

# Mozy for Backups

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I had been seeking a solution for my need to backup my home computer. I had been making occasional backups to CD or DVD, or storing on a USB memory device, or sending as attachments to an email account. I was thinking of purchasing extra external hard disks that I could copy to. But I would still need to make the backups and then store the backups in a safe place.

Then I discovered Mozy, and it seems to be working for me. With a good Internet connection it will do backups over the Internet to a safe and secure location. The backups happen in the background, usually without me being aware that it is happening.

Go to the MOZY.com website and signup for their free 2GB service. If you remember to mention the code **"TDHHEG"** during the registration process you will get an extra 250MB of free space (and so will I). That's worth remembering.

2GB is not enough space to store everything. But smartly used it can be more than adequate.

Their website directs you to the software you need to download and install on your computer. The software makes recommendations about what to backup. I ignored most of its advice, since it would have protected my pictures and music, and that is a lot of space. Instead, I created a C:\MOZY folder on my computer. I put important stuff into that folder. I configured Mozy to protect everything in that folder. I also let it protect my Internet Explorer favorites, and a few other folders.

When my computer is idle, or if I say to just do it, it will do a backup across the Internet. It is very easy and automated. Later, if you need to restore a file it is also very easy.



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Files that do not change, like pictures and music, can be backed up to DVD and stored in a safe location. But your word processing documents and spreadsheets are excellent candidates for Mozy protection.

There are other online backup providers, and some of them offer free trials or limited protection. There may be better providers. But Mozy is an industry leader and seems to be easy to use and understand. I've demonstrated to myself that I can restore files to my PC, or even to another computer.

Your login to MOZY.COM is your email address and a password.

I frequently hear of serious problems with home computers, resulting in the loss of personal documents, pictures, music and other data. There are often misgivings about not having backups. If you are looking for a backup solution for your home computer I recommend using Mozy. You can signup for a free account providing 2GB of capacity. If you reference my code (**TDHHEG**) you receive a bonus 250MB of extra capacity. 2,250MB can protect quite a bit of your valuable data, for free. But if you really want to protect a lot of music or pictures you may find their unlimited plan (\$5/month) to be worthwhile.