FAB'S AUTOBACKUP 6 PRO



User's guide

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INTRODUCTION

Fab's AutoBackup 6 Pro is a tool designed for computer technicians. It helps to backup, restore or transfer various files and settings. It works under Microsoft Windows operating systems (from Windows XP to Windows 10). This tool is portable and does not need installation. Here are the handled items:

- User's Desktop (files, folders, shortcuts).
- My Documents
- My Pictures
- My Music
- My Videos
- Downloads folder (Windows Vista and later)
- Quick launch toolbar shortcuts (only for Windows XP and Vista since the feature has been removed from Windows since Windows 7)
- User's desktop wall paper (picture and settings)
- Windows Start screen Modern UI layout (only shortcuts, not applications)
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- Windows Internet Explorer favorites
- Windows Internet Explorer start pages
- Windows Internet Explorer settings (proxy, security zones)
- Mozilla Firefox profiles
- Google Chrome profile *
- Chromium browser profile *
- Opera Web browser profile
- Apple Safari browser profile
- Microsoft Office Outlook messaging profiles and data files (PST and OST files) *
- Microsoft Outlook signatures
- Microsoft Office Outlook typed email addresses history
- Mozilla Thunderbird profiles
- PostBox profiles
- Microsoft Outlook Express identities (emails, rules, email accounts)*
- Windows Mail
- Windows Live Mail
- Windows Contacts (Address Book in Windows XP, used with Outlook Express)
- IncrediMail identities (emails, rules, email accounts)
- Opera Mail
- Windows Vista's Calendar
- Sticky-notes (Windows 7 and later)
- Screen saver settings
- Microsoft Office documents templates
- Skype data
- Trillian data
- ICQ Data
- Windows Gadgets and their settings (Windows Vista and Windows 7)
- Network drives connections
- Network places
- Logitech SetPoint settings
- Microsoft IntelliPoint settings

- Microsoft IntelliType settings
- Google Picasa albums and database
- BlackBerry Desktop Manager settings
- BlackBerry devices backups
- Apple IOS devices backups (MobileSync)
- Common documents
- Common desktop
- Common pictures
- Common videos
- Common Music
- Microsoft Office XP/2003/2007/2010 activation files
- Modem settings file (rasphone.pbk)
- Fonts
- NCH Express Invoice data
- Intuit QuickBooks data (experimental feature)
- Steam downloaded files
- Additional user defined folders
- Additional user defined files

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SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

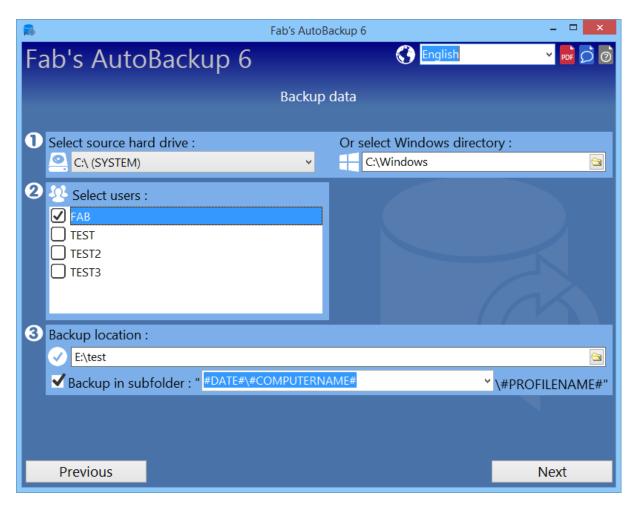
- Unpack Fab's AutoBackup 6 Pro to the location you want (hard drive, USB stick or network path).
- Run Fab's AutoBackup 6 Pro
- Enter your order ID and the email address you used at purchase.
- Select program's language (if the one set at startup is not OK for you)
- That is it! The program is now ready to use.

BACKUP FROM CURRENT USER PROFILE

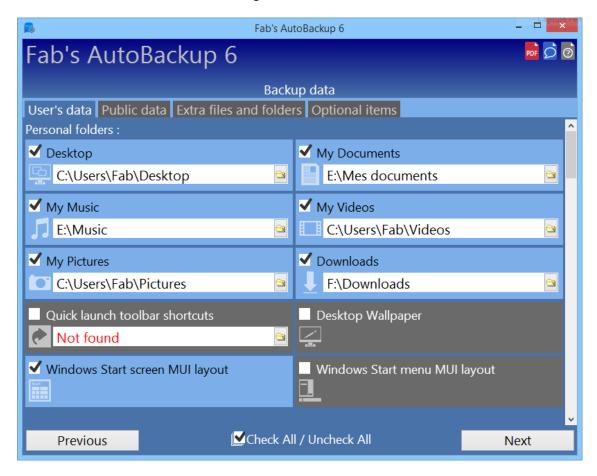
- Run the program with a double-click (a privilege elevation request may appear, grant it):



- Click "Backup data"
- Leave the source hard drive and the source windows like they already are.
- Select the user account to backup data from (it should be already selected).
- Type the backup location or use the 🗎 button to select it.
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- Click "next" button.

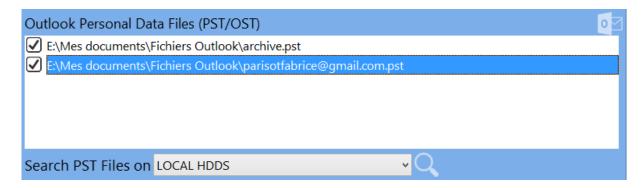


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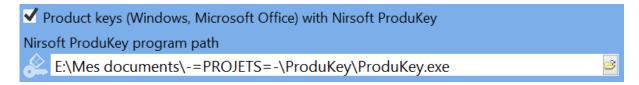
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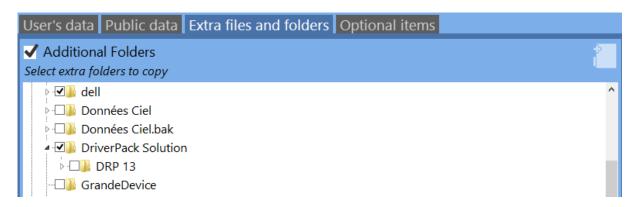
- Go to the bottom of "Public data" tab
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- A message prompt asks for program download, click "Yes".
- Once downloaded, the "Produkey.exe" utility is saved in the Fab's AutoBackup executable directory, in the "ProduKey" subfolder. The utility's path is filled.



To add extra folders to the backup:

- Click the "Extra files and folders" tab
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- To remove an additional folder, just clear its box.

Comment: expanded folders will be added without their subfolders, collapsed ones will be entirely processed.



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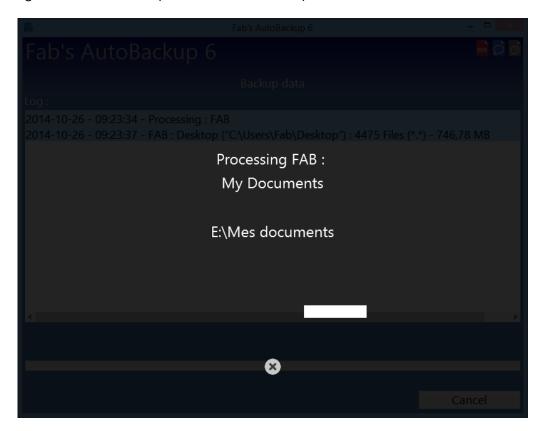
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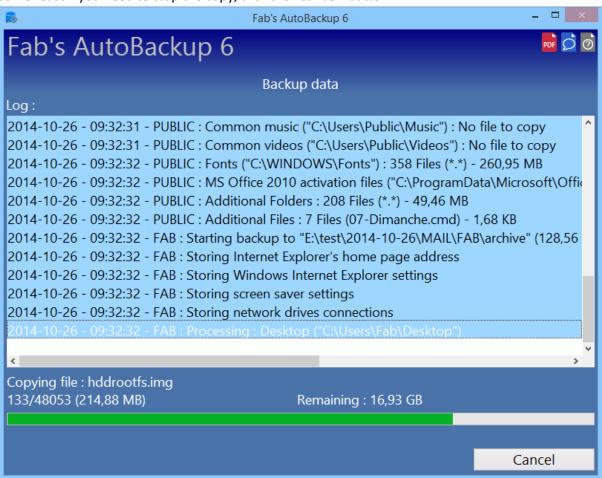


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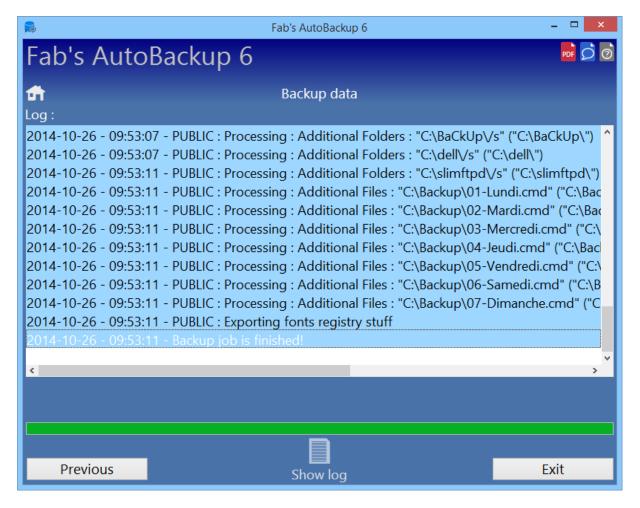
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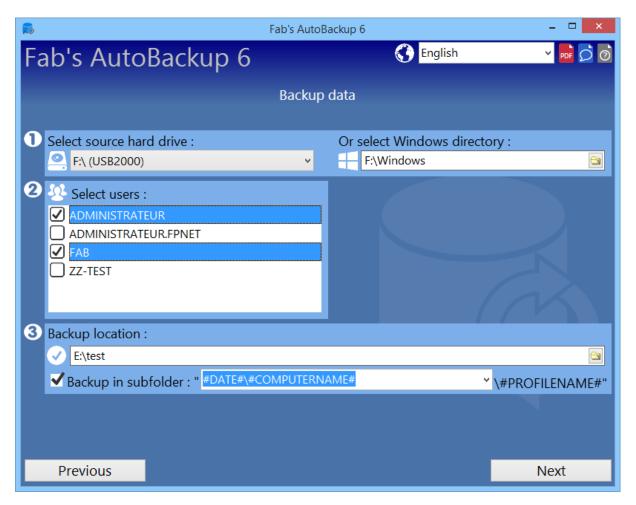


BACKUP FROM ONE OR MORE USER PROFILES OR/AND FROM ANOTHER HARD DRIVE

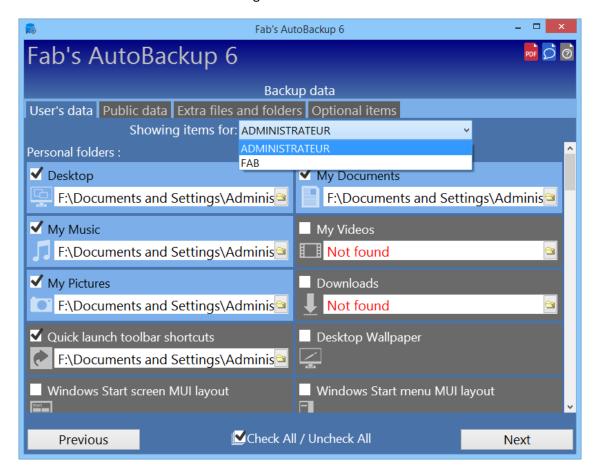
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- Click "Backup data"
- Select the source hard drive (containing the files to backup).
- Select the user profile to copy files from. You can select several users at once.
- Type the backup location or use the left button to select it
- To backup in folder containing the user's name and the backup date, check the matching box and select (or type) the folder naming pattern you want to use. The box is checked (and cannot be unchecked) if more than one user profile has been selected.
- Click the "Next" button

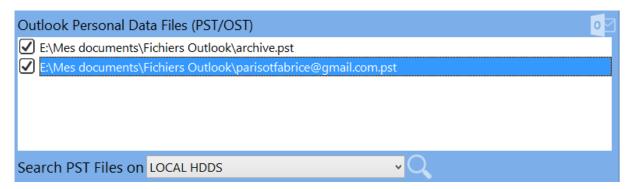


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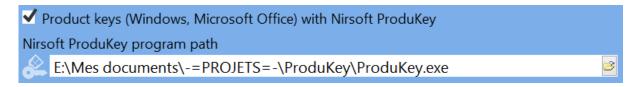
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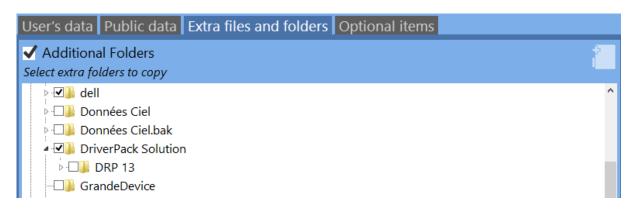
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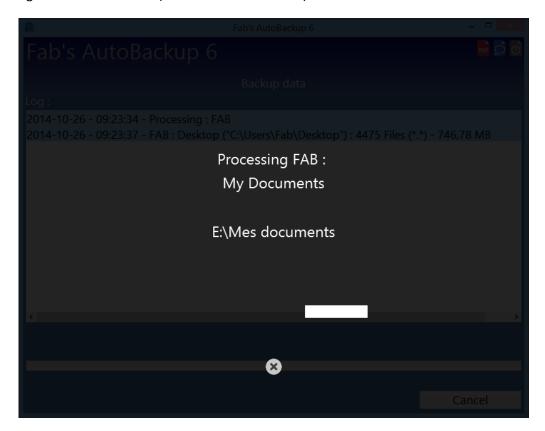
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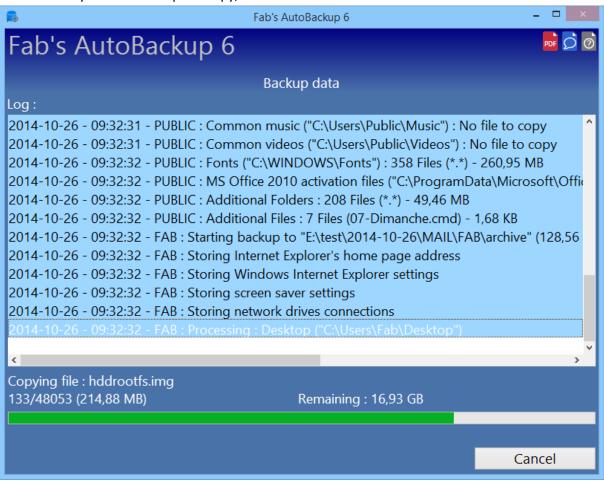


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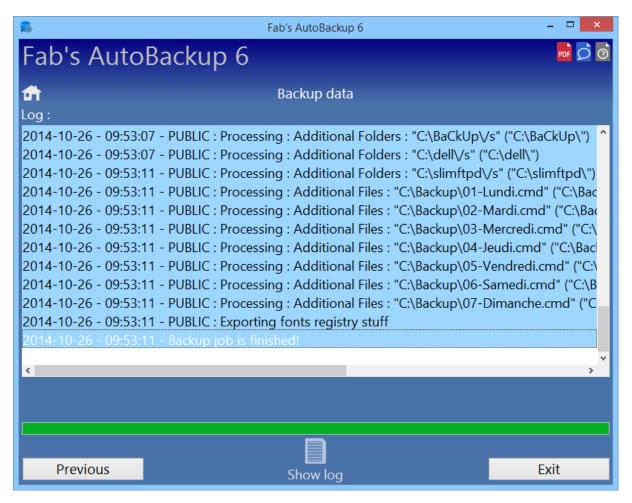
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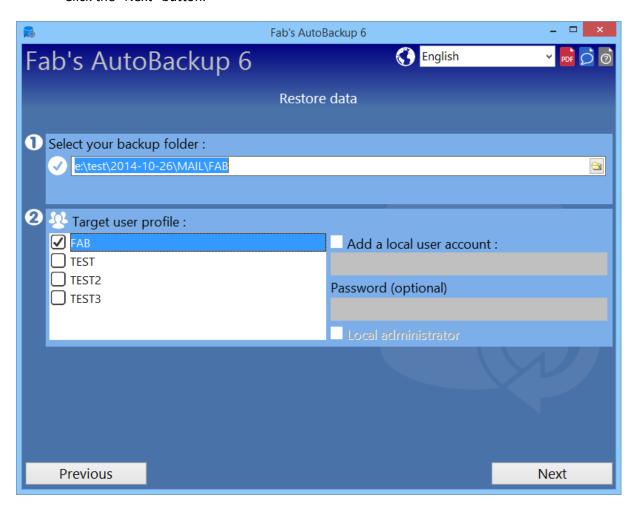


RESTORE TO AN EXISTING USER PROFILE

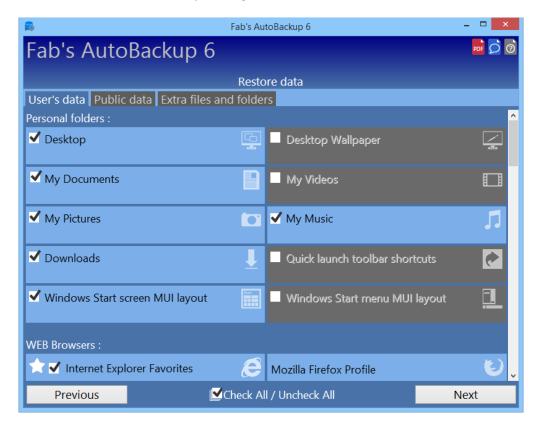
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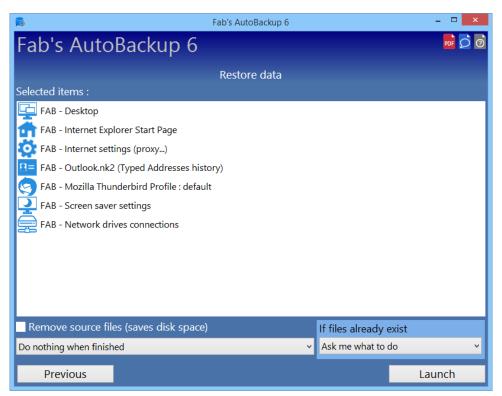
- Click "Restore data".
- Select the target user account.
- Type the backup folder location or use the button to select the "archive" folder or its container.
- Click the "Next" button.



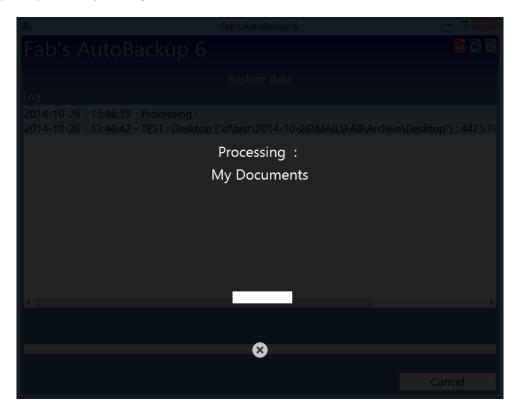
- Items in the backup appear in colored squares (light blue by default), unavailable items remain in grey. Every available item is selected automatically.
- Items are sorted in tabs.
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- Show the selected items list by clicking the "Next" button on the last available tab.



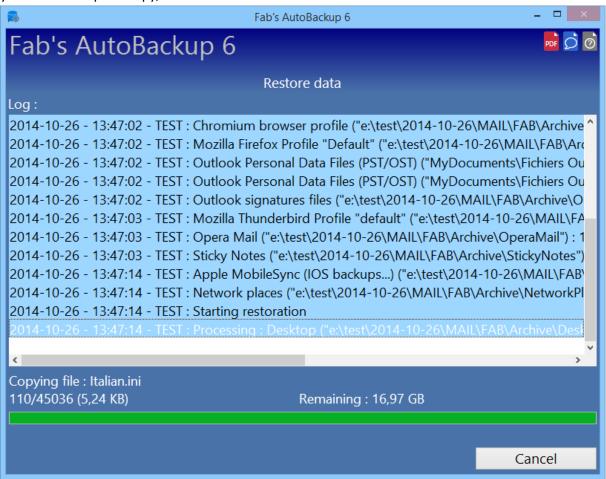
Selections are displayed. To make some changes, click the "Previous" button. Select the default action at the end of process: do nothing, play a sound or shut down the computer. Select the default behavior if files are going to be overwritten. Source files can be removed by checking the matching check box. This is useful if the backup is on the system drive as soon as the process is very fast and saves disk space. Run the restore process by clicking "Launch" button:



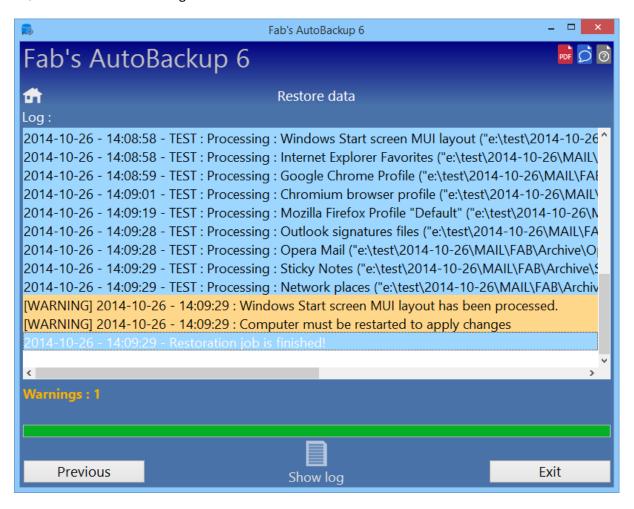
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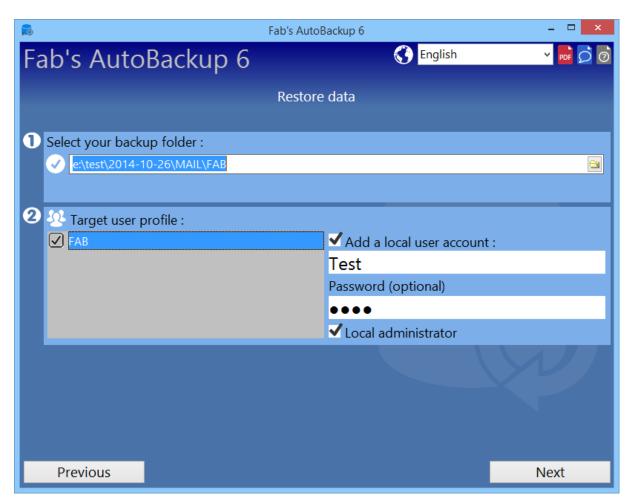


RESTORE TO A NEW USER PROFILE

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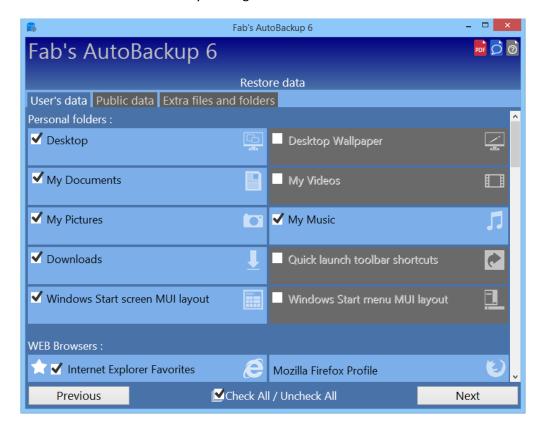


- Click "Restore data".
- Check the "Add a local user account".
- Type the user name in the appropriate text field.
- If you want to password protect (14 characters max) this user account, fill the "Password (optional)" field.
- The created account will be a standard user, unless you check the "Local administrator" box.
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- Click the "Next" button.

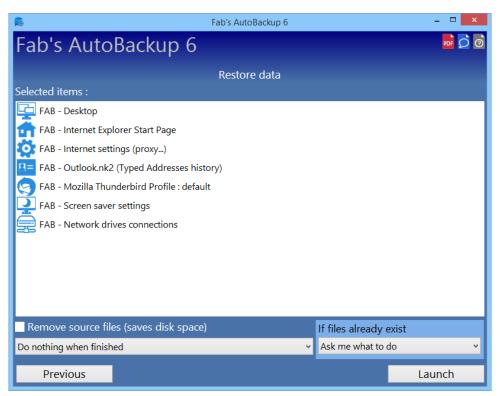


The program creates the user account with the chosen parameters.

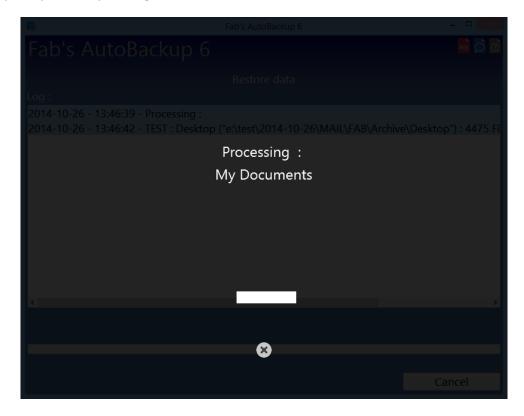
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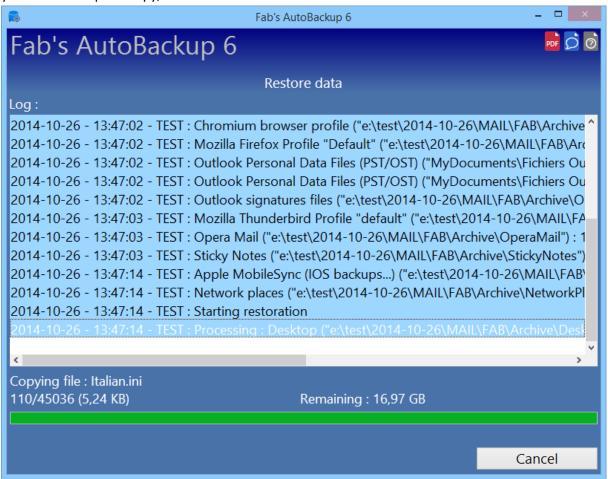
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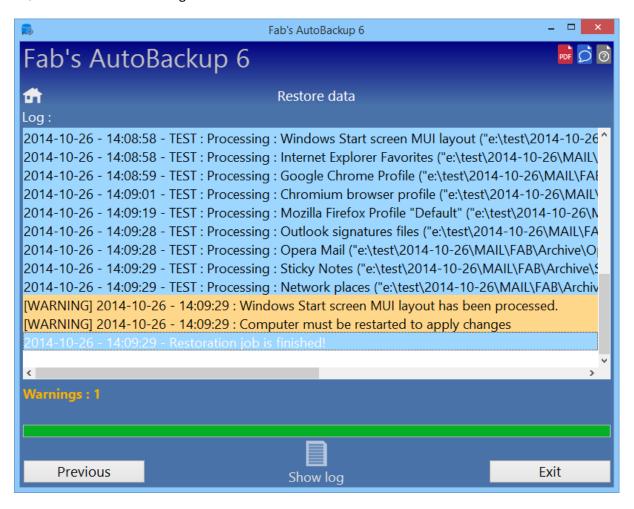
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DATA TRANSFER

This function allows you to transfer data from user profiles to others. Source user profiles can be on a local hard drive or a pulled one. In example, you can USB attach the old computer drive and use the transfer function to migrate files and settings to the new computer.

- Run the program with a double-click (a privilege elevation request may appear, grant it):



- Click "Transfer data"
- Select the source hard drive. If the source user profile is already on your local system drive, do not change anything here.
- Select source user profile in dropdown menu A
- Select target user profile **B** that will get data from user profile **A**. If the target user profile does not exist on the local computer, select "Add a local user account" in the dropdown menu **B**. See the "Add a new user account" section below.



Add a new user account:

- Type the user's name

- Enter a password if you want to protect it. This is optional.

- If the new user account needs to be a local administrator, check the "Local administrator" box.

- Click the button to create the user account.

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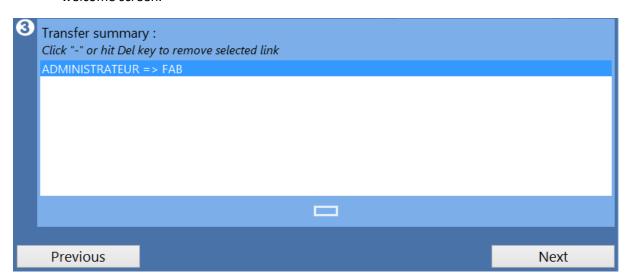
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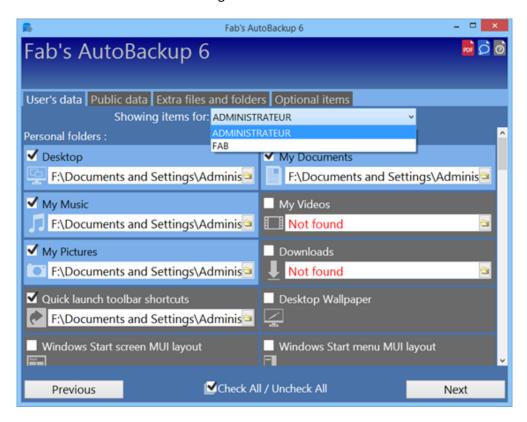
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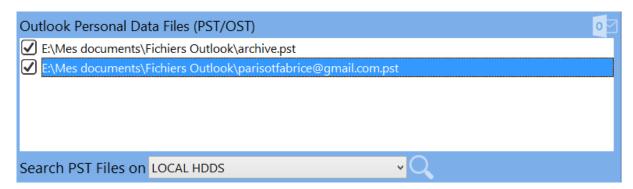


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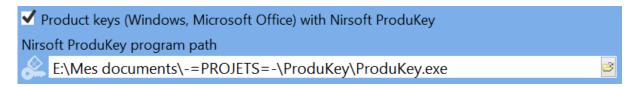
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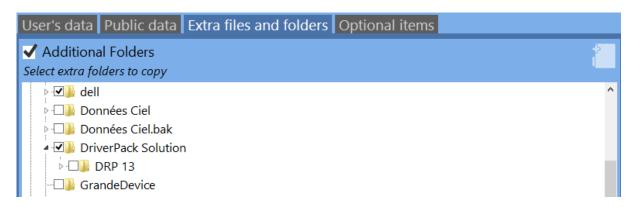
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Once your selections made, click the "Next" button on within the last tab to see the selected items summary.

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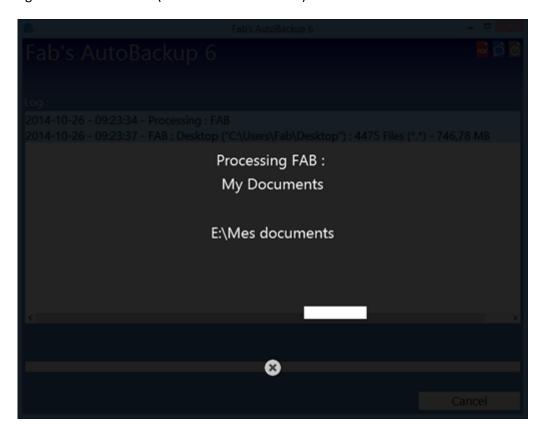
- Do nothing when finished: the program waits for your action
- Play a sound when finished: to warn you at the end of the process
- Shutdown computer when finished
- Email log when finished*
- Play sound and email the log when finished*
- Email the log and shutdown computer when finished*

If you have already made other backups in the same folder (a fixed location, without dated subfolder), you can synchronize the backup with your actual files: all the files in the backup missing on the computer will be removed. **Use this option only if you know what you are doing because it can destroy files in your backup.** To use it, check the "Purge old files on the destination" box. Another menu is there to set the default action to take with already existing files To start the copy, click the "Launch" button.

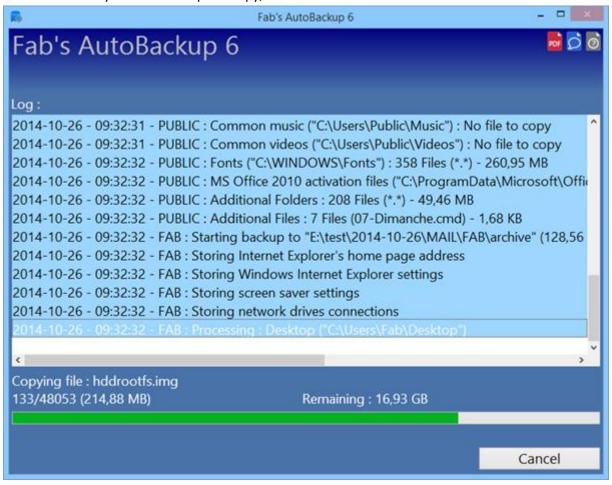


^{*} email information such as sender, recipient and SMTP server must be set. An email settings window appears if these settings are missing. Email settings can be changed using the icon.

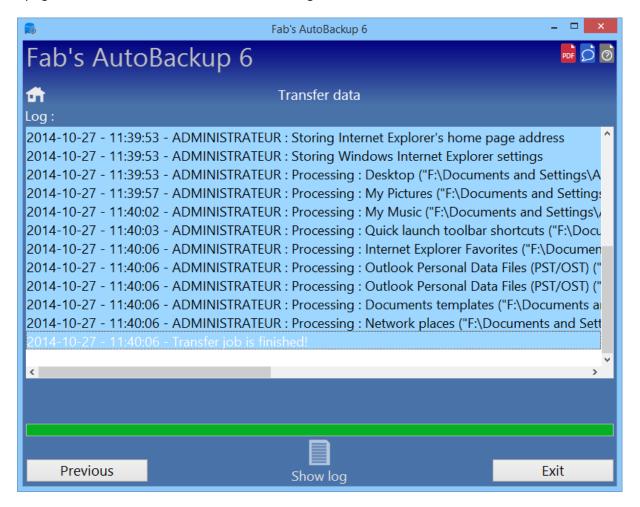
The program starts the files listing, counts them and measures their size. You can abort this process by clicking the "Cancel" button (the circled cross button):



Transfer starts. All the events are displayed in the log. It shows information, warnings and errors. If for some reason you need to stop the copy, click the "Cancel" button:



At the end of the transfer process, the log is stored in an htm on the local public desktop. It will be named like: "AutoBackup Transfer Log - YYYY-MM-DD - HH-MM-SS.htm". If you did not choose to shut down the computer, you will be able to open it directly by clicking the button "Show log icon" when the copy is finished or cancelled. You can go back to items selections by clicking the "Previous" button, go back to the welcome screen, or close the program using the cross button in the upright corner or the "Exit" button in the downright corner.



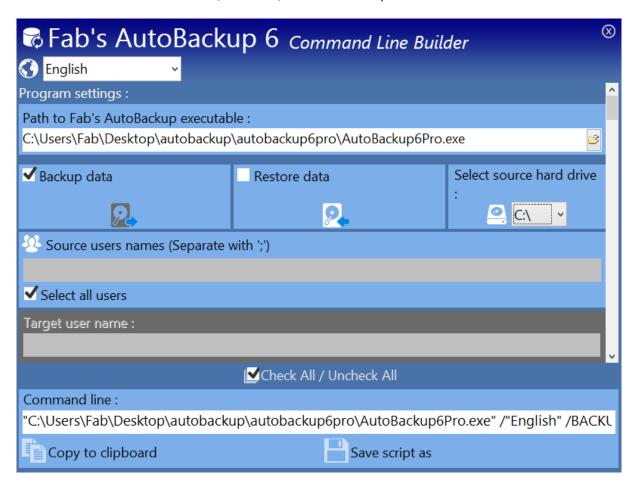
USE FROM THE COMMAND LINE

Fab's AutoBackup can be used from the command line. This way, it is possible to make scripts and use the Windows task scheduler to automate backup and restore jobs. Transfer in command line is not possible because that would be too complicated to handle. The tool has to be simple and efficient!

Even if it is possible to type the command line by hand, it is highly advised to generate it from the "Command Line Builder" tool bundled with the program.

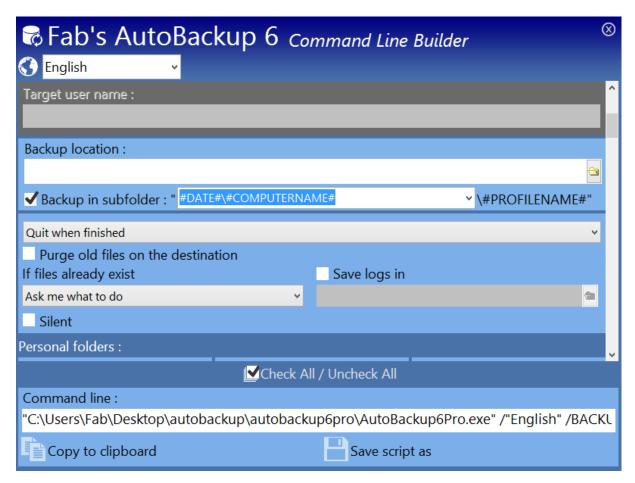
BACKUP

- Run the tool with a double-click
- Specify the program's executable path
- Leave the "Backup data" box checked
- Select the source hard drive in the dropdown menu
- If you want to backup files from all the users accounts, leave the "Select all users" box checked. Otherwise, enter the profiles names in the "Source users names" text field. If there are more than one user name, use the ";" character as separator between names.

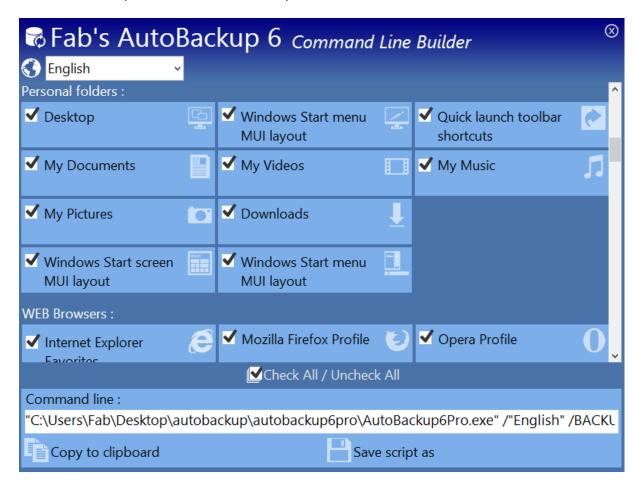


- Use the vertical scrollbar to see the next parameters.

- Specify the backup folder location
- To backup in folder containing the user's name and the backup date, check the matching box and select (or type) the folder naming pattern you want to use. The box is checked (and cannot be unchecked) if more than one user profile has been selected.
- Check the "Silent" box if you want to run the program in background without a visible window.
- At the end of process, the program can auto-close, play a sound then close or shut down the computer. Select the appropriate option in the dropdown menu.
- If you have already made other backups in the same folder (a fixed location, without dated subfolder), you can synchronize the backup with your actual files: all the files in the backup missing on the computer will be removed. Use this option only if you know what you are doing because it can destroy files in your backup. To use it, check the "Purge old files on the destination" box.
- Another menu is there to set the default action to take with already existing files.
- Backup logs can be stored in a separated location by checking the 'Saves logs in' box and filling the folder path field.



- All the items are selected by default. You can unselect everything using the "Check all / Uncheck all" box
- Check the items you want to backup. Like in the main program, they are sorted by category. A difference: there is no way to specify paths for items. In other words, only the default detected paths will be used at backup time.



You can get Windows and Microsoft Office programs licenses keys in order to reinstall them later using the "ProduKey" utility from Nirsoft:

- Check the "Product keys (Windows, Microsoft Office) with NirSoft ProduKey" box



Highlight: if the tool has not been downloaded with the main program, this parameter will be ignored.

To add extra folders to the backup:

- In then "Additional folders" square, use the tree view to navigate to the folder to add and check its box.
- To remove an additional folder, just clear its box.

Comment: expanded folders will be added without their subfolders, collapsed ones will be entirely processed.



You can add extra files too. Use the "+" to add a file and the "-" button to remove the one selected in the list.

Other settings like files or folders exclusions can be added. These items can be found in the "Optional items" category.

To exclude files by type, jump to the "Optional items" tab:

- Check the "Exclude files by type" box or click in the text field.
- Type the files types to exclude. Example: *.tmp
- To exclude more files types, use the ";" character as separator like in the example below :

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✓ Exclude files by type

separate entries with ";", ie: "*.tmp;*~*.*"

*.tmp;*~*.*;*temp*;*.log;*.ipa;*.vmdk;*.avi;*.mkv;*.iso;*.mp3;*.mp4;*.exe;*.zip;*.ipsw;*.rar;*.7z
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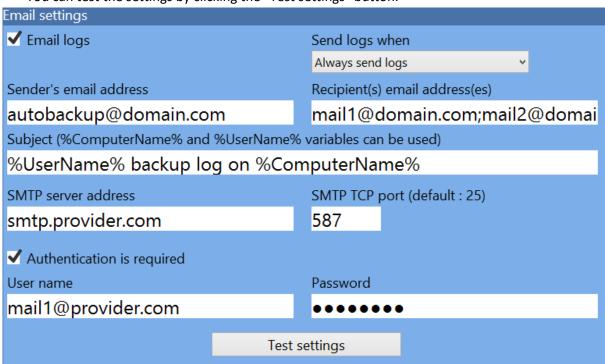
To exclude folders:

- Use the explorer tree to select the folder to exclude.



Backup in command line also allows sending logs via email. This function can be set under "Email settings" section. To use it, proceed as follows:

- Check the "Email logs" box
- Select when you would like to send logs using the appropriate dropdown menu. You can set the program to always send the logs, if there were warnings or if there were errors during the process.
- Specify the sender's email address.
- Type the recipient(s) address(es). If there are more than one recipient, use the ";" character as separator
- Set the message's subject. You can use environment variables in this field like
 "%UserName%" and "%ComputerName%"
- Specify the SMTP server's address (in most cases, the internet service provider's is used).
- In many cases, the TCP server port is 25 but with some providers, you must use other TCP ports like 587 or 465. In this case, fill the "SMTP TCP port" field.
- SMTP servers may require authentication. If it is your case, check the "Authentication is required" box and fill the user name field (usually, an email address) and the associated password.
- You can test the settings by clicking the "Test settings" button.

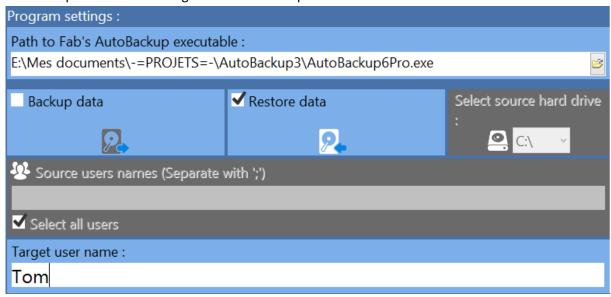


Once the selections done, you can copy the command line to the clip board or save it as a CMD file using the matching buttons:



RESTORE

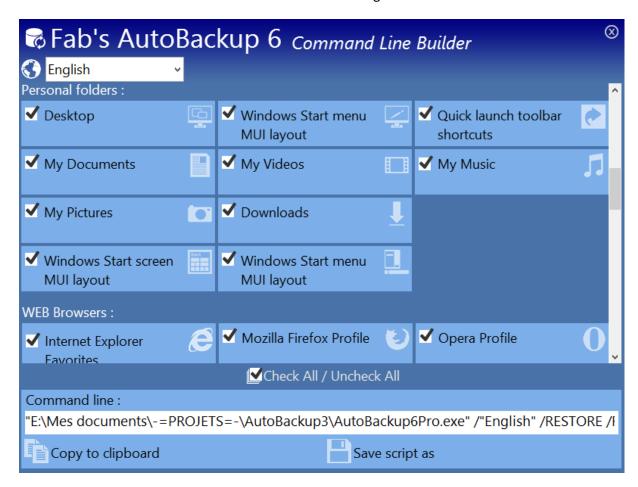
- Run the tool with a double-click
- Specify the program's executable path
- Click the "Restore data" box
- Specify the target user name. If the account does not exist on the computer, le program will create it as a local administrator without password. You can change the account type and add a password later using Windows control panel.



- Specify the backup folder
- Chose the action to take at the end of the process: auto-close, play a sound then quit or shut down the computer.
- The purge function is disabled with restore because of security reasons.
- If there are files that would be replaced on the computer, you can set the default action for them: overwrite them, keep both, keep newest or skip them.



- All items are checked by default. It is possible to uncheck all at once by clicking the "check all/check none" box.
- Check the items to restore. Items are sorted in categories.



Highlight: restore feature in command line mode is very basic and does not allow granular selections, especially for items usually shown as lists in the main program. In example, if "Mozilla Firefox profile" is checked, all the Mozilla Firefox profiles inside the backup folder will be restored. It is not possible to just restore a specific one. This is the same thing for other items like the Microsoft Outlook PST/OST files or Mozilla Thunderbird profiles.

Once the selections done, you can copy the command line to the clip board or save it as a CMD file using the matching buttons:



APPENDIX A: Set Microsoft Outlook passwords

Follow this procedure to prevent Microsoft Outlook to prompt several times for e-mail accounts passwords (mostly for IMAP accounts).

A1: Under Windows XP:

- Click "Start" 1, then click "Control Panel"



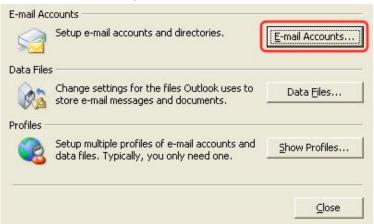
- If your control panel is sorted by categories, open "Users Accounts" or go to next step.



- Open "Mail"

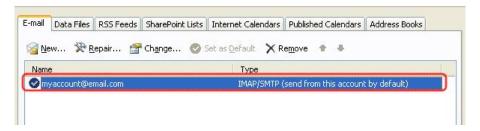


- If there are more than one Outlook profiles, choose the one to edit. Click "E-mail accounts"



Double-click the email account to edit

E-mail Accounts



- Fill the password field 0
- Check the "Remember password" box 🥝
- If the Outgoing server requires different user name and password, click the "More settings" button and set the password in "outgoing server tab" the same way (click the "remember password box) and click "OK" button.
- Click "Next" button 😃

Each of these settings are required to get your e-mail account working.





Click the finish button

A2: Under Windows Vista:

- Click then Windows "Start" button , then right-click the Outlook "E-Mail" icon and select "Properties"

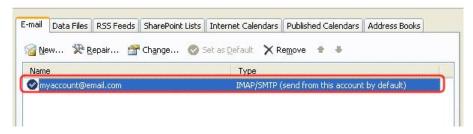


- If there are more than one Outlook profiles, choose the one to edit. Click "E-mail accounts"



- Double-click the email account to edit

E-mail Accounts



- Fill the password field 🚺
- Check the "Remember password" box 2
- If the Outgoing server requires different user name and password, click the "More settings" button and set the password in "outgoing server tab" the same way (click the "remember password box) and click "OK" button.
- Click "Next" button 😃

Each of these settings are required to get your e-mail account working.

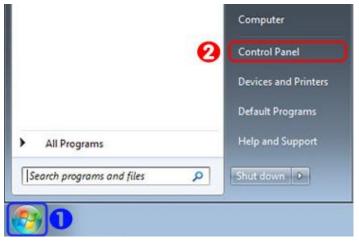




- Click the finish button

A3: Under Windows 7:

- Click "Start" button , then click "Control Panel"



- If your control panel is sorted by categories, open "Users Accounts" or go to next step.



- Open "Mail"

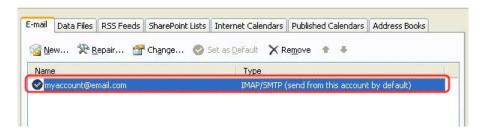


- If there are more than one Outlook profiles, choose the one to edit. Click "E-mail accounts"



- Double-click the email account to edit

E-mail Accounts



- Fill the password field 🕕
- Check the "Remember password" box 2
- If the Outgoing server requires different user name and password, click the "More settings" button and set the password in "outgoing server tab" the same way (click the "remember password box) and click "OK" button.
- Click "Next" button 😃

Each of these settings are required to get your e-mail account working.





- Click the finish button

A4: Under Windows 8/8.1:

- Right-click on the very bottom-left of the screen and select "Control Panel"



- If your control panel is sorted by categories, open "Users Accounts" or go to next step.



- Open "Mail"

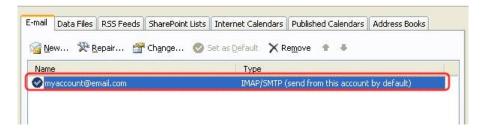


- If there are more than one Outlook profiles, choose the one to edit. Click "E-mail accounts"



- Double-click the email account to edit

E-mail Accounts



- Fill the password field $oldsymbol{0}$
- Check the "Remember password" box 2
- If the Outgoing server requires different user name and password, click the "More settings" button and set the password in "outgoing server tab" the same way (click the "remember password box) and click "OK" button.
- Click "Next" button 😃

Each of these settings are required to get your e-mail account working.





- Click the finish button

APPENDIX B: Customizing user interface

Follow this procedure if you need to change the program's colors for your company's.

B1: CHANGE PROGRAM'S TITLE

The program must have been run at least once. This will automatically create an "Autobackup.ini" configuration file in the executable's folder.

- Open the "Autobackup.ini" file using notepad.
- Find the "[BRANDING]" section
- Set the "Title" value to what you want. It should look like this:

[BRANDING]

Title=My Company's Name

- Save the file and close Notepad.
- Run the program and see if its title changed.



B2: CHANGE PROGRAM'S COLORS

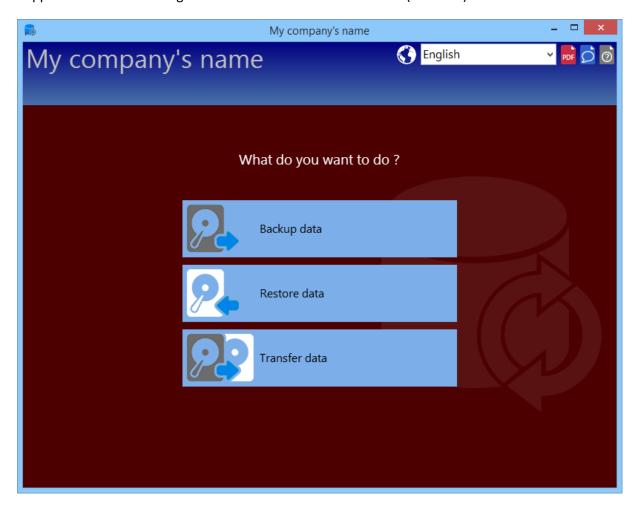
This part of customization is a bit more complicated as color values are in HTML hexadecimal code. In example, white's value is #FFFFFF when black's is #000000. You will need to know the hexadecimal code for the colors you want to use for Fab's AutoBackup 6.

You will find some help here: http://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref colorpicker.asp or you can use an image editing software like pain.net to get the code

Here are the default values to edit in the "Autobackup.ini" file:

[BRANDING] Title= BackGroundColor=#4972A9 AppTitleColor=#C1C1C1 SecondaryTitleColor=#FFFFF CategoryFontColor=#FFFFFF TopGradientStartColor=#020281 TopGradientEndColor=#4972A9 TabsBackgroundColor=#7CAFE9 ActiveTabColor=#4972A9 ActiveTabFontColor=#FFFFFF InactiveTabColor=#5D5D5D InactiveTabFontColor=#D4D4D4 TabMouseOverColor=#62A0C1 TabMouseOverFontColor=#FFFFFF ItemColor=#7CAFE9 ItemMouseOverColor=#80B3EA ItemFontColor=#000000

Example: BackGroundColor value is the most used color on the program's windows. Here is what happens if its value is changed with a dark red hexadecimal code (#4C0000):



You can change every color (except for the three icons in the upright corner and the job log).

B3: CHANGE PROGRAM'S LOGO

All you need to have to do in order to add your own logo is to put a logo.png file in the program's folder. 180 pixels height PNG pictures give the best results.

