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# Tutorial

## How to Create a Backup of Your Crypto Wallet

Making a backup of your wallet is an important step in securing access to your coins. Experts recommend making multiple backups, at least one of which is offline on an encrypted USB drive.

Imagine if there is a fire and your residence burns down? It's a good idea to have backups of crypto wallet in several locations. Remember that without access to your wallet.dat or private key, you won't be able to access your coins and we won't be able to help you!

When you make a backup, you will also make a copy of your 'wallet.dat' file. This 'wallet.dat' file is required to access the corresponding funds on the network.

### Create the Backup

1. Start the wallet software, go to File and click 'Backup Wallet.'
2. Select a location and give the backup a name.
3. Press Save. Be sure to change the filename to a name that lets you know which coin it belongs to, for example xbywallet.dat. This is especially important if you have multiple backups for different coins!
4. Keep your backup file in a safe place, preferably in multiple places! Remember: If you lose all your wallet.dat files and your private key, you will lose access to your funds.

### Restoring a Backup

1. Locate your wallet.dat backup.
2. Copy the file into the same directory where you store your blockchain.
3. **In Windows**, the default directory is:  
'C:\Users\your\_windows\_user\_name\AppData\Roaming\xtrabytes'
4. **In Mac**, the directory is:  
\$HOME/Library/Application Support/xtrabytes/ OR  
/Users/username/Library/Application Support/xtrabytes/

If you've given your backup a different name, rename it to wallet.dat. Then start the wallet software and access your restored wallet.