

HOW-TO

Install Synology Drive and sync a folder

Download Drive Client for this Mac, allow it to see the NAS, sign in, and link one shared folder.

About 15 minutes, once the download is quick

Before you start

- The NAS is turned on.
- You can open DSM, the NAS desktop, in a browser.
- Synology Drive Server is already installed on the NAS.
- You have a NAS username and password that is allowed to use Drive.
- You are sitting at the Mac that should keep the files.

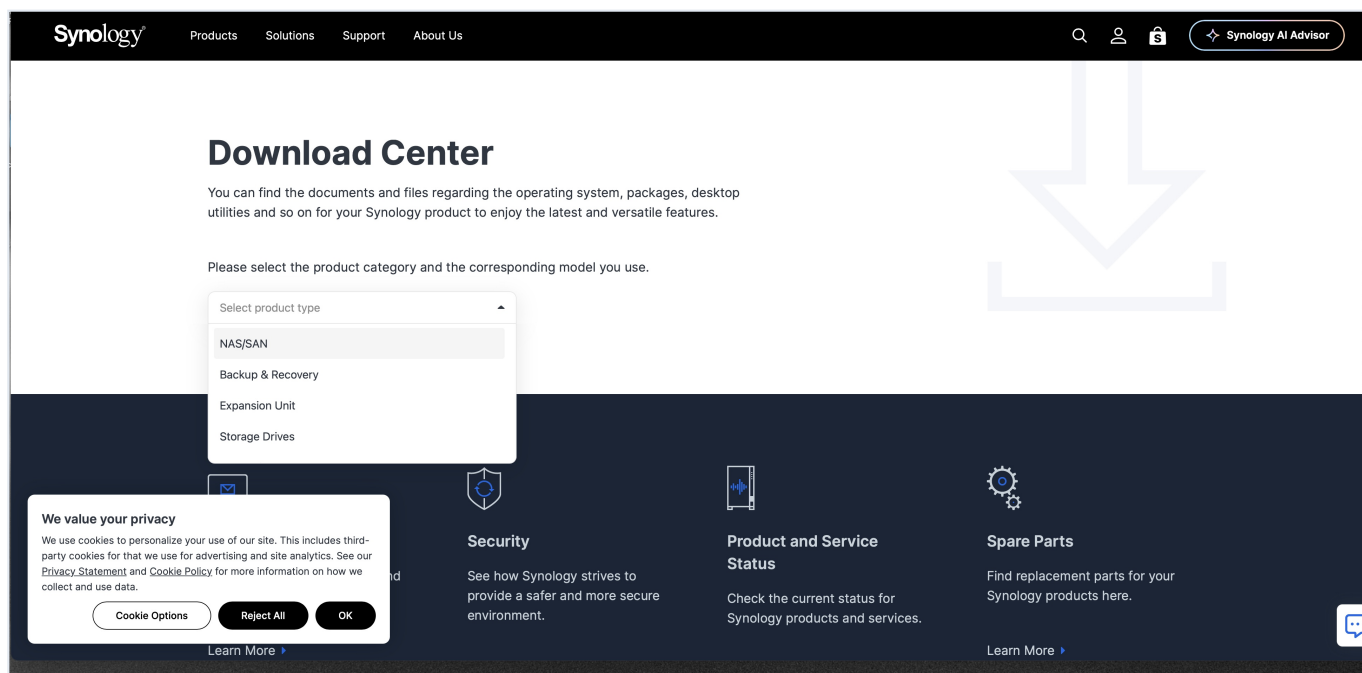
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Choose NAS/SAN

On the Download Center page, open the product type menu and click NAS/SAN.

Open the Download Center: <https://www.synology.com/en-us/support/download>

Your DiskStation is a NAS, so this is the group that lists the right models and apps. The other rows are for backup hardware, expansion units, and loose drives.



Download Center, product type menu open

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

The menu shows four rows: NAS/SAN, Backup & Recovery, Expansion Unit, and Storage Drives. NAS/SAN is the first row.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

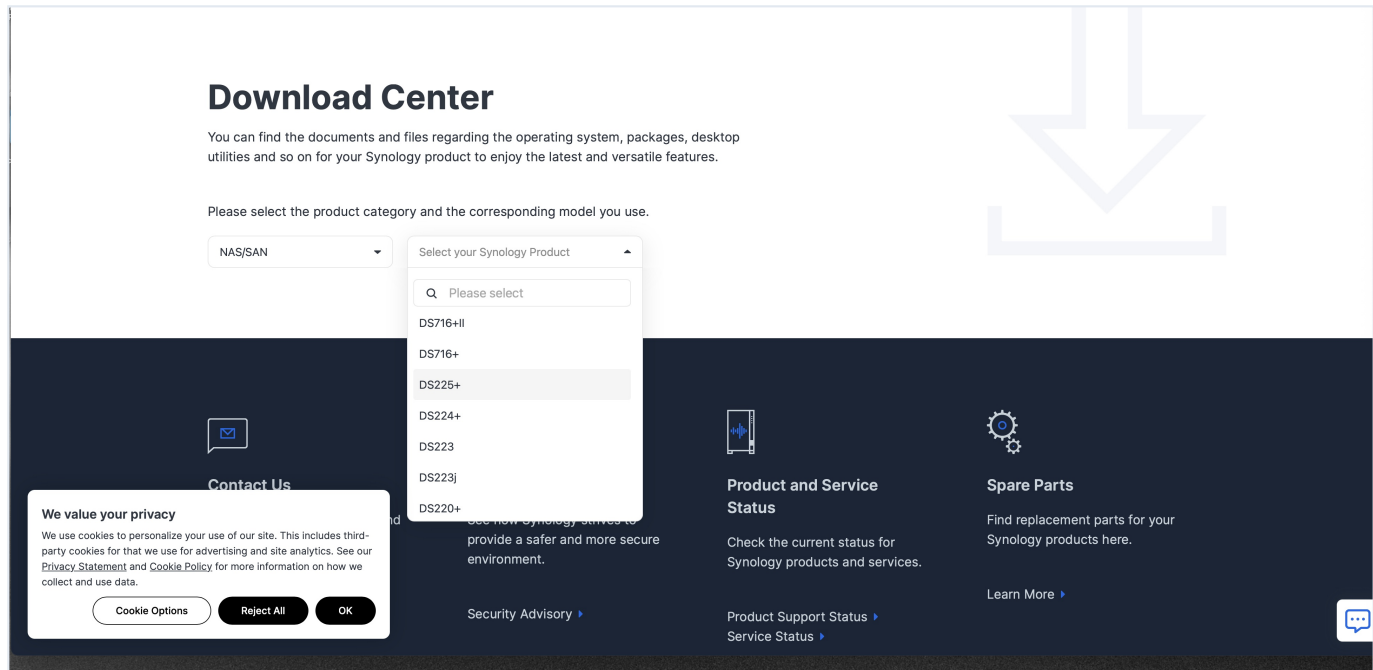
If a privacy banner covers the lower left, close it so you can see the page. A bar at the top may offer a page for another country. You can stay on United States - English.

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Select DS225+

Open Select your Synology Product and click DS225+.

DS225+ is the model for this NAS. The pointer is already resting on that row. After you click it, the page lists the files made for that model.



Model menu with the pointer on DS225+

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

DS225+ is the gray row in the menu. The rows around it are other models.

FOR THE TECHNICIAN

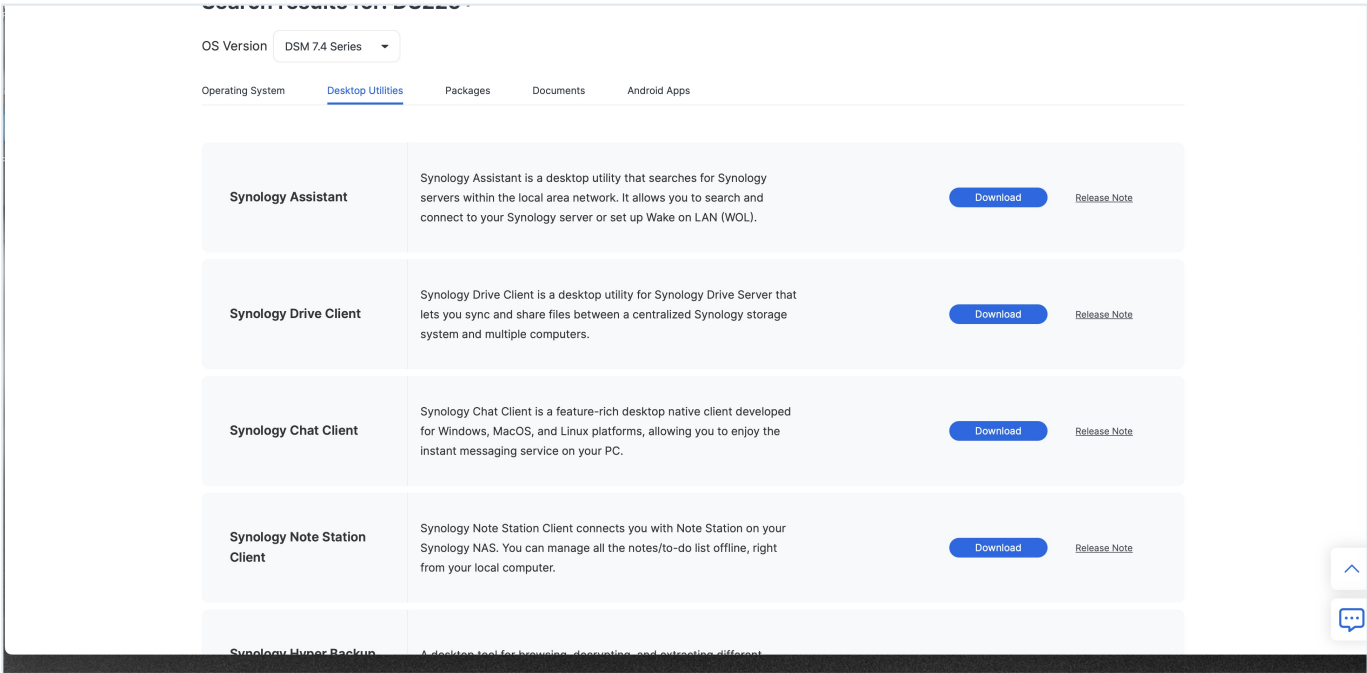
The model name is also in DSM under Control Panel, then Info Center, then General. This unit is a DS225+.

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Open Desktop Utilities

Click the Desktop Utilities tab.

These are the programs you install on a computer. Operating System, Packages, and Documents are for the NAS itself. Android Apps is for a phone.



DSM 7.4 Series, Desktop Utilities tab

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

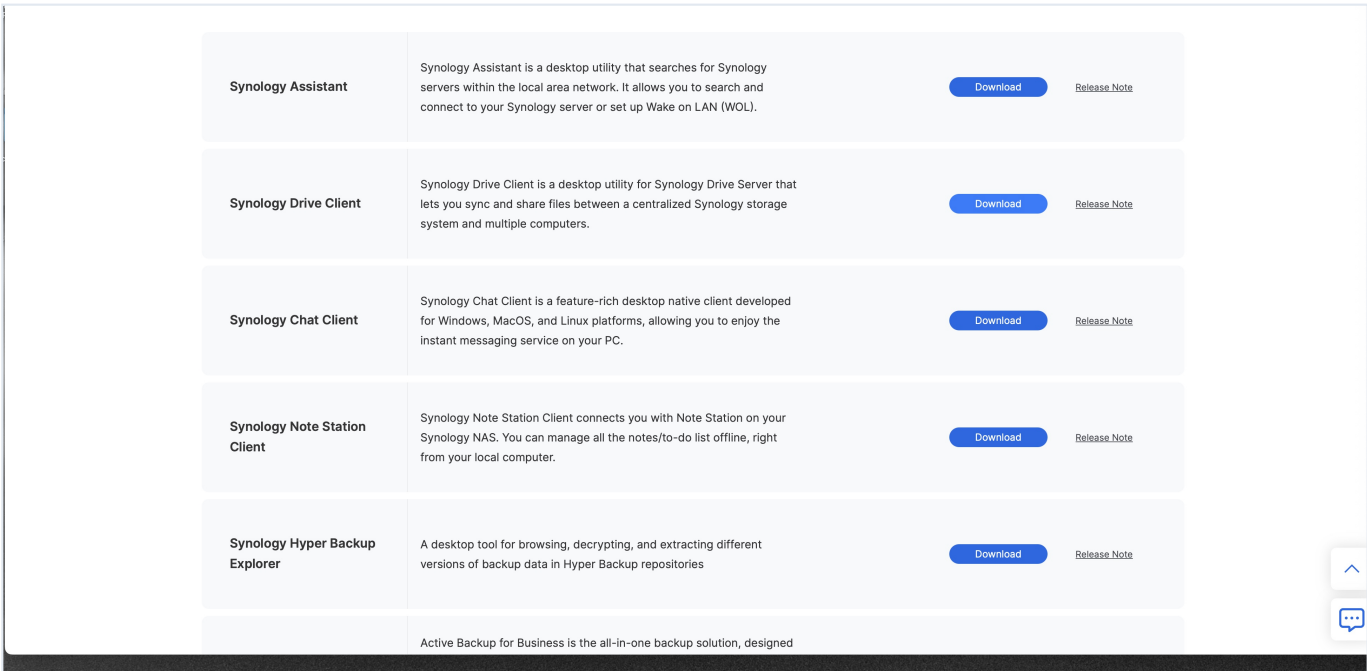
The heading reads OS Version, DSM 7.4 Series. Desktop Utilities is the second tab, just after Operating System.

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Download Synology Drive Client

On the Synology Drive Client row, click Download.

Drive Client is the app that keeps folders matched between this Mac and the NAS. Leave Synology Assistant, Chat Client, and the other rows for another task.



Desktop utilities list, Drive Client row

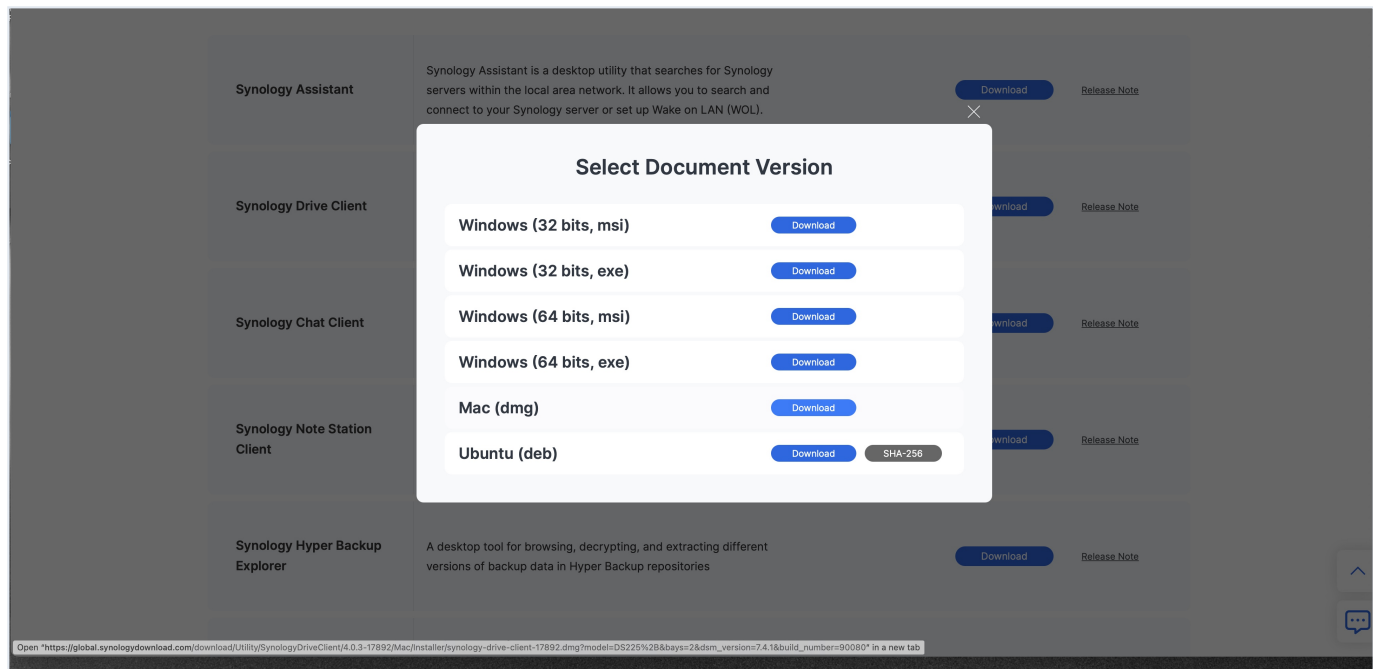
WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

Drive Client is the second row, under Synology Assistant. Its line says it syncs and shares files from a centralized Synology storage system.

STEP 5 OF 12**Choose the Mac installer**

In Select Document Version, click Download on the Mac (dmg) row.

A disk image starts downloading. When it finishes, open it from the Downloads folder. The file in this picture is named synology-drive-client-17882.dmg. A newer build can carry a different number.



Select Document Version, with Mac (dmg)

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

The window lists Windows installers, Mac (dmg), and Ubuntu (deb). The Mac row is the fifth one.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

Use a Windows or Ubuntu row only when that is the computer you are setting up. This guide follows the Mac.

STEP 6 OF 12**When this notice appears, click Continue**

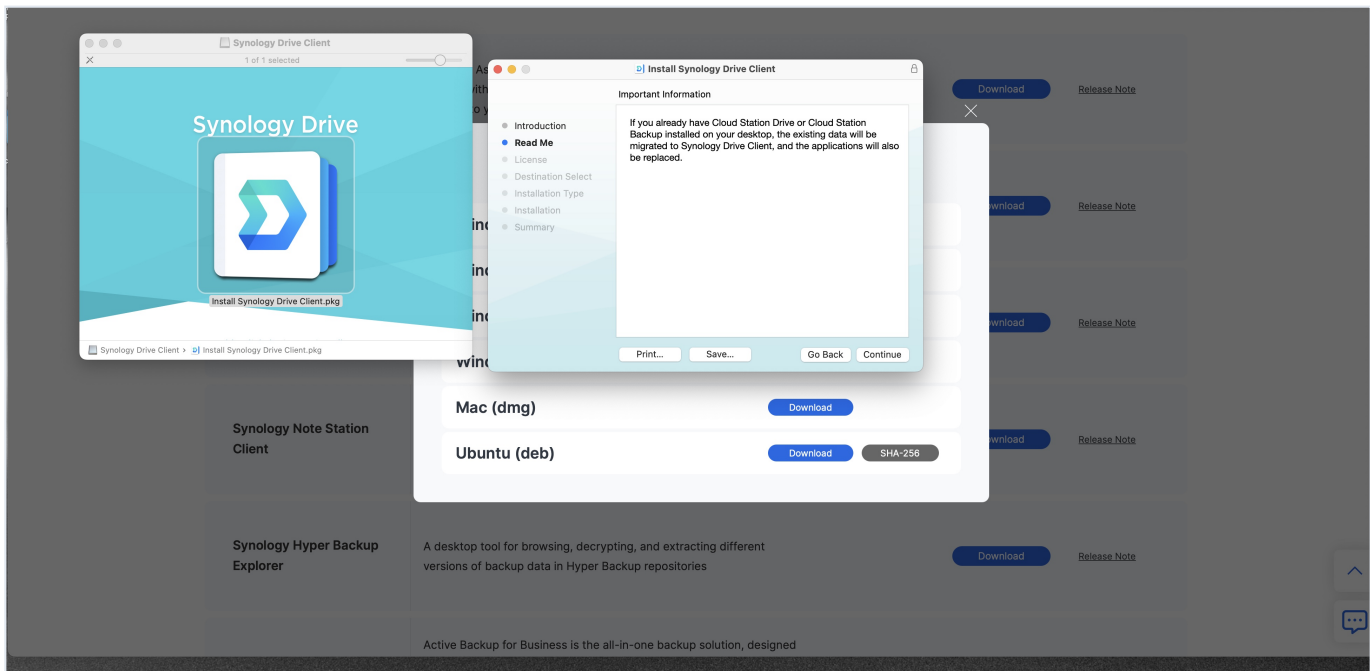
When you see this information, click Continue.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

If Cloud Station Drive or Cloud Station Backup is already on this Mac, Drive Client replaces those apps and moves their existing data over.

You are on the Read Me page. After Continue, the installer walks through the license and the install location. Accept the license, leave the location as the installer sets it, and click Install.

If the Mac asks for a password on those later pages, that password is the one for this Mac. The NAS password comes later, inside Drive Client.



Installer open to Important Information

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

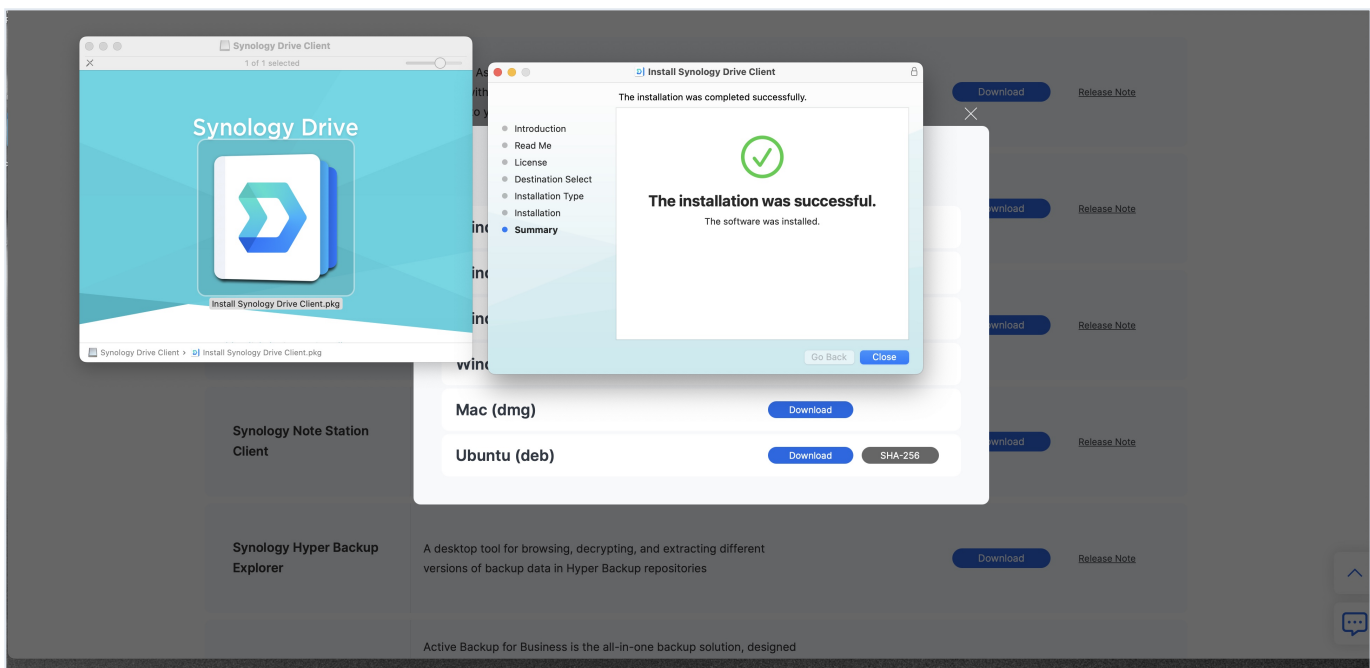
The list on the left shows Introduction, Read Me, License, Installation Type, Installation, and Summary. Read Me is the current page. Continue sits at the lower right of the installer.

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Close the finished installer

When the green check appears, click Close.

Drive Client is on the Mac. The next picture is the permission macOS shows when the app opens.



Installer success screen

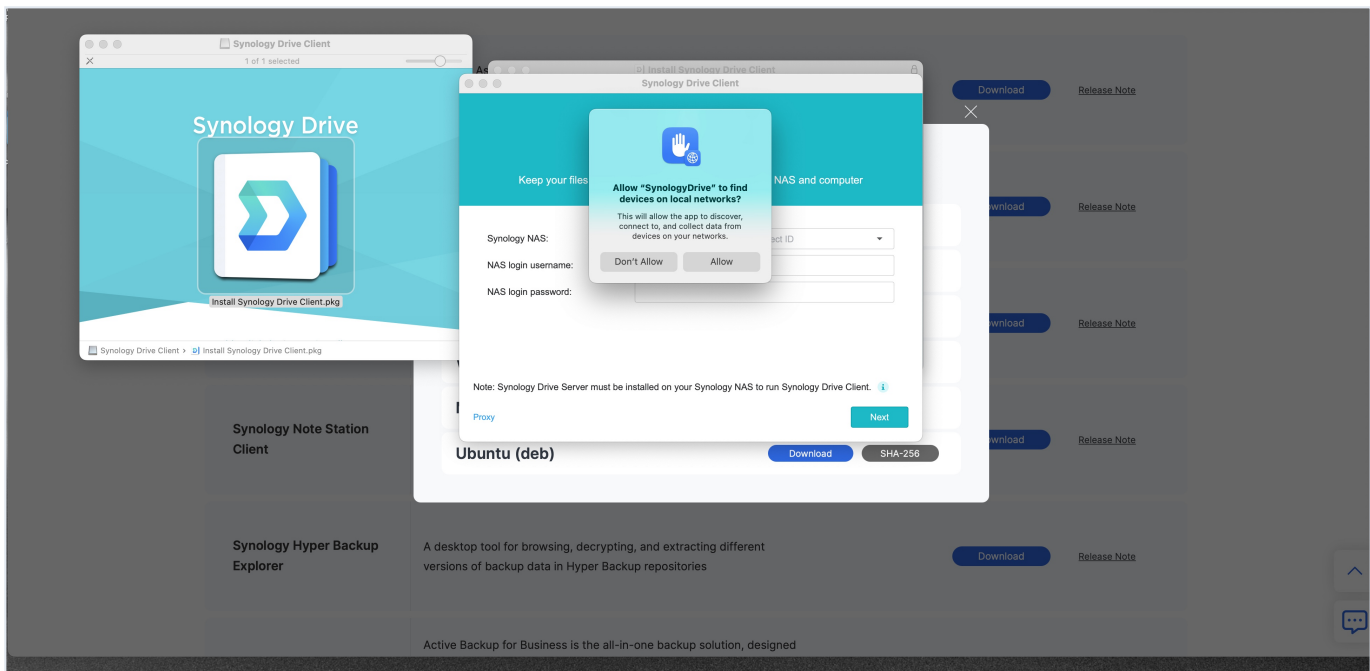
WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

The installer says "The installation was successful." and "The software was installed." Summary is the current item in the list on the left.

STEP 8 OF 12**Allow local network access**

Click Allow so Synology Drive can find devices on your local network.

This is a macOS question, drawn over the Drive sign-in window. Allow lets the app see the NAS from this Mac.



macOS local network permission

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

The dialog reads Allow "SynologyDrive" to find devices on local networks? The buttons are Don't Allow and Allow.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

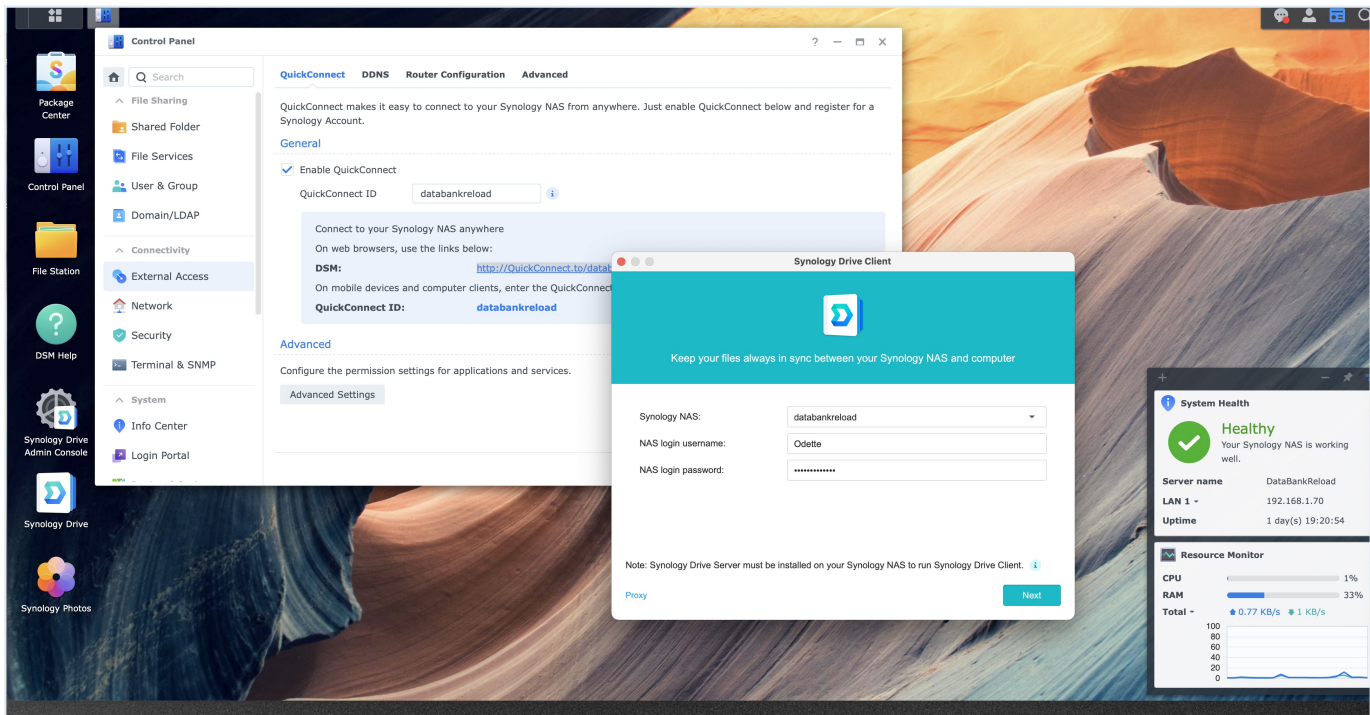
Allow is the button that lets setup continue. If you need the switch later, it lives in System Settings, under Privacy & Security, under Local Network.

STEP 9 OF 12**Sign in to the NAS**

Leave the server on dataleakrehearsal if that is your NAS, or paste the DSM address below. Type the NAS username and password, then click Next.

DSM address: <http://QuickConnect.to/databankreload>

Use the account that is allowed to open Drive on the NAS. It is a different password from the one you may have typed to install the app on the Mac.



Drive Client sign-in, with DSM open behind it

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

The heading reads "Keep your files always in sync between your Synology NAS and computer." The Synology NAS field shows databankreload. Under it are NAS login username, NAS login password, and Next.

FOR THE TECHNICIAN

DSM is open behind the client on Control Panel, External Access, QuickConnect. QuickConnect is enabled, and the QuickConnect ID is databankreload. The widget at the right edge names this server DataBankReload, LAN 1, 192.168.1.70. The note under the password says Synology Drive Server must already be installed on the NAS. A resource error count on that same widget is separate from this Drive setup.

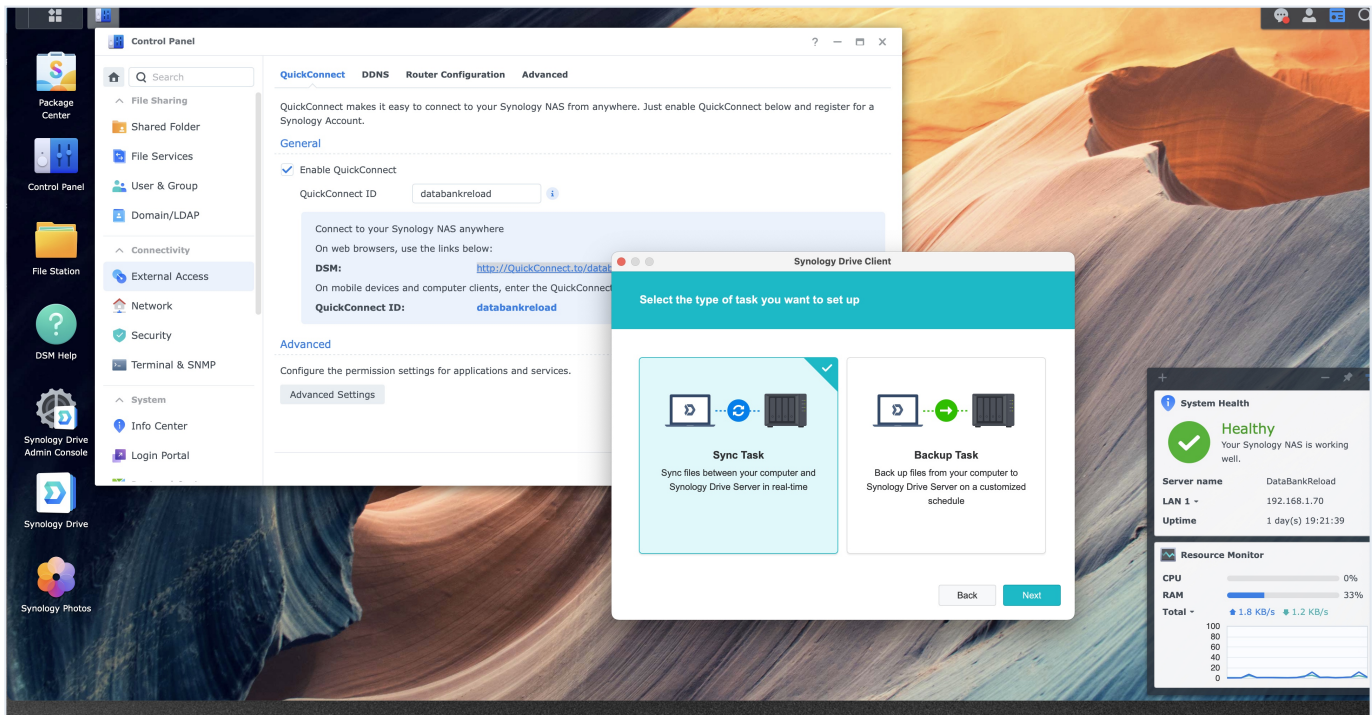
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Choose Sync Task

Click the Sync Task card, then click Next.

Sync keeps the same files on the Mac and the NAS, and it updates them when they change. That is the right card for a shared project folder people open from either place.

Backup Task is the card on the right. It copies files from the Mac to the NAS on a schedule you set. Pick that card only when you want a spare copy, and the NAS copy does not need to change the Mac.



Sync Task and Backup Task

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

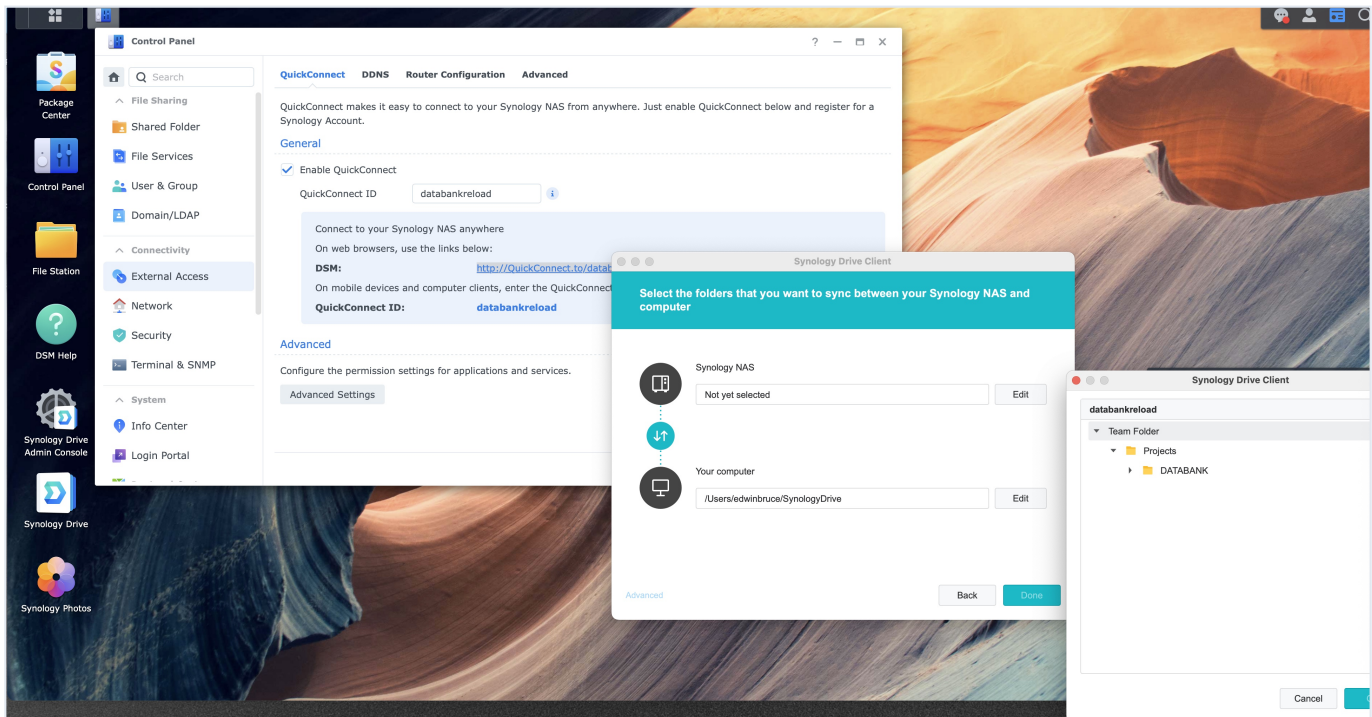
The heading is "Select the type of link you want to set up." Sync Task is the left card. Its text says it syncs files with Synology Drive Server in real time.

STEP 11 OF 12**Set the NAS folder and the Mac folder**

Click Edit on the Synology NAS row. Leave the Mac row on the SynologyDrive folder.

The NAS row still says "Not yet selected." Edit opens the shared-folder window, which is the window on the right in this picture. Team Folder is open there, with DATABANK in view.

The Mac row is the folder on this computer. On your Mac, the middle name is your home folder. Leave this path unless the files should live somewhere else.



Folder wizard, NAS side still waiting, folder window open

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

The wizard heading is "Select the folders that you want to sync between your Synology NAS and computer." Back returns to the Sync Task choice. Done is the button you press after the NAS folder is chosen.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

Done on the wizard is the last click. First click OK in the folder window, which is the next step.

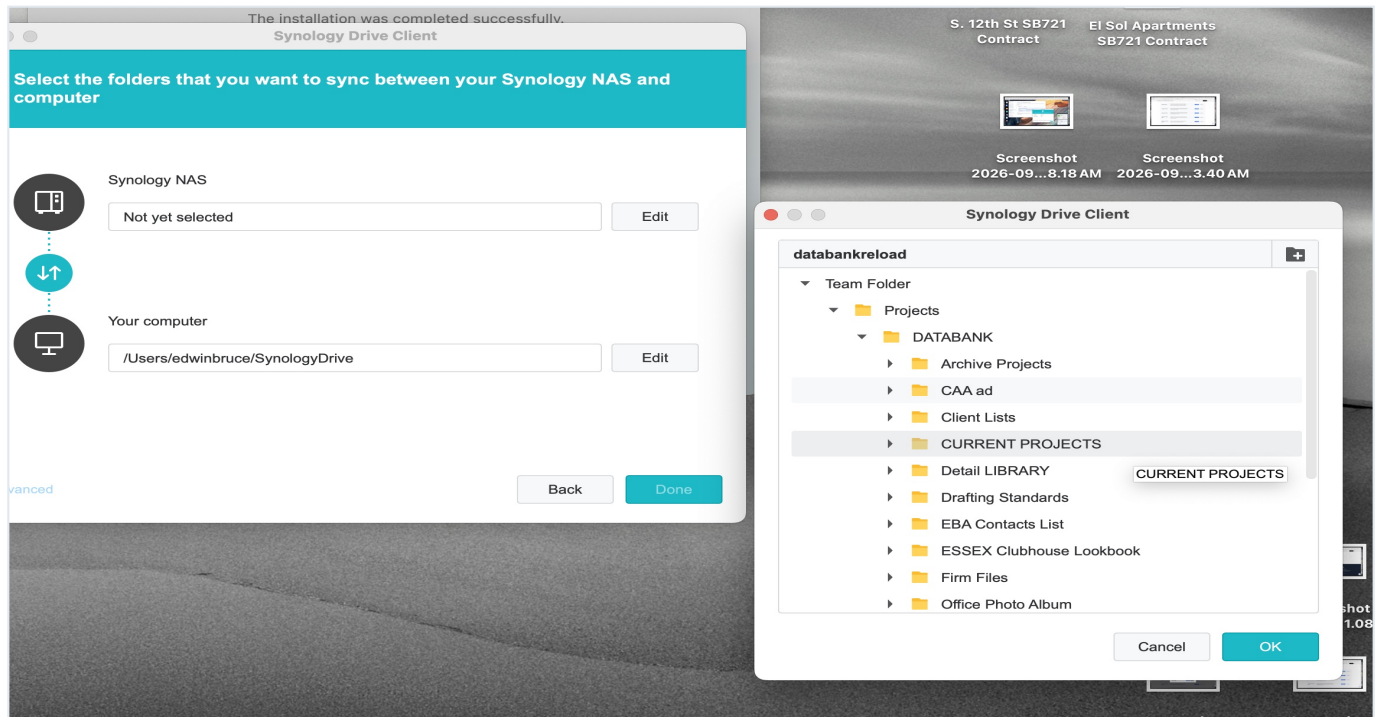
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Confirm the shared folder

Click the one shared folder this Mac should keep, click OK, then click Done on the wizard.

Open Team Folder if it is closed. In this picture CURRENT PROJECTS is the selected row. DATABANK is in the same list if that is the folder you need instead. Click the one folder, then OK.

OK closes the folder window. The wizard behind it should then show that folder on the NAS row. Click Done there.



Team Folder list, CURRENT PROJECTS selected

WHAT THE SCREEN SHOWS

The folder window is titled with the NAS name dataleakrehearsal. Team Folder is expanded. Cancel and OK sit at the lower right. The wizard is still open beside it.

FOR THE TECHNICIAN

Each sync task links one NAS folder to the folder on the Mac. Add another sync task later if this Mac should keep a second shared folder. Other names visible in this Team Folder are Archive Projects, C&A, Client List, Email LIBRARY, Existing Standards, RM Deletes Log, RSSEA Chairman Lookbook, Firm Files, and Office Photo Album.

When you are done

One shared folder on the NAS stays matched with the SynologyDrive folder on this Mac.