

# CRASHPLANPRO:

## Multiple Destination Backup

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Backing up to multiple destinations provides onsite backups for fast and convenient restores and offsite backups in case there is a problem at the local site. CrashPlan PRO supports multiple destinations to provide the highest level of availability and protection at no additional cost, because backup destinations are free.

Your backup destinations can be a location with either PRO Server or a PRO Client installed. CrashPlan PRO is so flexible you can backup to a combination of PRO Servers and PRO Clients.

Destinations can be local or they can be remote. A local destination can be a computer on your local network (fast), a USB drive attached to your computer (faster), or another disk attached directly to your motherboard (fastest). A remote destination is one that requires an Internet connection and is generally slower than local destinations.

To maximize your protection and convenience, we recommend backing up to a combination of local and remote destinations.

### Benefits

**Backing up to multiple destinations provides the following benefits:**

- Redundant backup destinations for maximum protection, speed and convenience
- Flexible backup and restore options
- If your initial backup selection contains a lot of files, backing up to a USB drive means having the ability to restore faster in case of hard drive failure

### Choosing Destinations

**Reasons to back up to multiple PRO Servers:**

- You have an offsite location that already has a PRO Server installed.
- You want to manage dedicated backups for more than 10 users.
- You need to configure backup PRO Servers for different departments.
- You need to scale your backup environment to accommodate user / storage needs.

- You want to expand your backup offering using 3rd-party backup destinations (for example, for service providers to allow backup from partners).

**Reasons to back up to a PRO Client destination:**

- You have 10 or fewer users backing up.
- All users have the same backup, security or retention settings or they are capable of managing settings themselves.

**Reasons to back up to a local destination:**

- Backups are much faster than over the Internet.
- Restores are much faster than over the Internet.
- Backing up to a local destination means getting your files back faster than over the Internet from a remote destination.

**Reasons to back up to a remote destination:**

- A remote backup destination provides protection should your office be wiped out by a flood, fire, power surge, or some other natural disaster.

**How It Works**

The PRO Client automatically selects which location to back up to based on which location will complete first. If you are doing an initial backup to a local folder and to the PRO Server across the Internet, your PRO Client will complete backup to the local folder and then complete backup to the PRO Server. This ensures you're fully protected at one destination as soon as possible.

CrashPlan PRO works over any network connection, including the Internet. As long as your CrashPlan PRO Server is Internet-accessible, your laptops are backed up regardless of location. Full communication and data transfer encryption provides secure protection in the office as well as on the road. Coffee shops, airports and hotels - any place with an Internet connection is now a protected location for your workforce.

