FAQS:

How to setup and use the FTP Server Function on the Archer C7/C5?

Take Archer C7 as an example.

Step 1

Plug a USB Storage device into the USB port, make sure the USB light lit up on the router.

Step 2

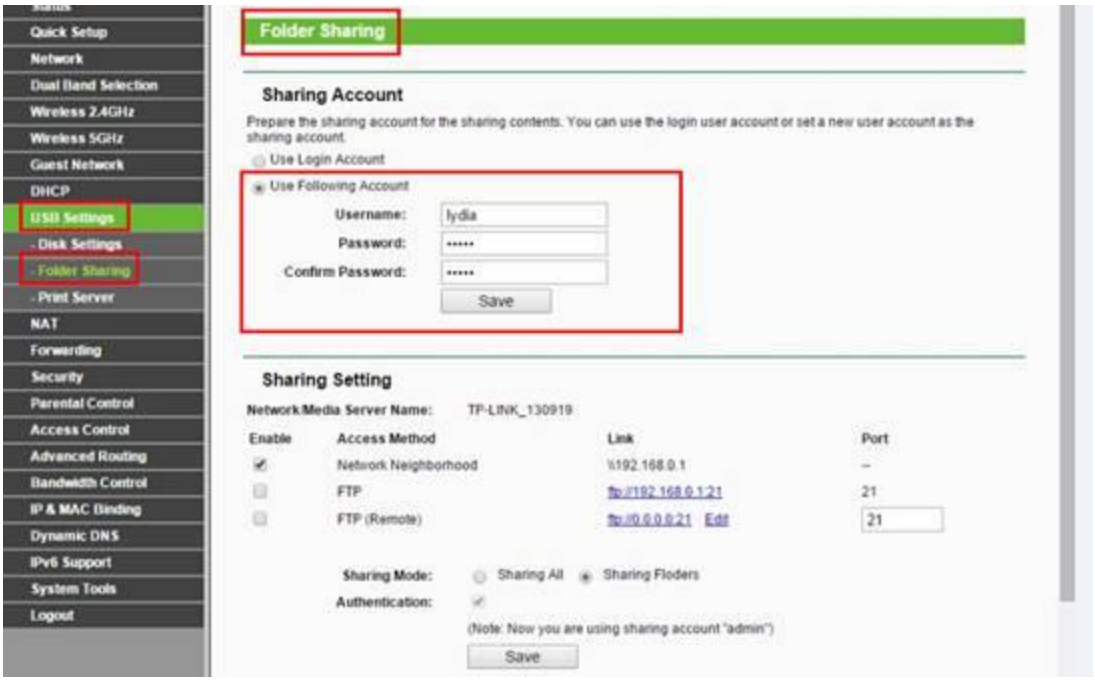
Access the web interface of Archer C7.

Step 3

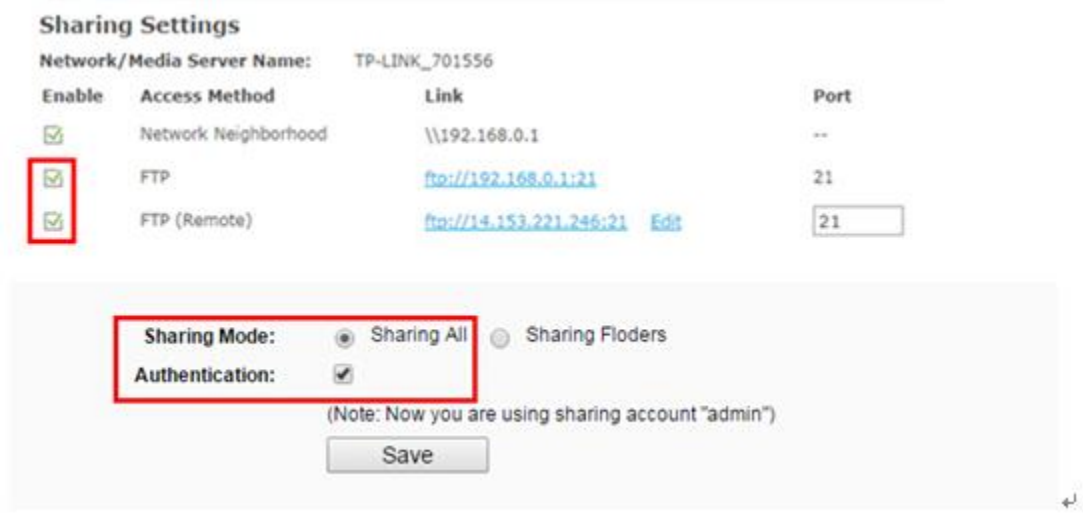
Click **USB Settings** -> **Disk Settings** on the left side menu. Check whether the USB device is identified by C7.If there is no device listed on this page, please click **Scan** and you may try unplug the USB device and plug it back in.

Step 4

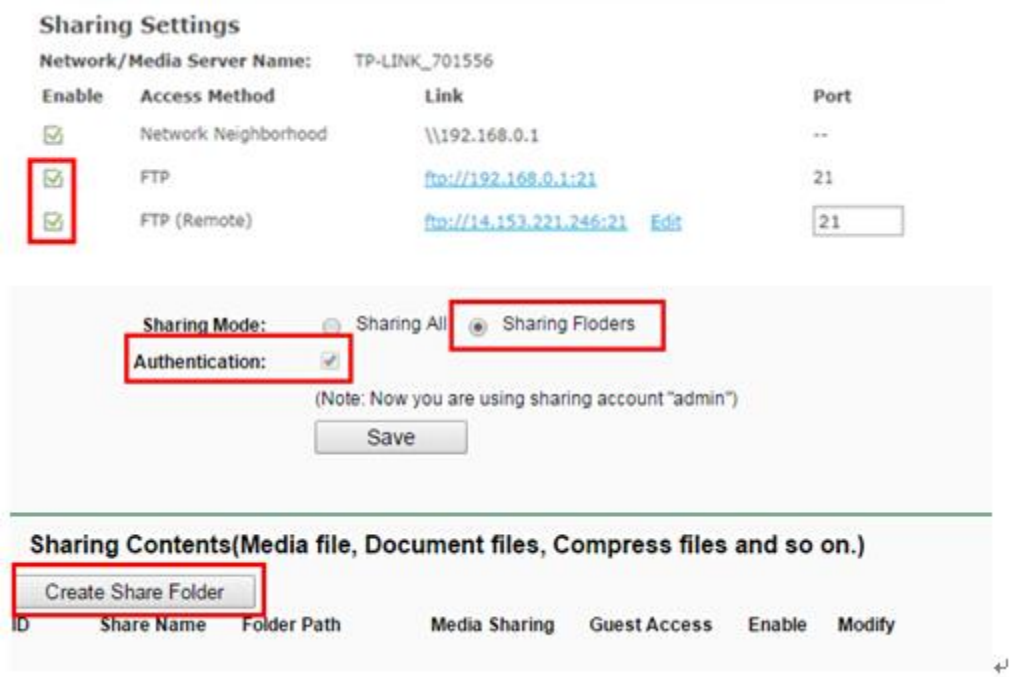
Go to **USB Settings**-> **Folder Sharing**->Here you can create a separate login account for the USB device or **Use Following Account** to use the same account as the router's management page login account ->**Save**



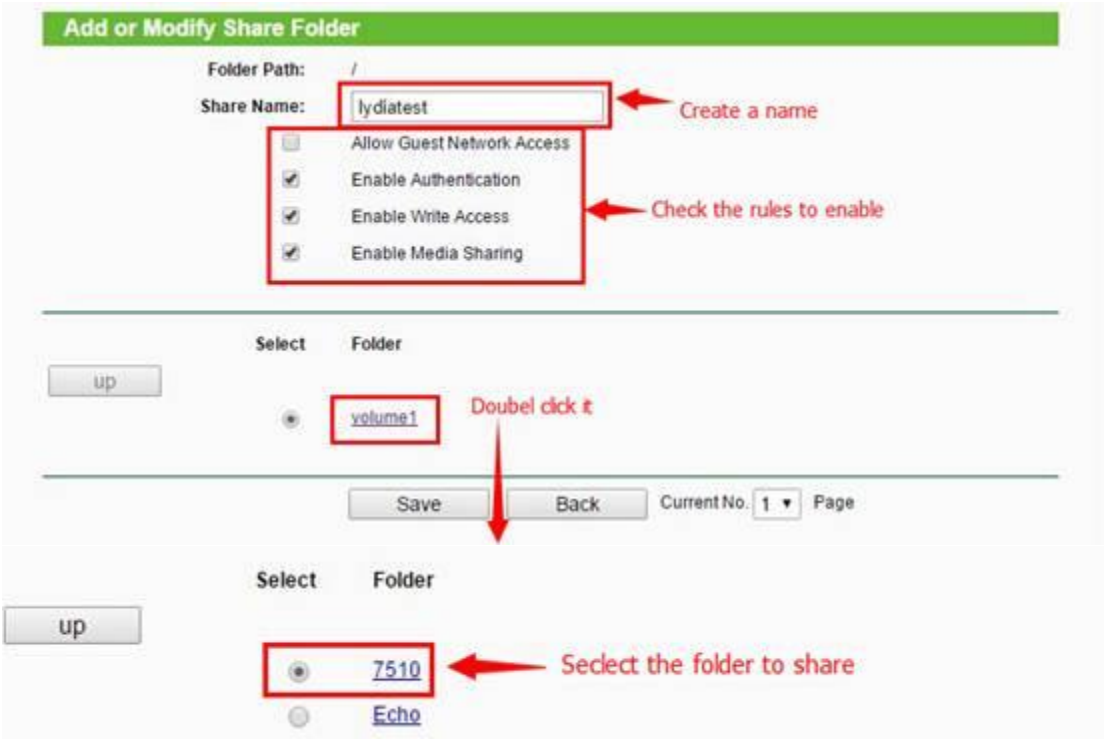
Step 5
Check the options **FTP** and **FTP (Remote)** to enable FTP server function.
Check the option **Require Login** if you want to access with the login account.
If you want to share the whole USB device, select **Sharing All** ->**Save**



If you want to customize the shared content, select **Share Selected Folders**->**Create Share Folder**



Set up the folders one by one on this page.



Below are explanations for the options:

Folder Path - Path to the folder is determined by where the file is saved.

Share Name - Name of the shared folder, customized by users.

Allow Guest Network Access - Select the check box to allow the Guest Network to have access to the shared folder.

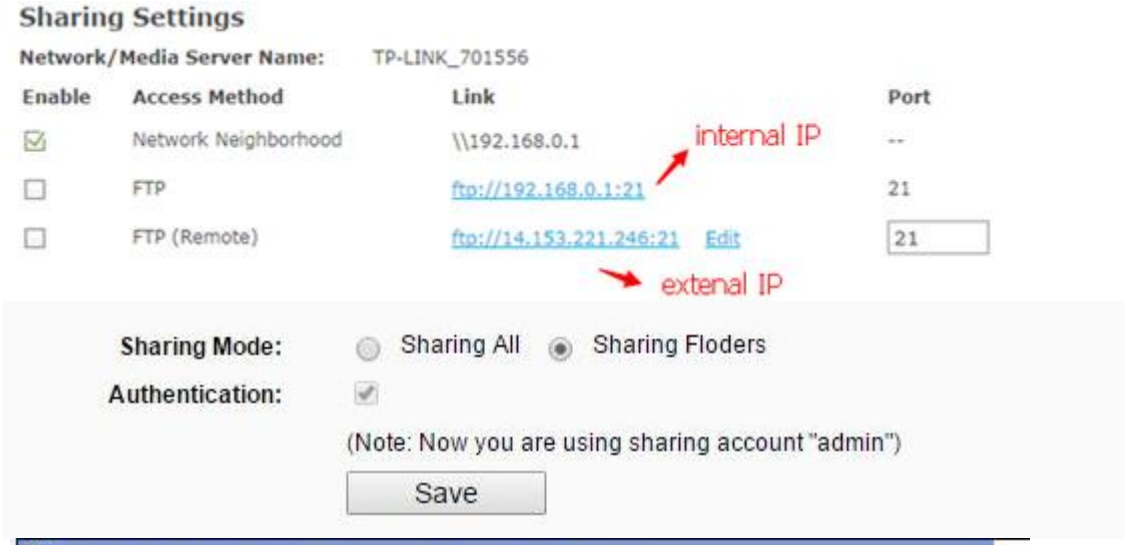
Enable Authentication - Select the check box to require users to log in with a username and password.

Enable Write Access - Select the check box to allow users to make changes to the folder content.

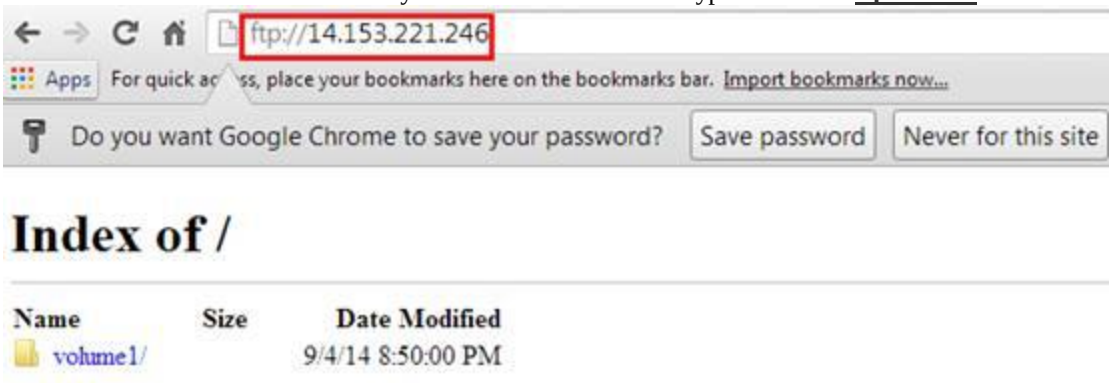
Enable Media Sharing - Enable media server function, you may click here to get more info.

Step 6

Now the FTP server can be accessed by local network. Please open the web browser and type in address **ftp://LAN IP,** press enter. Then type in your account to access to the FTP server. Here the LAN IP address of the router is 192.168.0.1.



You can also access the FTP server by external network. Please type in address **ftp://WAN IP** to access to it.



How to setup and share a printer on your local network with the Archer C7/C5?

If your printer has Ethernet port or Wi-Fi function please ignore this article, and contact technical support of your printer's company.

This article applies to Archer C7 V2/V3 with firmware published on 2014/9/29 and later, Archer C5 V1 with firmware published on 2014/9/12 and later, for Windows OS, for MAC OS please click here

Take Archer C7 as an example.
Definition: Print server is a function embedded in your Router. It allows you to share your printer with computers that are connected to the Router.

Note:

Make sure you have already installed the printer's driver on your computer. Otherwise, please install it first.

Any computer in your LAN must first install the software if it wants to share the print server via the router.

Print Server Function is not compatible with Linux since there is no Printer Controller Utility for Linux at the moment.

Installation

Step 1

Download the setup software **TP-Link USB Printer Controller Utility** from our website.

Step 2

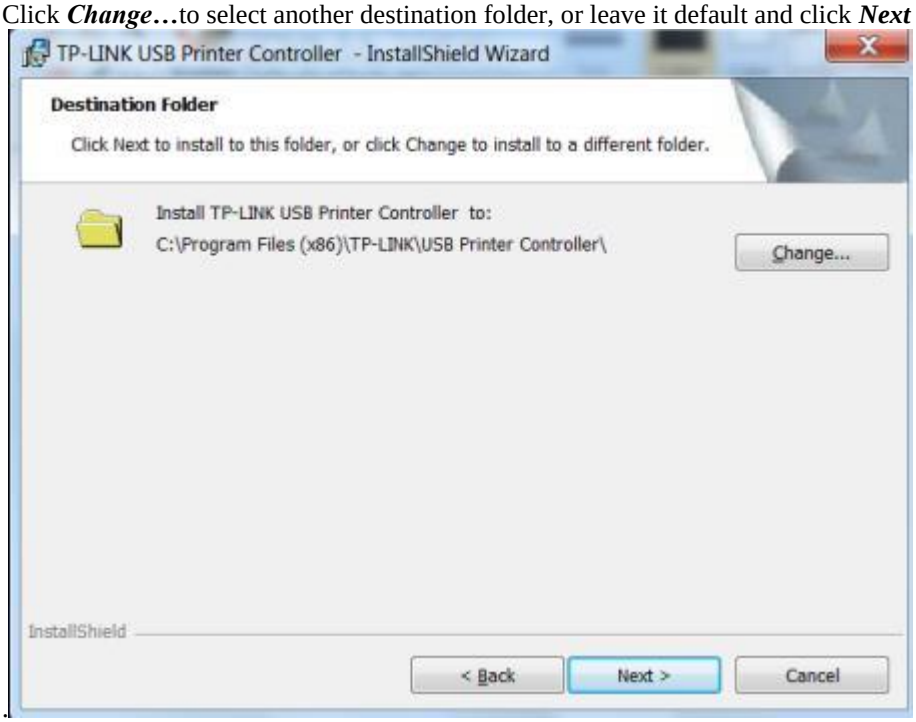
Double-click **TP-Link USB Printer Controller Setup.exe** you've downloaded.

Step3

Click ***NEXT*** to start installing the printer share software.

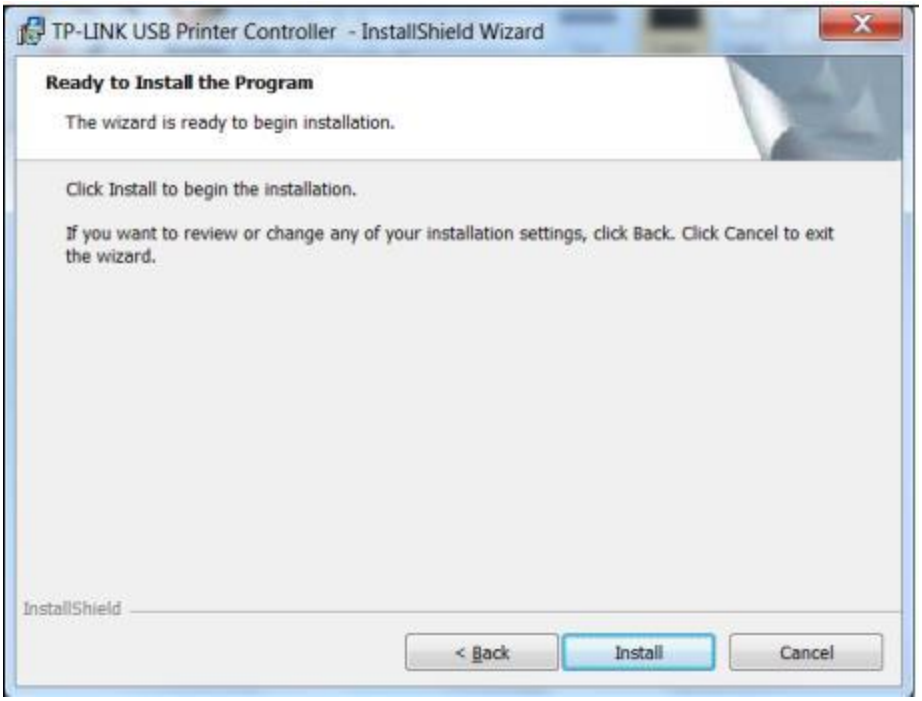
Step 4

Click ***Change…***to select another destination folder, or leave it default and click ***Next***



Step 5

Click ***Install*** to begin the installation.



Step 6
Please wait a while, Click ***Finish*** to complete and exit the **Install Shield Wizard**.

Application
After successful installation, the icon will appear on the desktop of your computer.

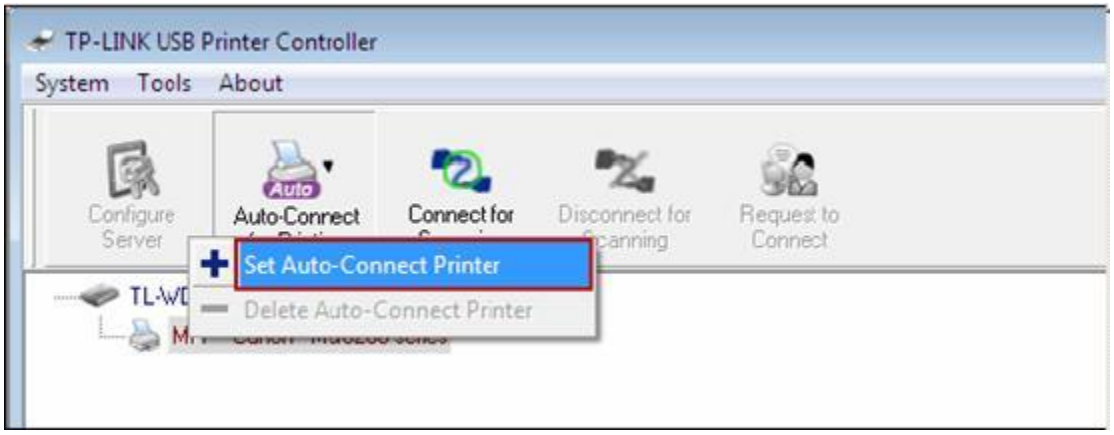
Step 1
Double-click the icon **To Launch the TP-Link USB Printer Controller**
Step 2
Highlight the printer you want to set as auto-connect printer.

Note:

*In your LAN, each computer that wants to share the print server should also install the **TP-Link USB Printer Controller**. Please follow the previous steps to configure other computers in your LAN.*

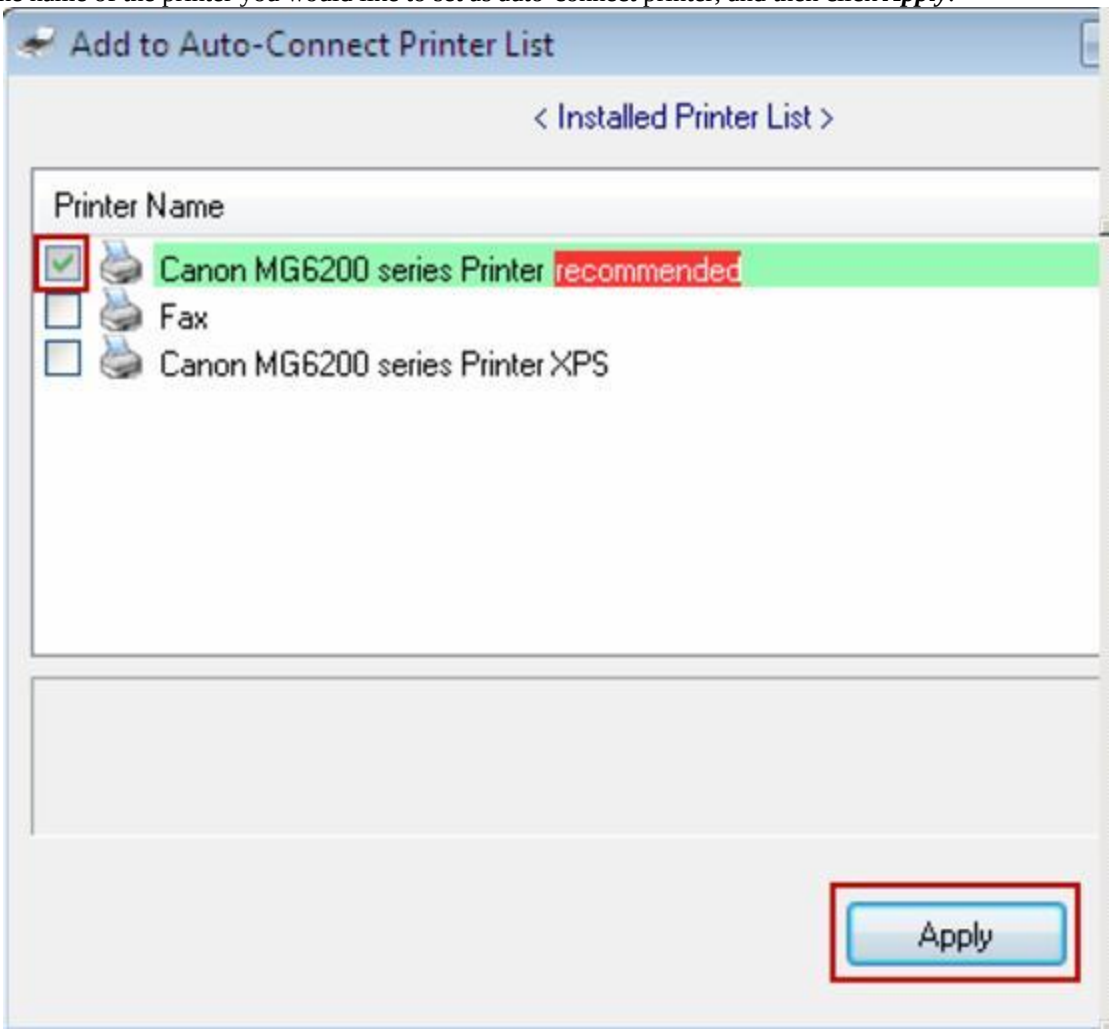
Step 3

Click the inverse triangle mark on the **Auto-Connect for printing** tab to pull down the list, where you can select ***Set Auto-Connect Printer***.



Step 4

Tick the name of the printer you would like to set as auto-connect printer, and then click ***Apply***.



After successful setting, you will see the printer marked as **Auto-Connect Printer**. You can execute your printing tasks automatically.

Step 5

If it cannot print, please log into the management page of the Archer C7 and click **USB Settings**. And then click **Print Server** to make sure the Pinter Server Status is **Online**.

How to setup and provide access to your local storage drive with the Archer C7/C5?

Take Archer C7 as an example.

The File sharing feature allows you to share a USB storage device that's connected to the router, (USB Drive or mobile Hard Disk Drive) to other wired or wireless users on the same network.

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Step 2

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Step 3

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If the USB device is identified, the Storage Sharing function will be enabled by default, and it is set to share the whole device by default.

Step 4

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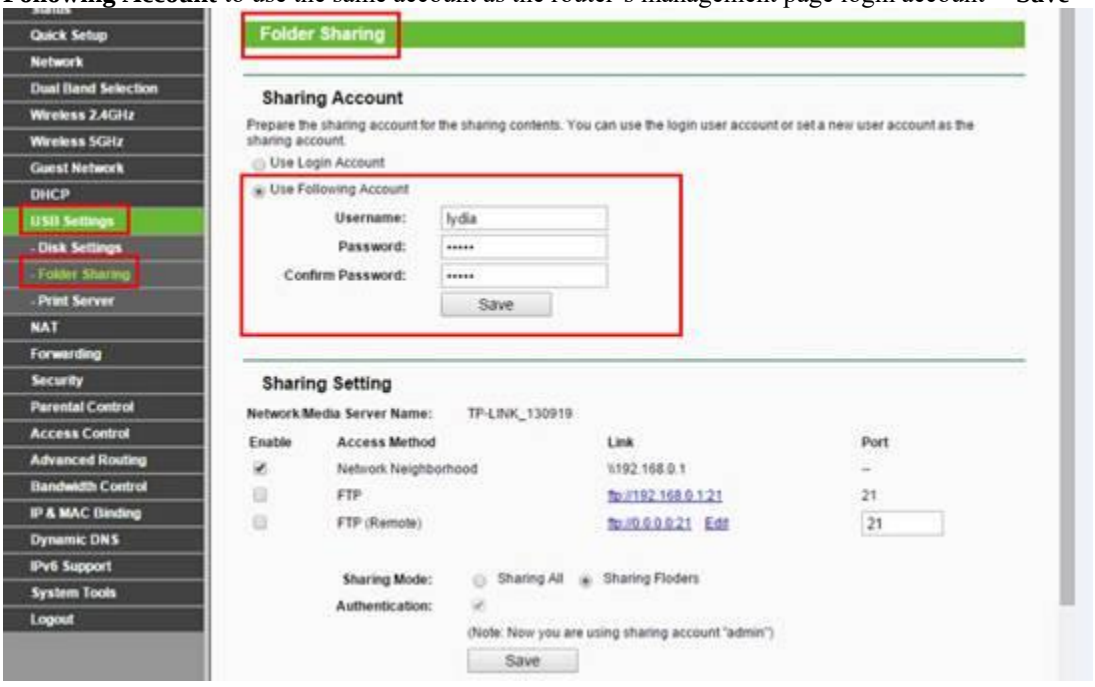
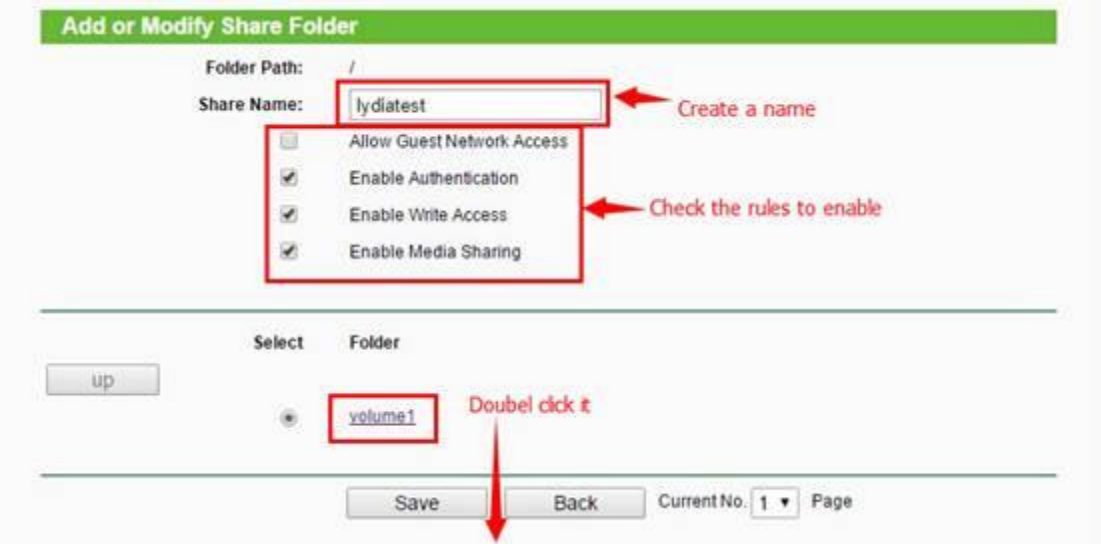


Step 5
If you want to share the whole USB device, select **Sharing All** ->**Save**
If you want to customize the shared content, select **Sharing Folders**->**Create Share Folder**

Set up the folders one by one on this page->**Save**



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Enable Media Sharing - Enable media server function, you may click here to get more info.

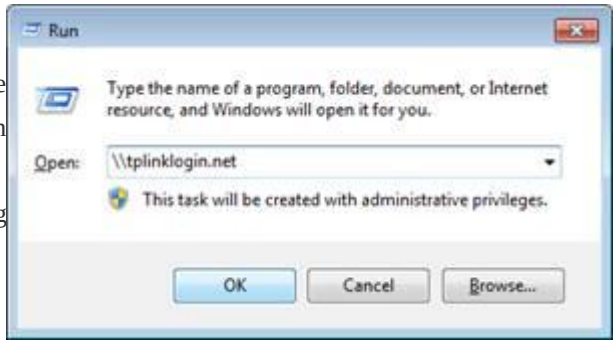
Step 6
Access the USB Storage.
For your reference:
How to access my USB storage device on the TP-Link wireless routers from my Android and IOS phone or iPhone?

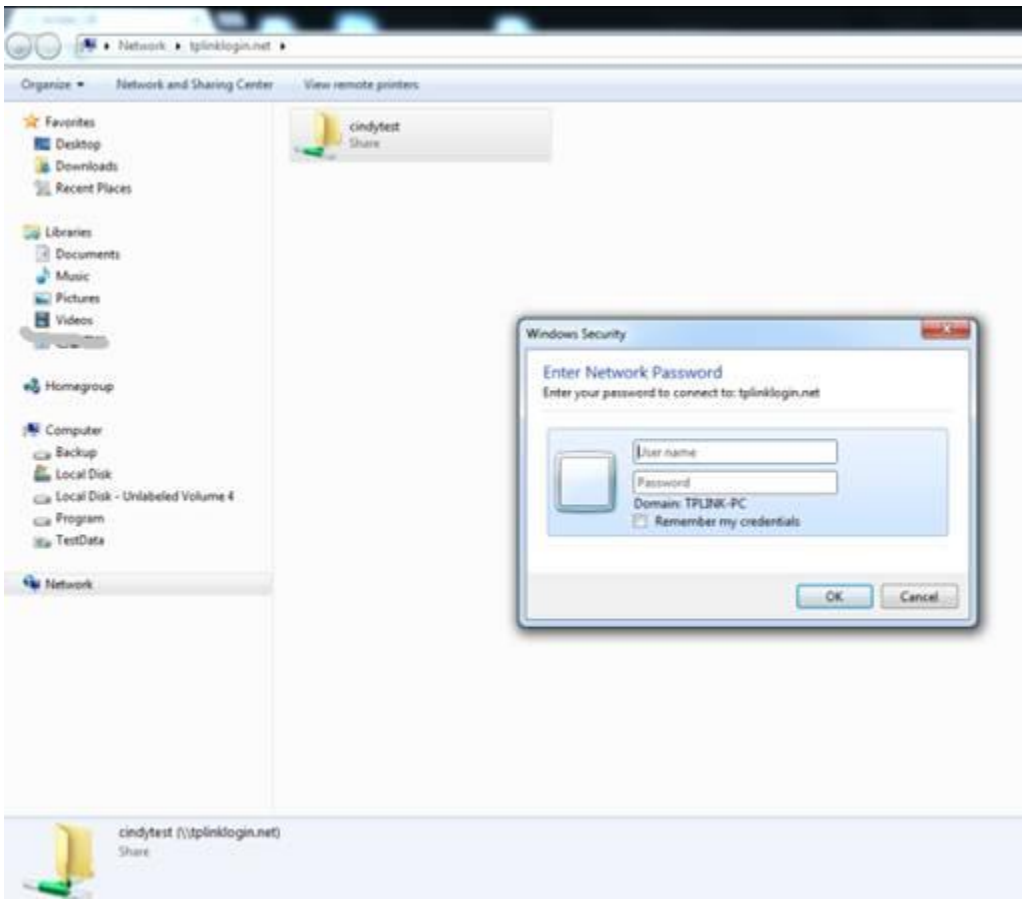
For Windows Users:

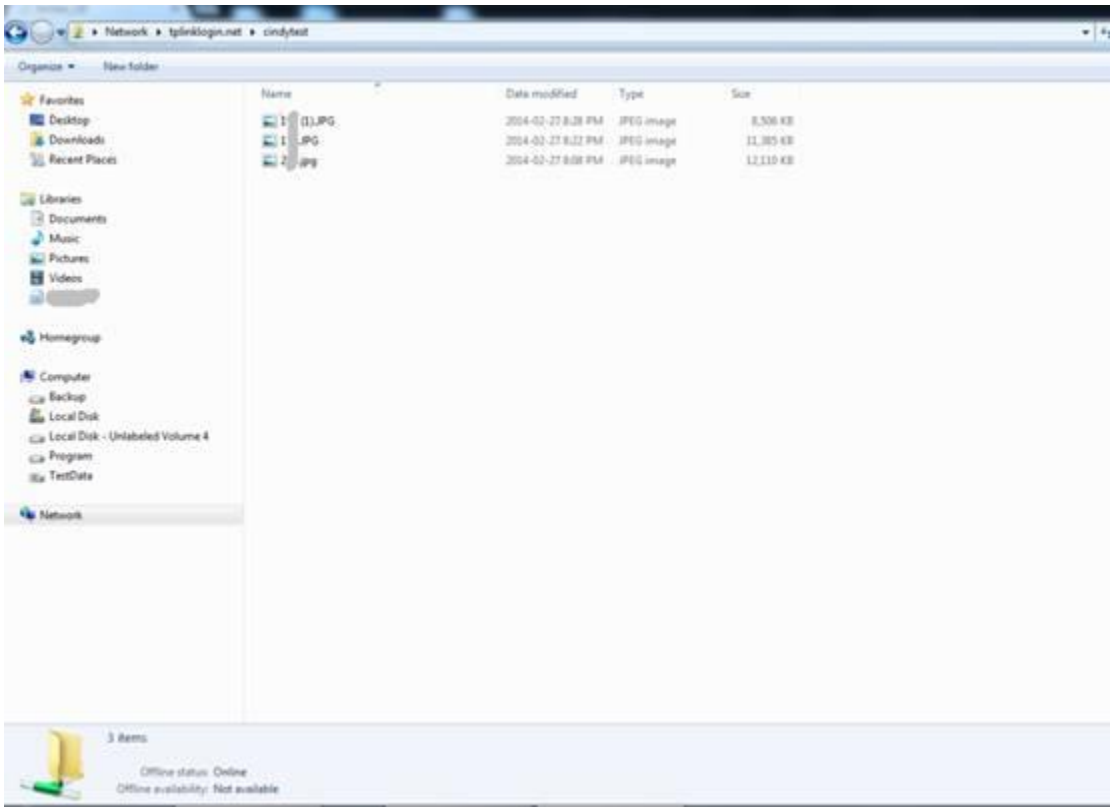
Press **Windows** key  and **R**key on the keyboard at the same time to open the **Run** application,

Input **tplinklogin.net** or **192.168.0.1**in the dialog box.

Click **OK**







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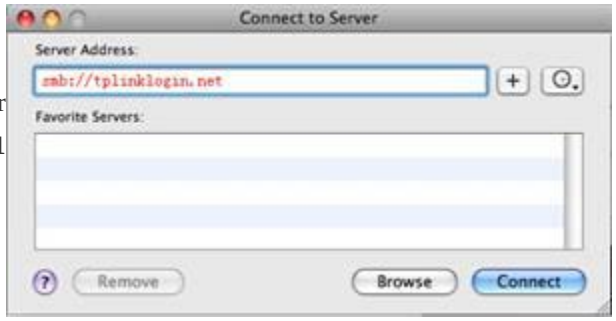
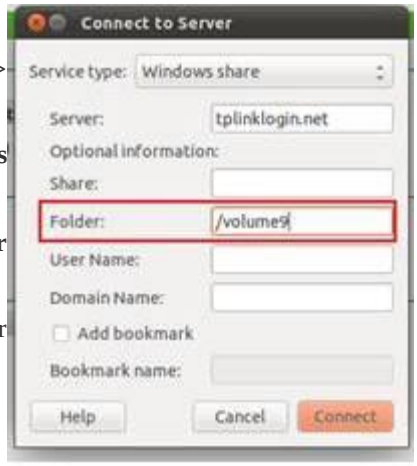


On the top tray, go to **Go > Connect to Server**

Input Server Address**smb://tplinklogin.net** or**smb://192.168.0.1**

Click **Connect**

For Linux Users:



On the top tray, go to **Places > Connect toServer**

Choose Service type : **Windows share**

Input Server **tplinklogin.netor 192.168.0.1**

Input the corresponding Folder name e.g. **Volume9**

Click **Connect**

Note:
Some USB storage devices may require using the bundled external power.