

Sync files with SpiderOak

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Network administration - There are countless online storage, backup and file synchronization services on the web. Some of them are only for specific devices, such as the Asus EeePc. Others are designed for certain operating systems, like Windows or Ubuntu. However, there are some services that can work with all types of devices and operating systems, allowing you to synchronize your data. SpiderOak is one of such services and is the service that we want to cover in this article.

SpiderOak is a free and fee-based service that allows users to store, backup and sync on all Windows, Mac and Linux operating systems. Users can access their data via the website or use a desktop application that runs on different platforms. SpiderOak also has an iPhone application available through iTunes AppStore.



Setting

The first step to getting SpiderOak is to download the application from its website. This website promises to protect your privacy and will not violate it.

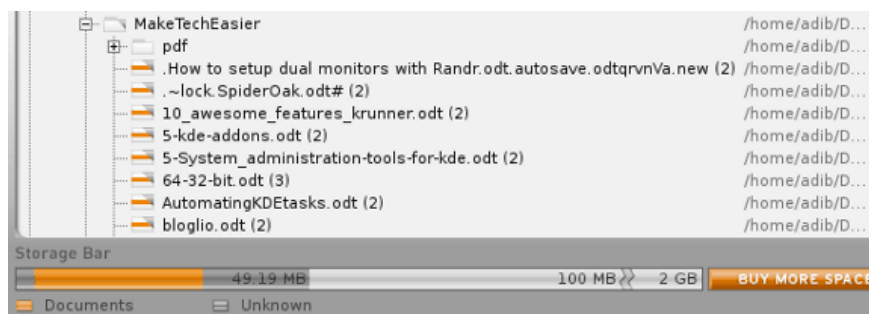
The price schedule is something that SpiderOak has many differences. However, it is somewhat like Dropbox and other services, it also offers a free account with 2GB of storage space, this account also has backup and sync features. In addition SpiderOak also offers a Plus account, which is a paid account with a fee of \$ 10 for 100GB per month. Based on this price you can set yourself a suitable plan.

- 1 . Click *Download SpiderOak* to get started (the service will try to detect your operating system version, but most likely fails, so it is best to click Ubuntu Lucid Lynx).
- 2 . When the download process is complete, click the installation package and follow the normal installation process.
- 3 . After installing, run *SpiderOak* or find it in the applications menu.
- 4 . When you first run SpiderOak, the program will ask you to provide your account information or register a new account. Please select a new account in this step.
- 5 . Enter your contact information.
- 6 . In the next screen, you will be asked for username and password information. Enter the required information and click *Next* , then enter the security code.
- 7 . Click *Next* again and then create your secret code.

Backup and sync

When launching SpiderOak, you will first see the **Backup** tab. If there are a few typical directories, such as Documents and Photos, it will display these folders and give you the option to backup them. If there is no specific folder in the list, you can click *Advanced* to enter the directory tree. Check the files you want to backup, then click *Save* . Soon, the program will start the backup process.

You can also add more directories if you want, but make sure that all are within storage limits. A storage space checker at the bottom will allow you to check your online storage space. If there are no files to backup, you can minimize SpiderOak into your system tray.



Now, if you want to perform data synchronization, you can go to another computer and download SpiderOak. Two computers must not use the same operating system. After installation is complete, launch SpiderOak, but now instead of selecting a new account, simply enter your established account information. The program will ask if you want to add a new computer or reinstall on an existing computer. Select the new computer settings, then name your second computer.

Next, select the folders and files you want to backup, as if you did on the first computer.

1. Click the *Sync* tab and click *New* .
2. Enter a name and description.
3. With a folder, click *Browse* and navigate to the folder you want to synchronize on the second computer.
4. Click **Select** to finish.
5. With the other folder, click *Browse* to find the folder on the first computer.
6. Click **Next**
7. **Save**

Please select **two** or more folders to synchronize together. The folders may be located across any number of devices on your SpiderOak network including folders located on the same machine (e.g. between a hard drive and an external drive).

To list an example - if you wanted to synchronize a folder from your desktop with a folder from your laptop, you would select the desktop folder as 'Folder 1' and your laptop folder as 'Folder 2'.

Sync Folder 1:

with Folder 2:

SpiderOak will start the synchronization process, copy files to and from each folder until these folders match. Later, any time you add or edit files on certain computers, they will be synchronized with the folder on the other computer.

In *Preferences* -> *Schedule* , you can change the backup rate for backups and sync at your discretion. In the *Backup* section of *Preferences* , you can also set SpiderOak to ignore certain types, sizes and lifespans of certain files.

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