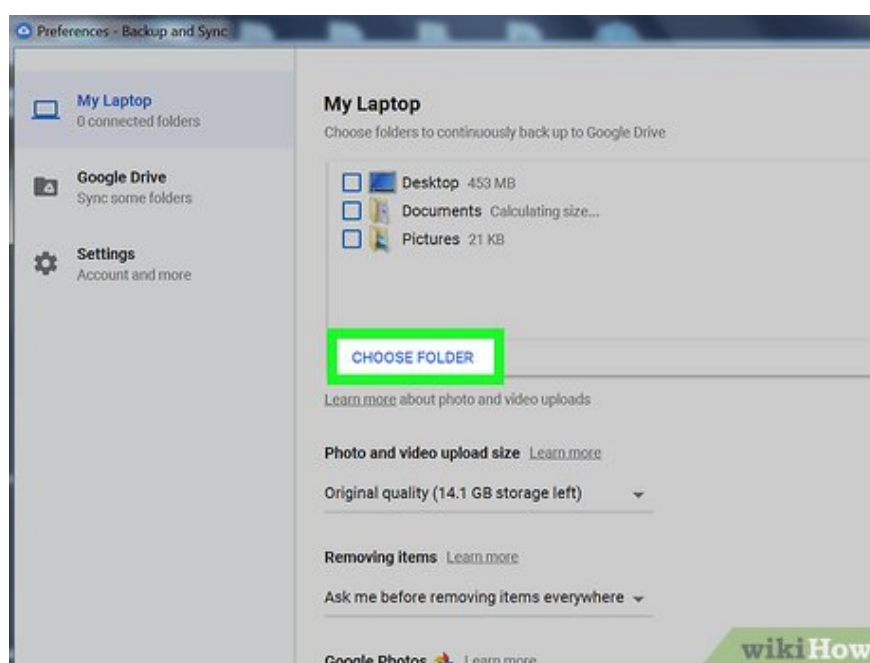
Click Sign in . A window with the Google login screen will appear.



Sign in to your Google account and click Next . Next will be different screens that guide you through the setup process later.



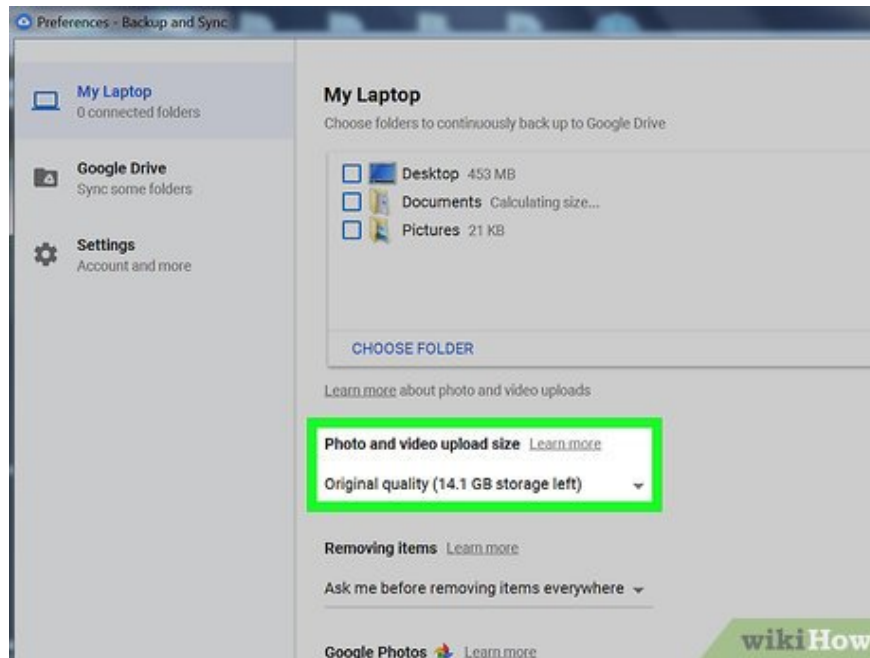
Select Back up photos and videos and click Next .



Select the folder where you want to store Google images. Click the box next to the folder you want to select.

If the folder you want to use is not found, click **CHOOSE FOLDER** to select it now.

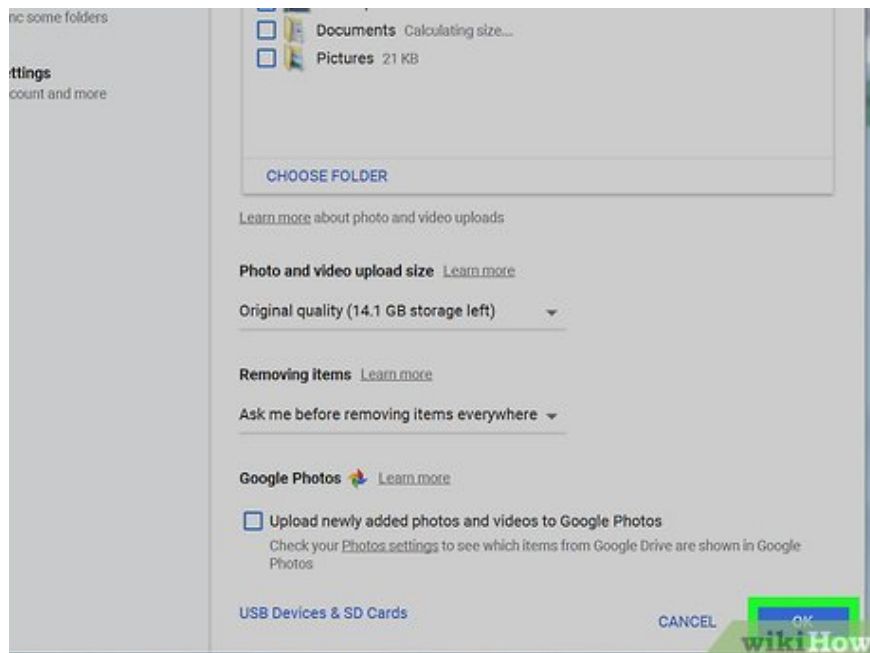
You can choose a folder that already has images (such as the **Pictures** folder), note that all images inside this folder will be backed up to Google Photos.



Select upload size. This is part of the photo upload process to Google Photos (not download).

Select **High quality** to upload high quality photos with reduced file size. This option is suitable for most users, but if you are a professional photographer working with large RAW files, you will notice a slight decrease in image quality. This option also allows you to store unlimited images and videos without having to purchase additional storage.

Select **Original quality** to retain the original resolution and size. This option is suitable for those who need extremely high resolution images, but Google memory will gradually decrease.

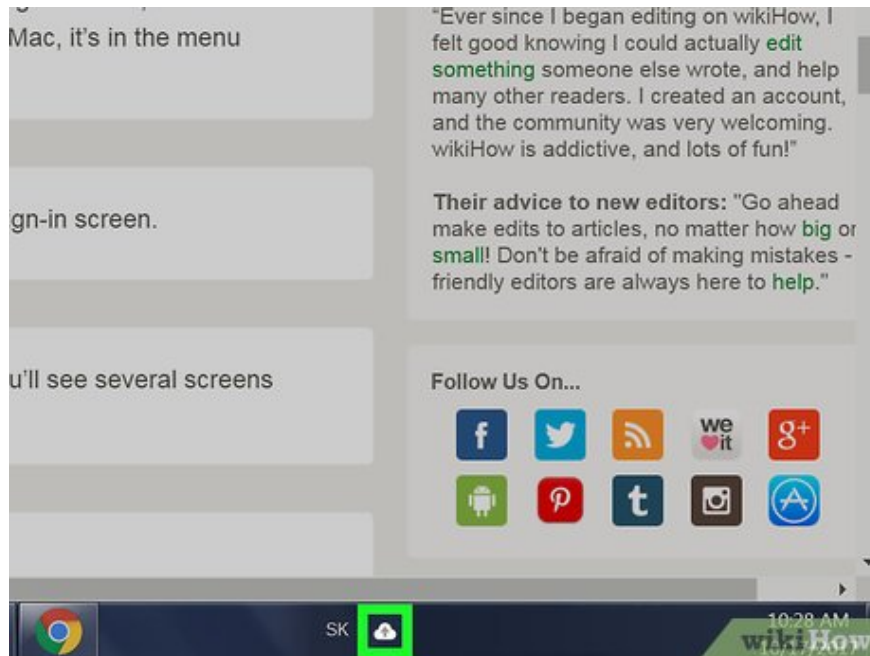


Click Start . So Google Backup and Sync will start uploading files from the selected folder to Google Drive. This process may take a while depending on the number of images you upload. In the meantime, you can take

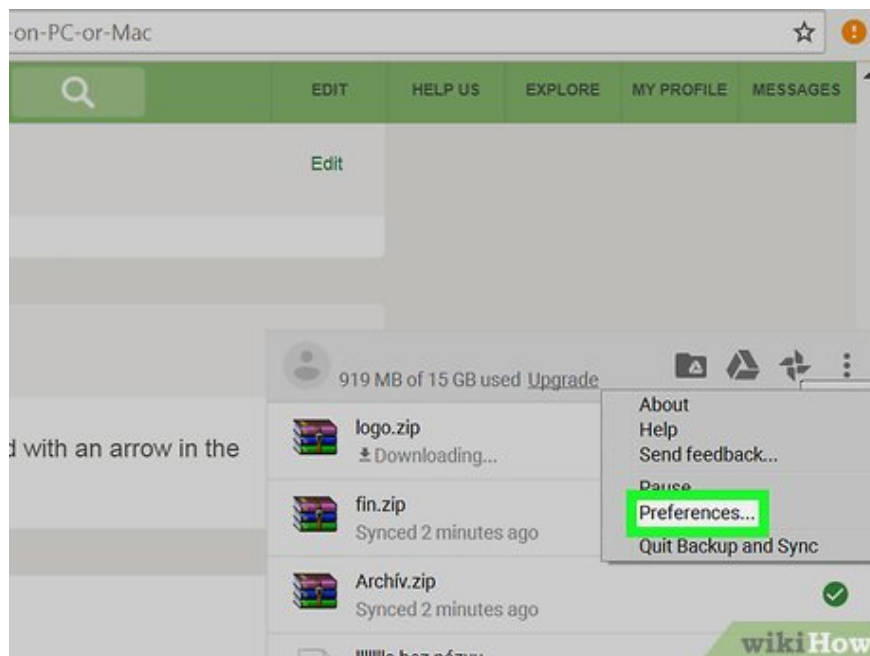
advantage of other activities, such as downloading photos.

Backup and Sync will always run on your computer to ensure that data is always backed up to Google Drive.

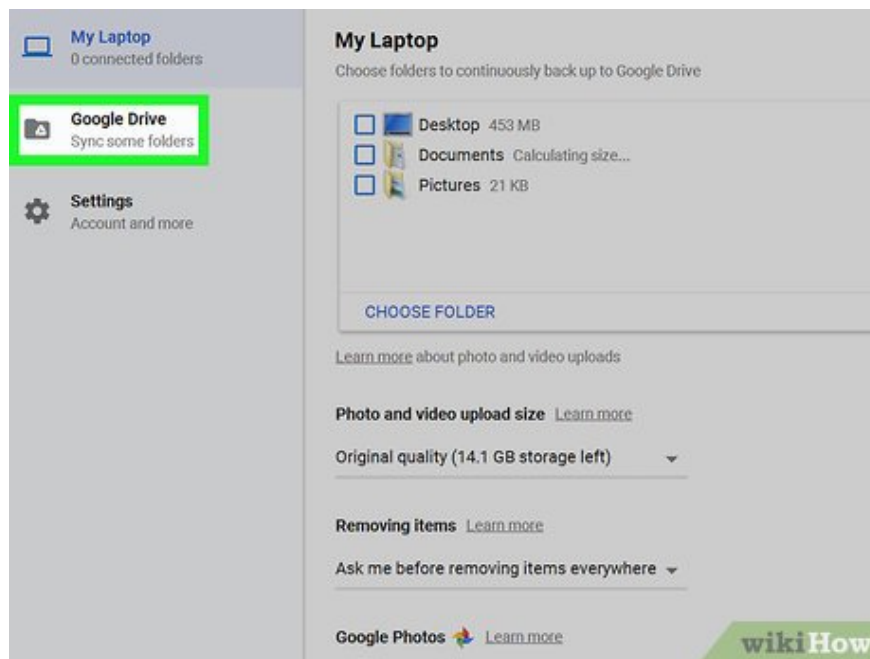
Download photos



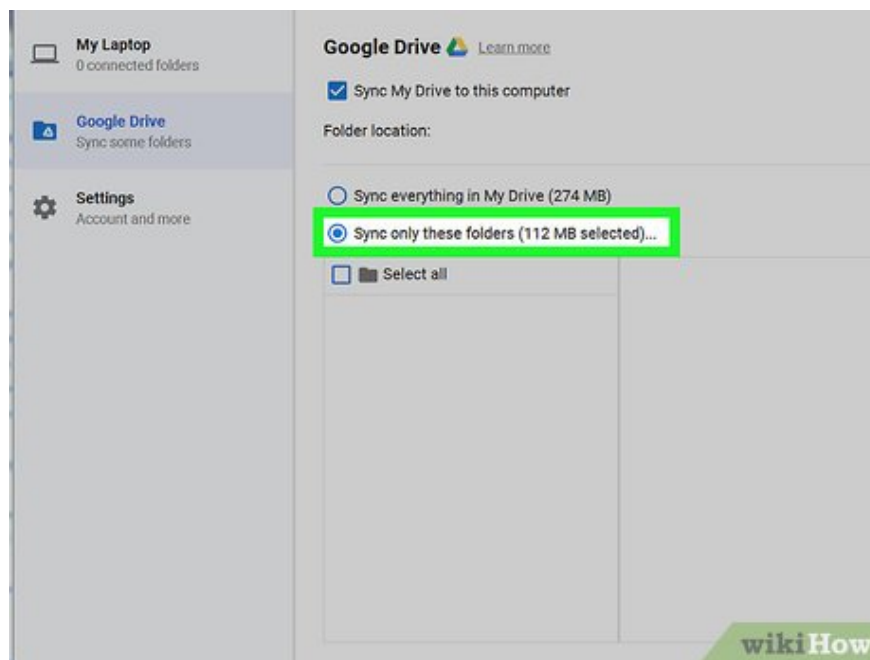
Right click on the Backup and Sync icon. As a reminder, the program has a cloud icon with an arrow and is located in the app tray (Windows) or menu bar (macOS).



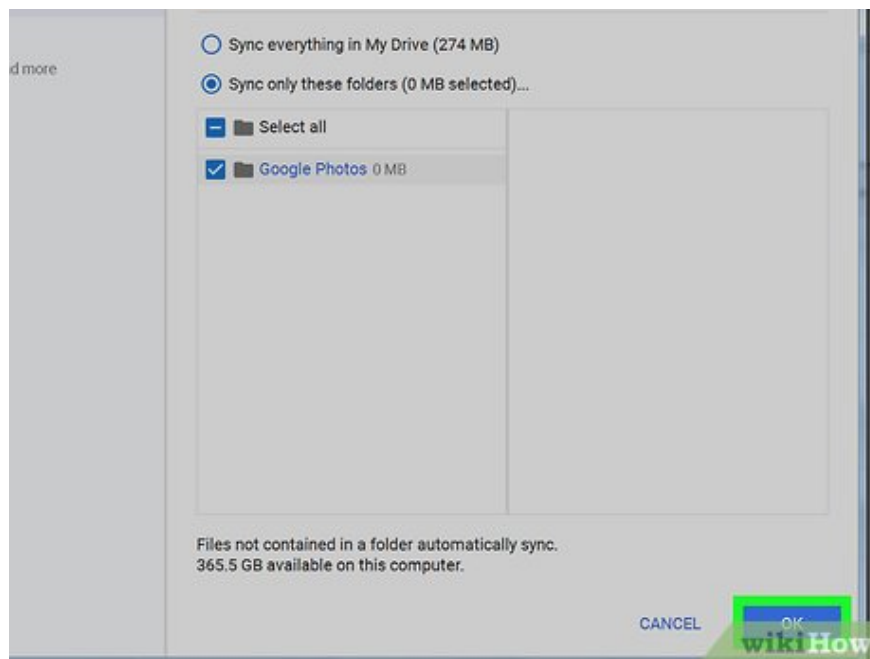
Click Preferences .



Click Google Drive located in the left column.



Click Sync only these folders... (Sync only these folders). A list of folders will appear.



Select Google Photos then click OK . Google Photos will begin downloading to your computer. This process can take quite a while, especially if you have a lot of large photos (and a slow Internet connection).

If you want to download other folders to Google Drive, you can select them here.

To view downloaded images, open the Google Drive folder on your computer and then double-click the **Google Photos** folder . Your images and videos will be in this folder and are usually divided into subfolders by date and/or album name.

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