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Overview

File 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 C8 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 Basic→USB Settings→File Sharing, the screen will appear similar to figure below. Follow the steps in the figure.
Share all files

1. Select the Active box.
2. Select the Enable boxes.
3. Select Share All.
4. If your sharing needs authentication, select the box.
5. Click Save.
Share the selected files

Share Selected Folders

1. Select the Active box.
2. Select the Enable boxes.
3. Select Share Selected Folders
4. Click Save
Device Settings

- Scan
- Safely Remove

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<th>ID</th>
<th>Volume</th>
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<th>Free Space</th>
<th>Active</th>
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<td>3.7 GB</td>
<td>3.6 GB</td>
<td>☑</td>
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</table>

Sharing Settings

- Network/Media Server Name: TP-LINK_137B00
- Enable: Network Neighborhood
- Access Method: FTP
- Link: ftp://192.168.0.1:21
- Port: 21
- Sharing Mode: Share Selected Folders
- Save

Sharing Content

- Create Share Folder
- 5. Click Create Share Folder

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<tr>
<th>ID</th>
<th>Share Name</th>
<th>Folder Path</th>
<th>Media Sharing</th>
<th>Volume Name</th>
<th>Enabled</th>
<th>Modify</th>
</tr>
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</table>
Add or Modify Share Folder

Volume Name: volume9
Folder Path: /movie
Share Name: movie

- Select your desired volume.
- Create a Share Name or keep the default name.
- Select the box(es) to enable the corresponding function(s) as you desire.
- Select the folder you want to share.
- Click Save.

10. Click Save.
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**.
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 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 Advanced → USB Settings → File Sharing and follow the steps in the figure below.