Subject: External harddrive
Posted by Cortney on Wed, 31 May 2017 16:27:28 GMT
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Hey guys. I love keeping lots of movies and music and I find that I end up with tons of memory cards and flash sticks laying all over the house. A friend suggested that I get an external harddrive to keep everything one place. Where can I get one and how does it work?

Subject: Re: External harddrive
Posted by gofar99 on Wed, 31 May 2017 22:21:53 GMT
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Posted by mamoss on Sat, 03 Jun 2017 05:18:42 GMT
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A friend in college had this external hard drive dock and it looked more durable. I have a 1 TB external hard drive that works well for me. It also has several documents but I try not to keep a lot of movies that I've watched before.

Subject: Re: External harddrive
Posted by gofar99 on Wed, 07 Jun 2017 02:19:58 GMT
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Hi, if you want to go cheap you can use an external drive with nothing more than the right type of cable. SATA3 drives get both signal and power through the cable. External back up drives often use only a SATA2 cable and if you go solid state there are ones of both types (they just cost more).