

AI-01441 iCloud Photos to USB

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Step by step iCloud Photos in MacOS to USB drive

Sure! Here's a step-by-step guide to transfer your iCloud Photos to a USB drive on macOS:

1. **Connect your USB drive** to your Mac.
2. **Open the Photos app** on your Mac [A](#).
3. **Go to Preferences** (Photos > Preferences from the menu bar) [A](#).
4. **Select the iCloud tab** [A](#).
5. **Uncheck the box** next to "iCloud Photos" to stop syncing photos to iCloud [A](#).
6. **Click on the Photos tab** in Preferences [A](#).
7. **Change the "Library Location"** to your USB drive [A](#). Click "Change Location" and select your USB drive [A](#).
8. **Wait for the photos to be copied** to the USB drive [A](#). This might take some time depending on the number of photos [A](#).
9. **Verify the photos** on your USB drive to ensure they have been copied correctly [A](#).

That's it! Your photos should now be safely stored on your USB drive. Do you need help with anything else?

Step by step USB drive photos in MacOS to Photos App

Here's how you can transfer photos from a USB drive to the Photos app on macOS:

1. **Connect your USB drive** to your Mac.

2. **Open the Photos app** on your Mac.
3. **Go to File > Import** from the menu bar.
4. **Navigate to your USB drive** in the Finder window that opens.
5. **Select the photos** you want to import. You can select multiple photos by holding down the Shift key.
6. **Click Review for Import.** This will open the photos in a new window where you can review them before importing.
7. **Click Import All New Photos** or select specific photos and click Import Selected.
8. **Wait for the import process** to complete. This may take some time depending on the number of photos.
9. **Organize your photos** in the Photos app as you like.

That's it! Your photos should now be in the Photos app on your Mac. If you need further assistance or have any questions, feel free to ask!

Are the imported photos in macOS accessible in the file system or it is located in one database file? Where is the location of the photos so that I can make regular backups?

The photos you import into the Photos app on macOS are stored within a Photos Library, which is essentially a package file that contains your photos, videos, and other associated data. This library file is not a traditional database but a bundle that macOS treats as a single file.

To locate the Photos Library:

1. **Open Finder** on your Mac.
2. **Go to your Pictures folder.** You can quickly access this by selecting "Go" from the menu bar and then "Home." Inside your Home folder, you'll find the Pictures folder.
3. **Locate the Photos Library** file. It will have a name like "Photos Library.photoslibrary."

To make regular backups of your Photos Library:

1. **Connect your backup drive** (e.g., an external hard drive or another USB drive) to your Mac.
2. **Drag and drop the Photos Library** file from the Pictures folder to your backup drive. This will copy the entire library, including all photos, videos, and metadata.

You can also use Time Machine, macOS's built-in backup solution, to regularly back up your Photos Library along with your other files.

If you need further assistance or have any other questions, feel free to ask!

There are 2 Photos Library namely:

1. **Photos Library.photolibrary**
2. **Photos Library Local.photolibrary**

Explain

Having two different Photos Libraries, "Photos Library.photoslibrary" and "Photos Library Local.photoslibrary," is unusual but can happen for a few reasons:

1. Separate Libraries:

- **Photos Library.photoslibrary:** This is likely your main Photos Library, which could be stored in the default Pictures folder and synced with iCloud, making your photos accessible across all your Apple devices.
- **Photos Library Local.photoslibrary:** This may be a local version of your Photos Library that is not synced with iCloud. It could have been created for local storage purposes or as a backup.

2. User-Created Library:

- Sometimes users create multiple libraries for organizational purposes. For example, one library might be used for personal photos, while another is used for work or specific projects.

3. Migration or Backup:

- During a migration from an older Mac or after a system restore, a separate "Local" library might have been created to preserve your data.
- If you or an application created a backup of the Photos Library, it might be named with a different identifier.

To identify which library is currently in use by the Photos app and to switch between libraries, you can do the following:

1. **Close the Photos app** if it is open.
2. **Hold the Option key** while reopening the Photos app.
3. **Select the desired library** from the list or click "Other Library..." to navigate to a different location and select the library you want to use.

By doing this, you can manage and switch between multiple libraries as needed. If you need further assistance or have any questions, feel free to ask!

The macOS Photos app is a powerful tool for managing, editing, and sharing your photos and videos. Here are some key features and functionalities:

1. Organization and Browsing

- **Library:** Photos are automatically organized by date, location, and people. You can browse by Years, Months, Days, or All Photos[1].
- **Albums:** Create custom albums to organize your photos your way. You can also use smart albums that automatically update based on criteria you set[1].
- **People & Pets:** The app uses facial recognition to group photos of the same person or pet[1].
- **Memories:** Automatically curates collections of photos and videos into themed slideshows with music and transitions[2].

2. Editing Tools

- **Basic Edits:** Crop, straighten, and adjust the light and color of your photos. You can also apply filters[1].
- **Advanced Edits:** Fine-tune your photos with more detailed adjustments like exposure, highlights, shadows, and more[2].
- **Live Photos:** Edit Live Photos by choosing a key photo, adding effects, or turning them into loops[2].

3. iCloud Integration

- **iCloud Photos:** Sync your photos and videos across all your Apple devices. Any changes you make on one device are automatically updated on all your devices[1].
- **Optimize Storage:** Store full-resolution photos and videos in iCloud while keeping smaller versions on your Mac to save space[2].

4. Sharing and Exporting

- **Sharing:** Share photos and videos via Mail, Messages, AirDrop, or social media directly from the app[2].
- **Exporting:** Export photos in various formats and resolutions. You can also create slideshows, books, calendars, and prints[2].

5. Additional Features

- **Search:** Use keywords, dates, and locations to find specific photos quickly[1].
- **Recovery:** Recover recently deleted photos and videos from the Recently Deleted album[2].

The Photos app is designed to be user-friendly while offering powerful tools for both casual users and photography enthusiasts. If you need more detailed guidance, the [Photos User Guide for Mac](#) is a great resource[2].

Is there a specific feature you're interested in learning more about?

References

[1] [Get started with Photos on Mac - Apple Support](#)

[2] [Photos User Guide for Mac - Apple Support](#)

If I import my 200GB Photo collection from Nikon DSLR to the Photo App in MACOS, will it be sync to iCloud Photos and used up all my 200GB iCloud subscription. What is the best method?

If you import your 200GB photo collection from your Nikon DSLR to the macOS Photos app and have iCloud Photos enabled, it will indeed sync to iCloud and use up your 200GB iCloud storage subscription[1]. Here are some steps and tips to manage this process effectively:

1. Check Your iCloud Storage

- **Ensure you have enough space:** Since your collection is 200GB, you need at least that much available in your iCloud storage. If you have other data in iCloud, you might need to upgrade your storage plan[1].

2. Optimize Storage on Your Mac

- **Optimize Mac Storage:** Enable the "Optimize Mac Storage" option in Photos preferences. This will keep full-resolution photos in iCloud and store smaller versions on your Mac to save space[1].

3. Importing Photos

- **Direct Import:** Connect your Nikon DSLR to your Mac and import photos directly into the Photos app. This will automatically sync them to iCloud if iCloud Photos is enabled[2].
- **External Storage:** If you prefer not to use up all your Mac's internal storage, you can store your Photos Library on an external drive. Make sure to set this library as the System Photo Library in Photos preferences[2].

4. Managing Large Imports

- **Batch Import:** Import your photos in smaller batches to avoid overwhelming the system. This can help ensure a smoother import process[3].
- **Organize with Keywords:** Use keywords or albums to keep your photos organized during and after the import[3].

5. Backup

- **Backup Your Photos:** Before importing, ensure you have a backup of your photos on an external drive or another cloud service. This is crucial to prevent data loss during the import process[2].

By following these steps, you can efficiently manage your large photo collection and ensure it syncs properly with iCloud Photos without running into storage issues. If you need more detailed guidance, the [Apple Support page](#) offers comprehensive instructions[2].

Do you have any specific concerns or need further assistance with any of these steps?

References

- [1] [Manage your photo and video storage - Apple Support](#)
- [2] [Overview of importing photos and videos on Mac - Apple Support](#)
- [3] [How do you import a massive number of photos into the Photos.app?](#)