

AI-01427 iCloud Photos to USB

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Create a Step by Step Guide to backup iCloud Photos to USB

Sure, I can help with that! Here's a step-by-step guide to back up your iCloud photos to a local USB drive:

Using iCloud.com

1. **Connect Your USB Drive:** Plug your USB drive into your computer.
2. **Go to iCloud.com:** Open your web browser and go to iCloud.com.
3. **Log In:** Sign in with your Apple ID and password.
4. **Access Photos:** Click on the "Photos" icon.
5. **Select Photos:** Browse and select the photos you want to download. You can select multiple photos by holding the **Ctrl** key (Windows) or **Command** key (Mac) while clicking on the photos.
6. **Download Photos:** Click the download icon (a cloud with a downward arrow) to download the selected photos to your computer.
7. **Transfer to USB Drive:** Once downloaded, open the folder where the photos are saved, then drag and drop or copy and paste them to your USB drive.

Using iCloud for Windows

1. **Install iCloud for Windows:** If you don't have it, download and install iCloud for Windows.
2. **Sign In:** Open iCloud for Windows and sign in with your Apple ID.
3. **Enable Photos:** Check the box next to "Photos" and click "Options". Ensure "iCloud Photo Library" is checked, then click "Done" and "Apply".

4. **Download Photos:** Open File Explorer and click on "iCloud Photos" in the navigation pane. Click "Download photos and videos" and select the photos you want to download.
5. **Transfer to USB Drive:** After downloading, navigate to the folder where the photos are saved, then drag and drop or copy and paste them to your USB drive.

Using a Mac

1. **Connect Your USB Drive:** Plug your USB drive into your Mac.
2. **Open Photos App:** Open the Photos app on your Mac.
3. **Enable iCloud Photos:** Ensure iCloud Photos is enabled by going to Photos > Preferences > iCloud and checking "iCloud Photos".
4. **Download Originals:** If your photos are optimized for storage, ensure you have the originals by selecting "Download Originals to this Mac".
5. **Export Photos:** Select the photos you want to back up, then go to File > Export > Export [number] Photos.
6. **Choose Destination:** In the export window, choose your USB drive as the destination and click "Export".

These methods should help you back up your iCloud photos to a local USB drive. If you have any questions or run into any issues, feel free to ask!