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Overview

Folder sharing feature allows you to share a USB storage device that’s connected to the router, with users in the local or public network.

Typical Topology

Note:
Here in this guide, we take the configuration procedures of Archer C7 for example.
How to Configure the Router

1. Make sure an external USB hard disk drive or USB flash drive is plugged into the USB port of the Router. And then log in to the router’s web management page.

2. Go to **USB Settings** → **Disk Settings**.

![Disk Settings](image)

3. Go to **USB Settings** → **Folder Sharing**.
1) Sharing All

Folder Sharing

Sharing Account
Prepare the sharing account for the sharing contents. You can use the login user account or set a new user account as the sharing account:
- Use Login Account
- Use Following Account

Username: 
Password: 
Confirm Password: 
Save

Sharing Setting
Network/Server Name: TP-LINK_AE15D4

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2. Select Sharing All
3. If your sharing needs authentication, select the checkbox
4. Click Save
2) Sharing Folders

**Folder Sharing**

**Sharing Account**
Prepare the sharing account for the sharing contents. You can use the login user account or set a new user account as the sharing account.

- Use Login Account
- Use Following Account

**Username:** admin

**Password:** 

**Confirm Password:**

**Save**

**Sharing Setting**

**Network/Media Server Name:** TP-LINK AE15D4

**Enable**

- Network Neighborhood
- FTP
- FTP (Remote)

**Access Method:**
- Network Neighborhood
- FTP

**Link:**
- FTP:
  - 192.168.0.1

**Port:**
- 21

**Sharing Mode:**
- Sharing All
- Sharing Folders

**Authentication:**

1. Select the **Enable** checkbox
2. Select **Sharing Folders**
3. Click **Save**
Sharing Account

Prepare the sharing account for the sharing contents. You can use the login user account or set a new user account as the sharing account.

- Use Login Account
- Use Following Account

Username: admin
Password: 
Confirm Password: 

Save

Sharing Setting

Network/Media Server Name: TP-LINK\AE15D4

Enable Access Method Link Port
Network Neighborhood \192.168.0.1 --
FTP ftp://192.168.0.1:21 21
FTP (Remote) ftp://0.0.0.21 Edit 21

Sharing Mode: Sharing All Sharing Folders
Authentication: 
(Note: Now you are using sharing account "admin")

Save

Sharing Contents (Media file, Document files, Compress files and so on.)

4. Click Create Share Folder

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Add or Modify Share Folder

Folder Path: /  
Share Name: folder1

6. Create a share folder name or keep it default

7. Select to enable the corresponding function(s) as you desire

Select Folder

5. Select your desired volume

8. Click Save

- volume1
- volume2

Current No. 1  Page
How to Access

LAN Access

• For Windows Users:

Windows XP:
- Go to Start > My Computer
- Input ftp://192.168.0.1:21 in the address field
- Press Enter

Windows Vista/7:
- Go to Start > Computer
- Input ftp://192.168.0.1:21 in the address field
- Click Go or press Enter

Windows 8:
- Move your mouse to the lower right corner and you will see Search icon in the Popups. Click it and search computer
- Go to computer page, and input ftp://192.168.0.1:21 in the address field
- Click Go or press Enter.
Note:

If Authentication is enabled, you will be required to enter the username and password after pressing Enter.
For Mac OS X Users:

- On the top tray, go to **Go > Connect to Server**
- Input Server Address **ftp://192.168.0.1:21**
- Click **Connect**

**Note:**
If **Authentication** is enabled, you will be required to enter the username and password after pressing **Enter**.
• For Linux Users:

  • On the top tray, go to **Places > Connect to Server**
  • Choose Service type **FTP(with login)**
  • Input Server **192.168.0.1**
  • Input Port **21**
  • Click **Connect**.

**Note:**
If **Authentication** is enabled, you will be required to enter the username and password after clicking **Connect**.
For third party FTP client software users (Here we take CuteFTP Professional 8 for example.)

- Open the CuteFTP
- Go to File > New > FTP Site or press Ctrl+N to open a new Site properties.
- Set the dialog box as shown in the figure and click Connect.

☞ Note:

If Authentication is enabled, you need to enter the username and password before clicking Connect.
WAN Access

• For Windows Users:
  Windows XP:
  • Go to Start > My Computer
  • Input ftp://218.18.0.163:21 in the address field
  • Press Enter
  Windows Vista/7:
  • Go to Start > Computer
  • Input ftp://218.18.0.163:21 in the address field
  • Click Go or press Enter
  Windows 8:
  • Move your mouse to the lower right corner and you will see Search icon in the Popups. Click it and search computer
  • Go to computer page, and input ftp://218.18.0.163:21 in the address field
  • Click Go or press Enter

☞ Note:

If Authentication is enabled, you will be required to enter the username and password after pressing Enter.
For Mac OS X Users:
- On the top tray, go to **Go > Connect to Server**
- Input Server Address **ftp://218.18.0.163**
- Click **Connect**

**Note:**
If **Authentication** is enabled, you will be required to enter the username and password after pressing **Enter**.
- For Linux Users:
  - On the top tray, go to *Places > Connect to Server*
  - Choose Service type *FTP (with login)*
  - Input Server *218.18.0.163*
  - Click *Connect*

☞ Note:

If Authentication is enabled, you will be required to enter the username and password after pressing *Enter*. 
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• Go to File > New > FTP Site or press Ctrl+N to open a new Site properties.
• Set the dialog box as shown in the figure and click Connect.

☞ Note:

If Authentication is enabled, you will be required to enter the username and password after pressing Enter.
How to create a user account

Log onto the web-based management page, then go to **USB Settings → Folder Sharing** and follow the steps in the figure below.

1. Select **Use Following Account**

2. Enter the new **Username** and **Password**

3. Click **Save**