**Getting Started with Acronis Cyber Protect**

***1. Choose the Right Plan***

* Individuals / Small Businesses → Start with Acronis Cyber Protect Home Office (formerly Acronis True Image).
* Organizations → Consider Acronis Cyber Protect Cloud or on-premises enterprise versions for multiple systems and centralized management.
* 👉 Visit <acronis.com> to compare editions and pricing.

***2. Set Up the Account***

* Go to the Acronis website and create an account.
* Download the installer for your operating system (Windows, macOS, Linux).
* For larger organizations, you may deploy Acronis through the management console.

***3. Install the Software***

* Run the installer and follow setup instructions.
* During installation, you may be prompted to:
* Enable real-time protection (antivirus & ransomware defense).
* Connect to Acronis Cloud Storage for off-site backups.

4. Plan Your Backup Strategy

Decide:

* What to back up? (Entire system, specific drives, or important folders).
* Where to back up? (Local disk, external drive, NAS, or Acronis Cloud).
* How often? (Daily, weekly, or continuous backup).

👉 As a beginner you should start with full system backup once + daily incremental backups.

***5. Enable Security Features***

* Turn on Active Protection against ransomware.
* Run a vulnerability assessment to see which apps need updates.
* Configure patch management (especially for business setups).

6. Test Recovery

* Don’t just set backups — test them:
* Try restoring a single deleted file.
* If possible, simulate a full recovery on a test machine.

👉 This ensures you’ll know what to do during a real emergency.

***7. Use the Dashboard***

* For individuals → Simple interface lets you manage your backups and scans.
* For organizations → Use the central console to monitor multiple devices, schedule backups, push updates, and check security alerts.

***8. Keep it Updated***

* Ensure the software itself gets regular updates (patches, malware signatures).
* Review your backup strategy every few months to adapt to new data or business needs.

***9. Scaling Up (for Businesses)***

* Roll out Acronis to multiple endpoints (PCs, servers, VMs).
* Integrate with cloud services like Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, or Azure for backup.

Train staff on basic recovery steps.

✅ Quick Tip for Beginners: Start small — back up one laptop or server, test recovery, and gradually expand to full organization coverage.