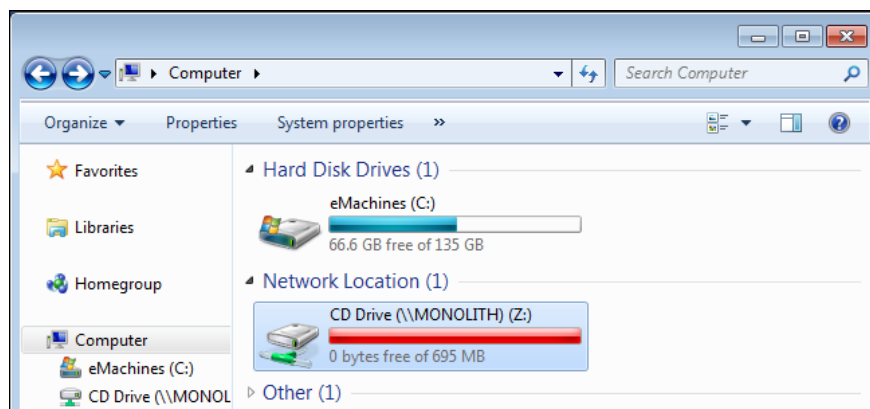


How to share a CD / DVD drive between computers on Windows

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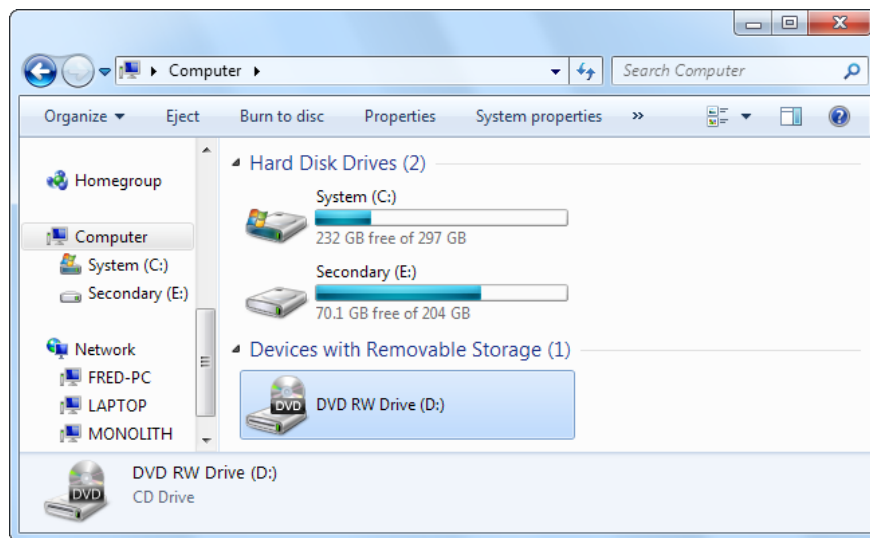
Currently both **Ultrabooks** and **netbooks** are **not capable of supporting optical drives** . If you use CDs or DVDs on a regular basis and want to share them with your friends via Windows - you don't need to buy an optical drive to install extra on your computer - you just need to **use a different computer. Optical drive and share it on the network** . In particular, 2 computers must be on the same network for the sharing process to take place smoothly.



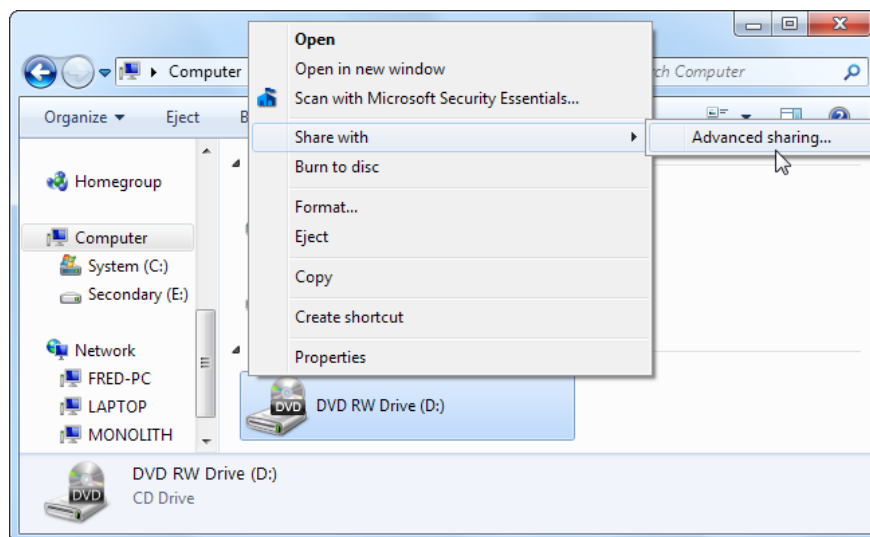
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If you already know how to share data via LAN or Wifi in this article: **Instructions for sharing data via Lan, Wifi** , the sharing of CD and DVD drives is the same.

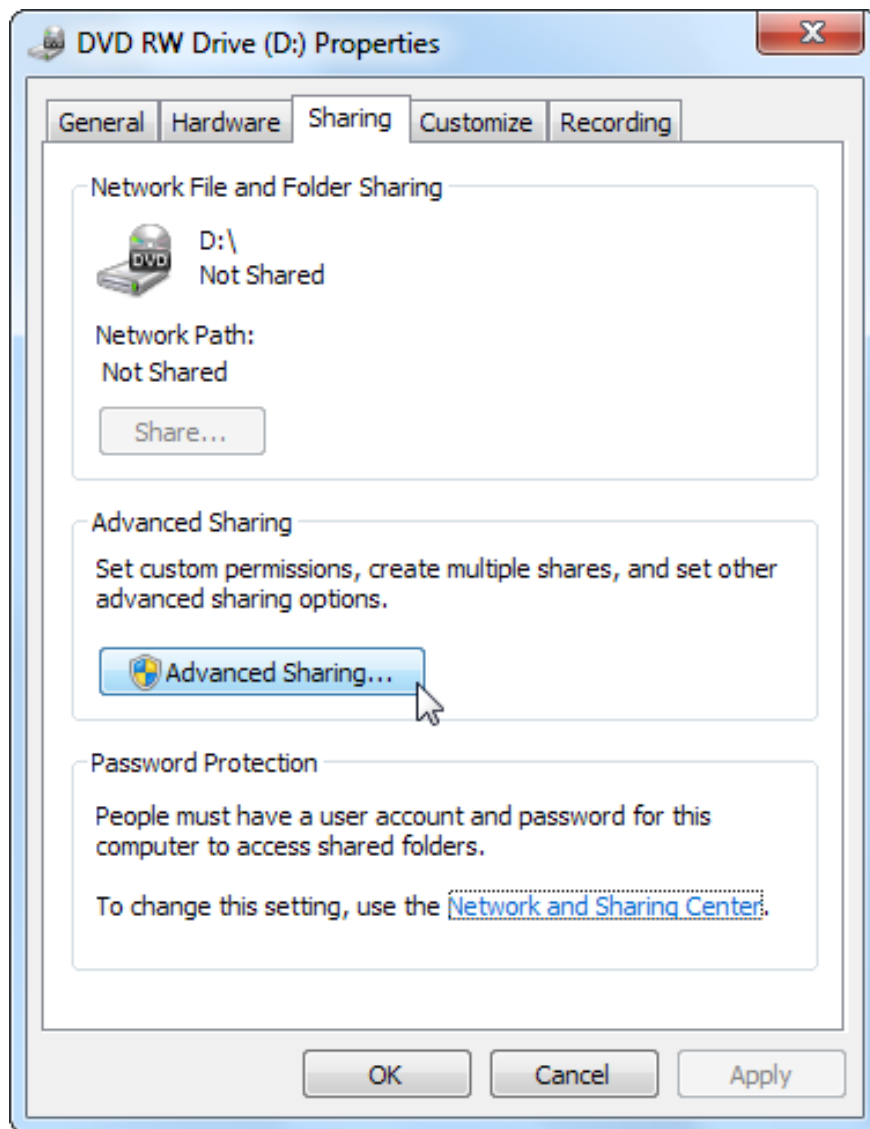
First, on a computer with an optical drive, open the **Computer** window (click Start and select Computer).



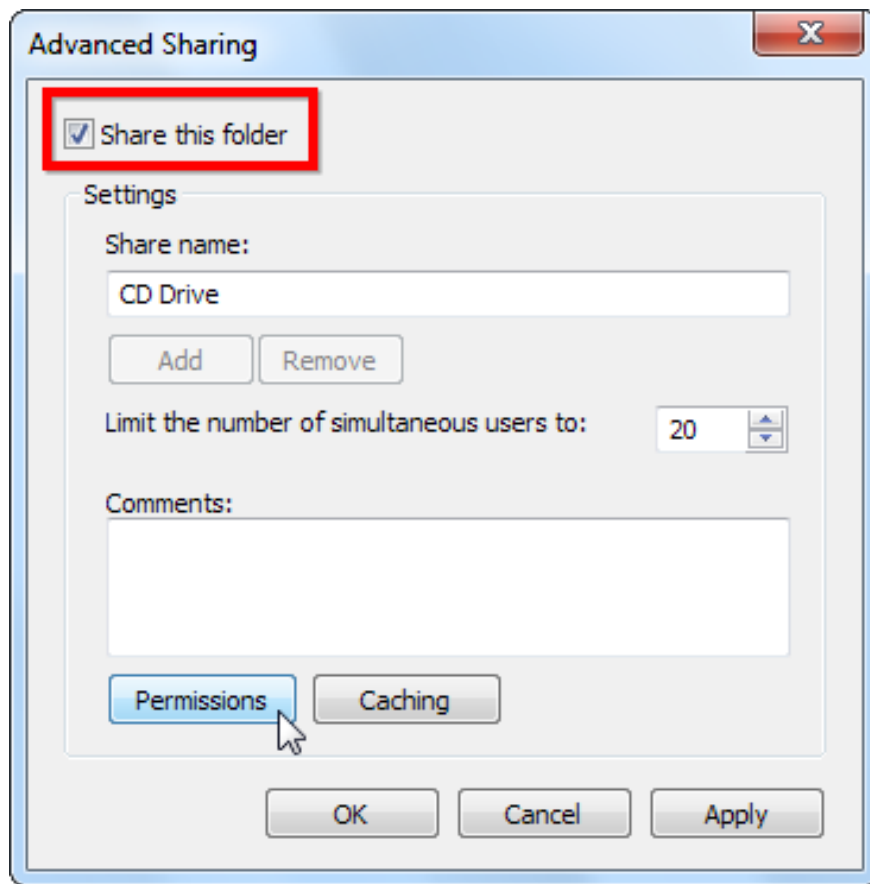
Then right-click the drive you want to share, click *Share with* and select *Advanced Sharing*



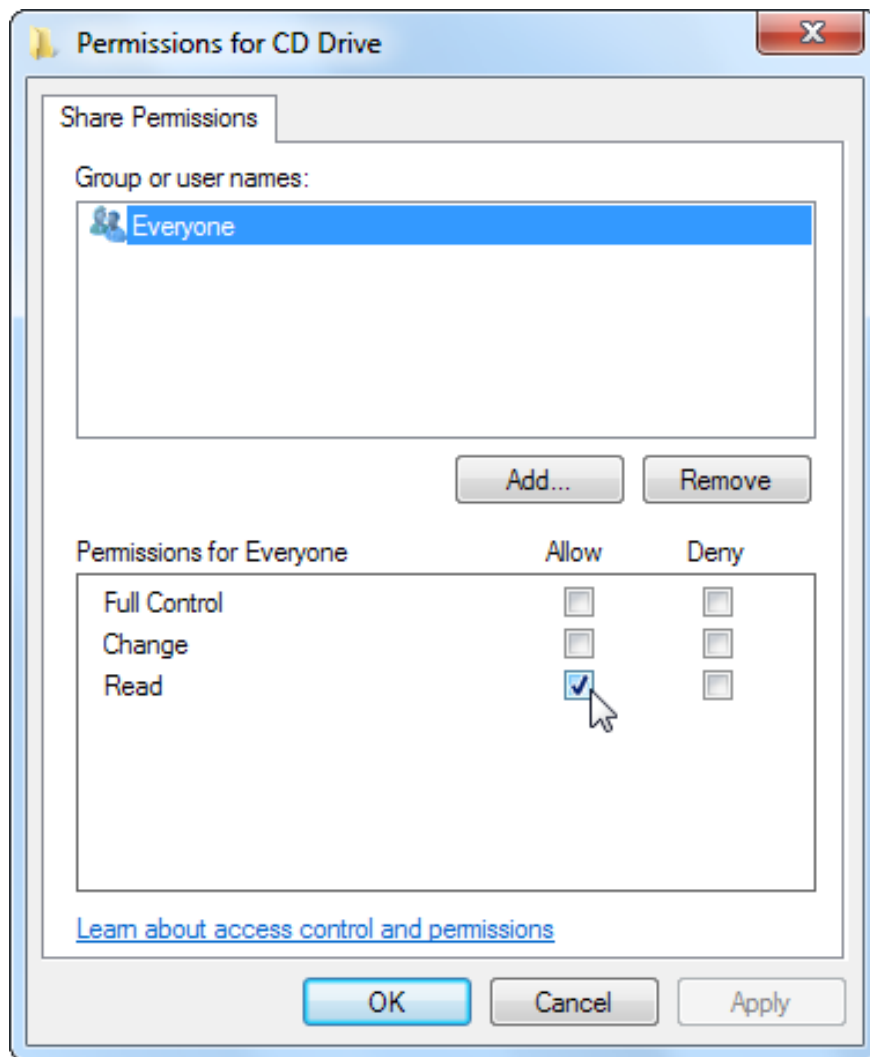
The properties window appears, click *Advanced Sharing* to continue.



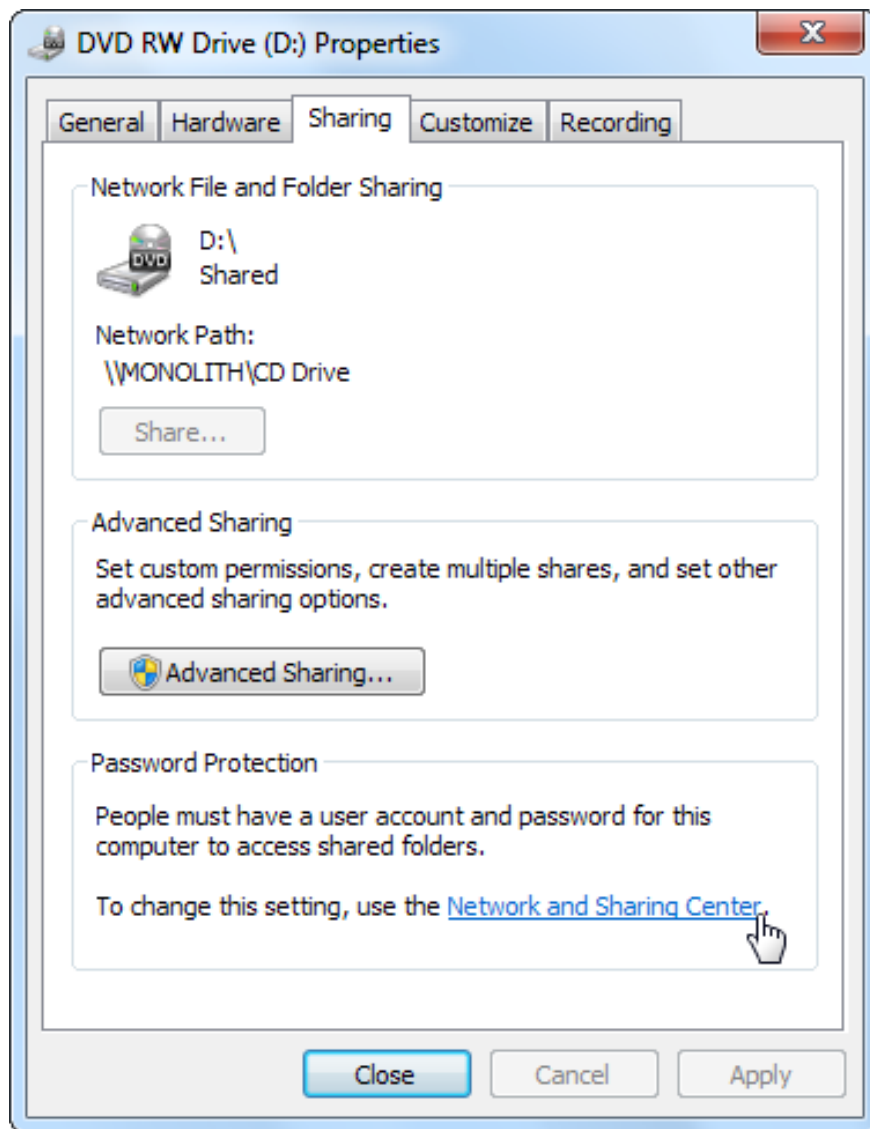
You tick the '*Share this folder*' and then name the drive in the *Share name* , for example here we named 'CD Drive', then you continue to click the *Permission* button.



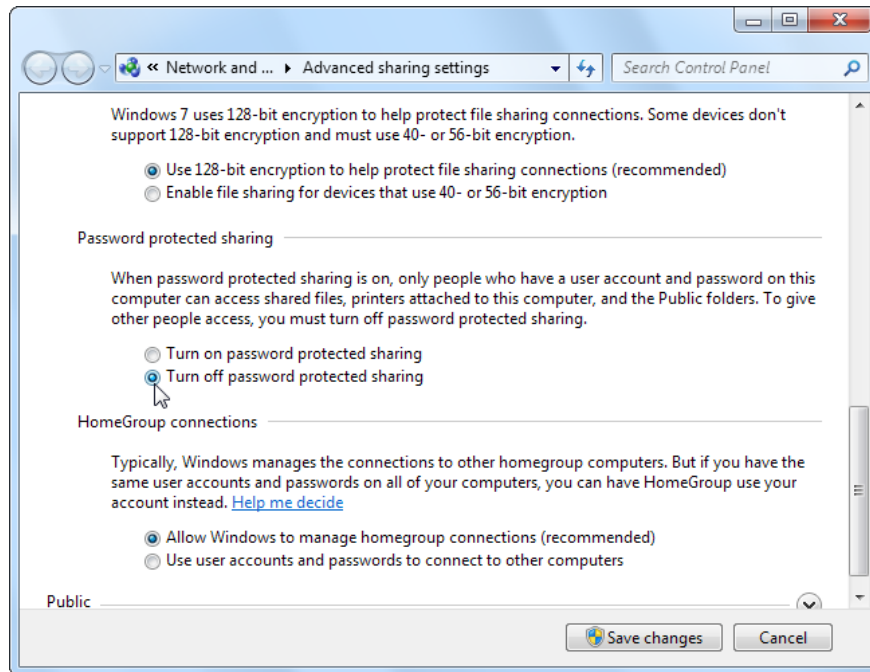
The *Permission for CD Drive* window immediately appears, click ' *Everyone* ' in the *Group or user names section* , then tick the *Read* box in the Allow column in *the Permissions for Everyone box* to allow everyone to have access. content in the drive. However, you can also reset access for specific users only if you prefer. Finally, *click Ok* to save the changes.



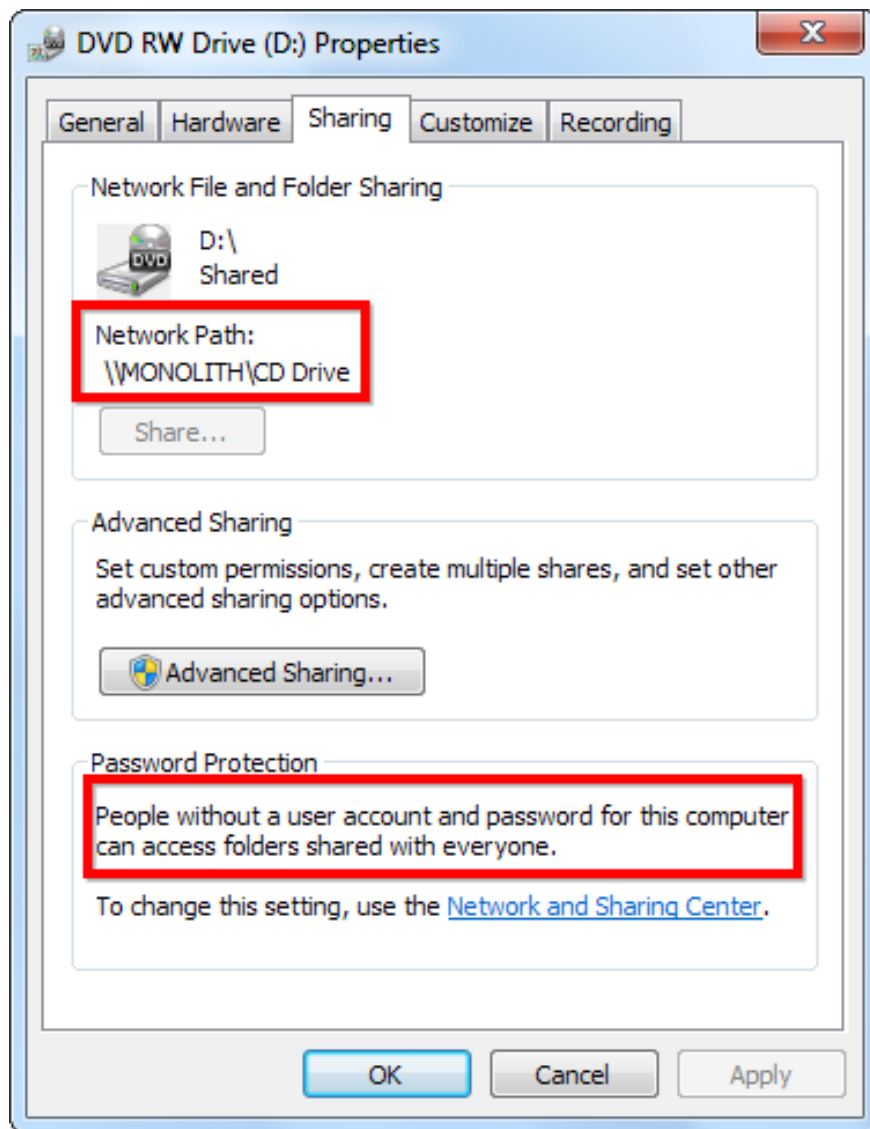
If you are on a home network, you should remove the password setting option to make sharing easier. To do so, click the *Network and Sharing* link under *Password Protection*.



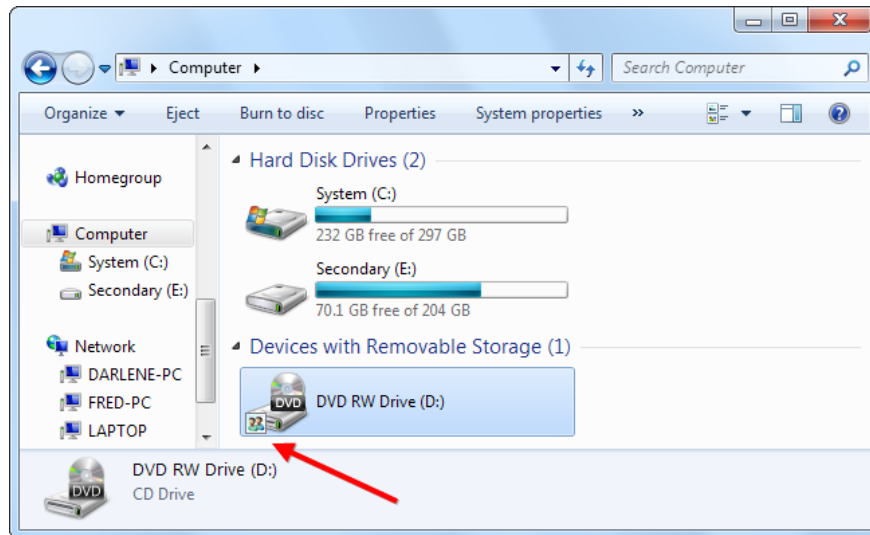
Next, click on *Home* or *Work* , search and tick the ' *Turn off password protected sharing* ' section to disable the password setting feature. Finally, click *Save changes* to finish.



After clicking the **Ok** button, your drive will be shared online. You will see its address under **Network Path** in the Properties window.

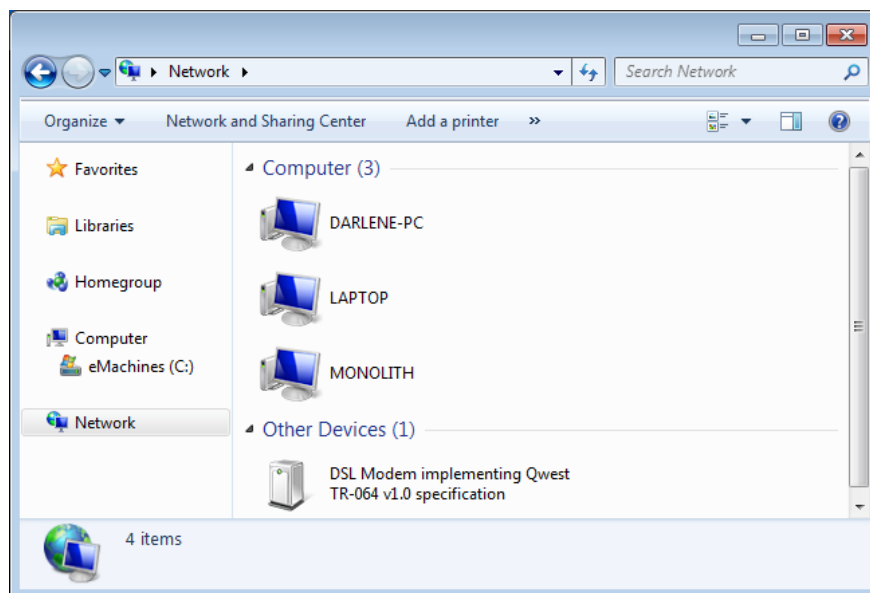


At the same time, an icon also appears next to the drive to indicate that it is being shared with others. To stop that feature, go back to the *Advanced Sharing* window and uncheck the *Share this folder box* .

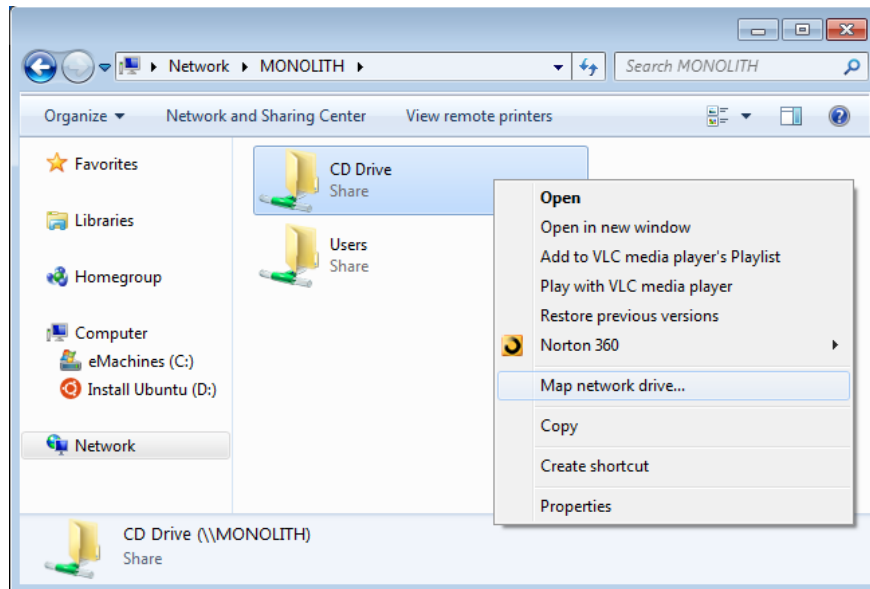


How to access a shared drive from another computer on the network

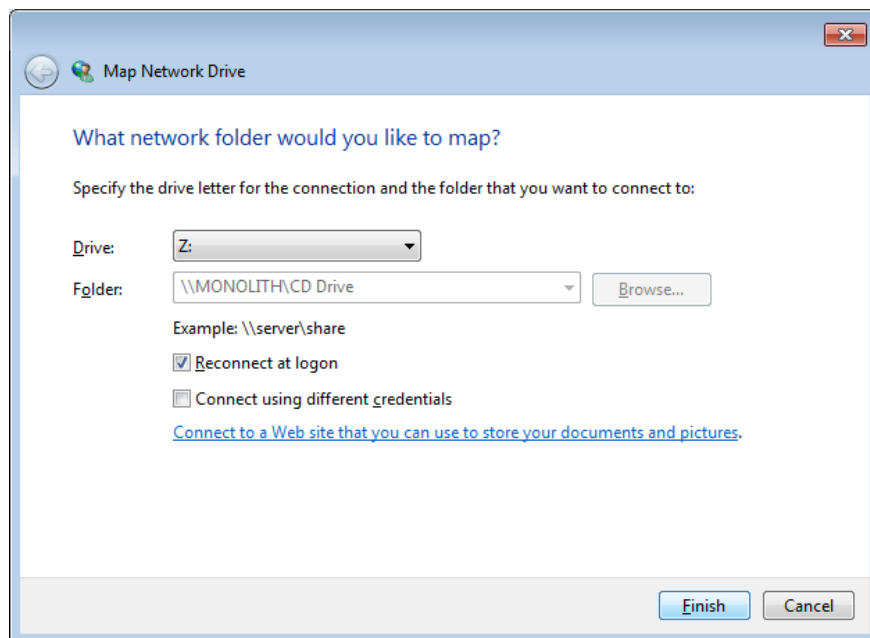
On another computer, open *Windows Explorer* and click the *Network* option



Then browse for the computers with the shared optical drive that you want to drag to your computer, right-click on it and select *Map network drive*.

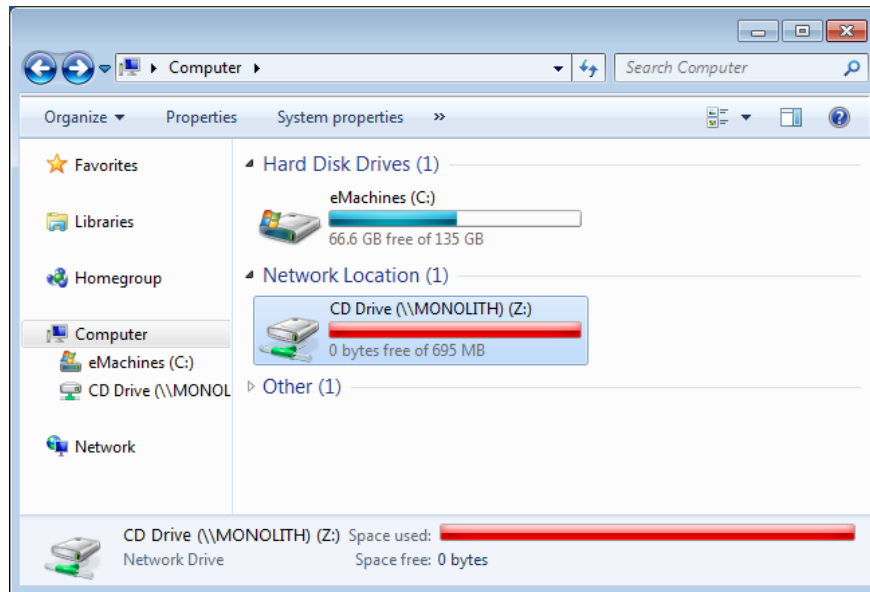


You can specify a character for the drive being shared and click on the '*Reconnect at logon*' box to allow the computer to automatically pull the drive when you log in. Then click *Finish* to complete.



The downloaded drives will appear with the letter you just placed in the *My Computer* window

Double-click on it or navigate to it with any application that can start accessing the data inside the drive.



In addition, you can also use *Paragon Net Burner* - a 3rd party program that also allows sharing the drive through a network connection.

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