

Windows 8 and SkyDrive

When Windows 8 first appeared on the scene it received a bunch of mixed reviews. Some people loved the new interface and the use of apps. One feature that drew attention was that of Microsoft adding Skydrive to their operating system.

Skydrive is cloud storage for users to store their documents and photos. This helps owners protect their valuable data and it also allows them to share the data with family, friends or business associates.

Skydrive is really just an example of what cloud storage is all about. If you are currently using Windows 8 and love Skydrive why not protect your entire computer in the same manner?

It is very easy to organize your folders in Skydrive. If you were in the habit of using the libraries feature you can just replace this with Skydrive. The libraries feature in Windows 8 is often underutilized. It is a convenient way to organize and access your information.

If you look under the libraries feature you will see that it has 4 folders including Documents, Pictures, Music and Videos. Just copy these folders into your Skydrive. Then just get into the habit of working from your Skydrive instead of your regular document or music folders.

The main advantage of working in this way is that if something does happen to your computer you won't lose all of your information. Plus if you work on more than one computer you can still access your Skydrive documents.

Another benefit is that you can work on the documents in Skydrive while not connected to the internet. Great if you are on the road and are not sure if you will have access to the internet.

Skydrive doesn't give you a whole lot of room but don't forget you can also use Google Drive in the same manner. Or you may prefer to use additional cloud storage.

For example both Dropbox and Box provide you with a certain amount of free storage. You could easily use both, one for your personal data and the other for business purposes.

Many people often lose their most treasured photos because they don't think about making a backup of them. If you store your photos using some form of cloud storage, you won't have to worry about losing them. So if your computer crashes or your laptop gets stolen you will still have access to your photos.