

# FREE STORAGE ON THE WEB--PART 6

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This is the sixth installment in our series of discussions about storing files for free on the Internet.

## FREE FILE BACKUP AT "MOZY"

This month, Liz and I obtained a free storage account at "Mozy".

Their Web site is located at  
<http://mozy.com>

"Mozy" is an Internet-enabled software application that you download and install onto the hard drive of your computer. You then configure this software to tell it which local files to back up and how often they are to be backed up to Mozy's secure Web site.

"Mozy" requires a broadband Internet connection. Their software will not allow you to back up files to their servers if they decide that your Internet connection is too slow or transmits with too many data errors. "Mozy" offers both free and non-free accounts. Their free accounts are called "MozyHome Free" accounts.

The key features for a free account are:

Total storage space = 2 Gigabytes

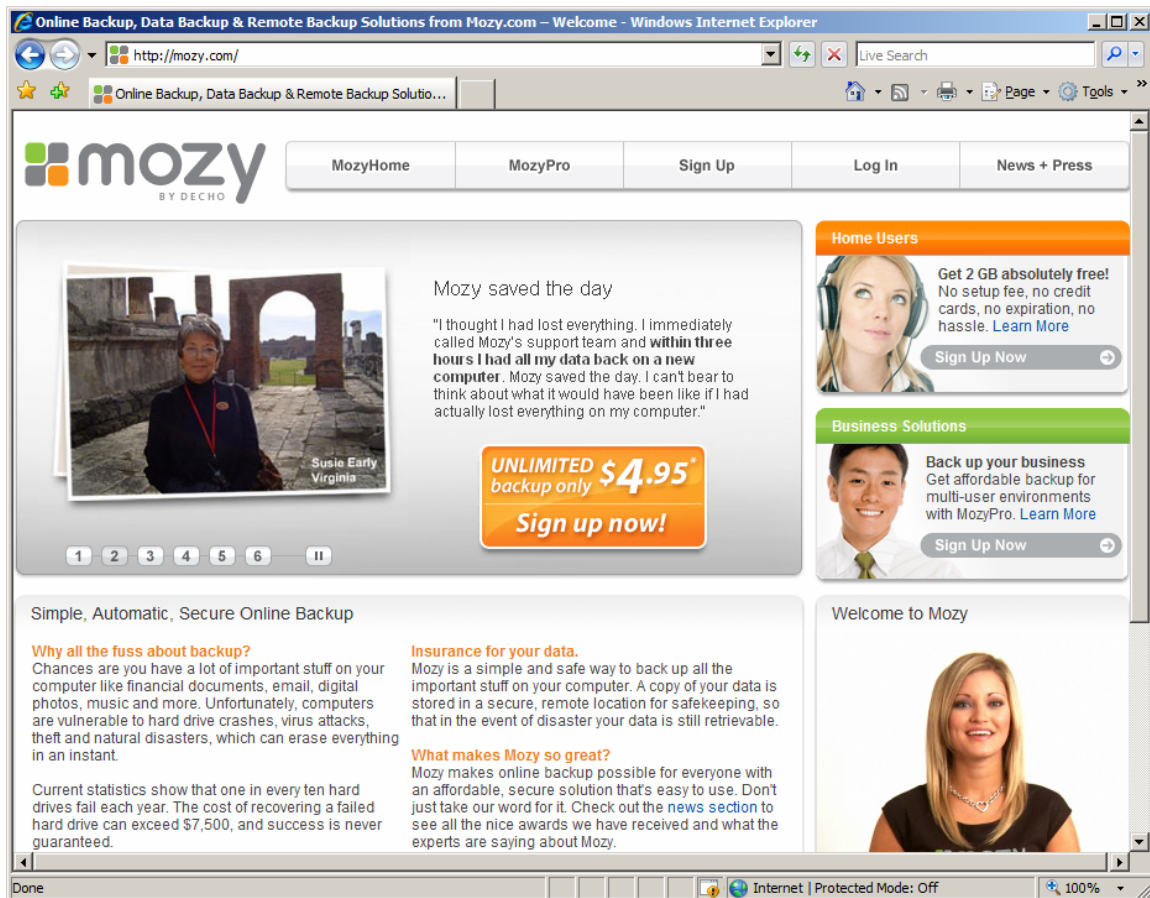
Maximum single file size = 2 Gigabytes

Maximum monthly bandwidth = not stated on "Mozy" Web site

The maximum monthly bandwidth is the total amount of data that you (and others that you designate) upload to, and download from, your free account.

"Mozy" does not limit the types of files that you can store.

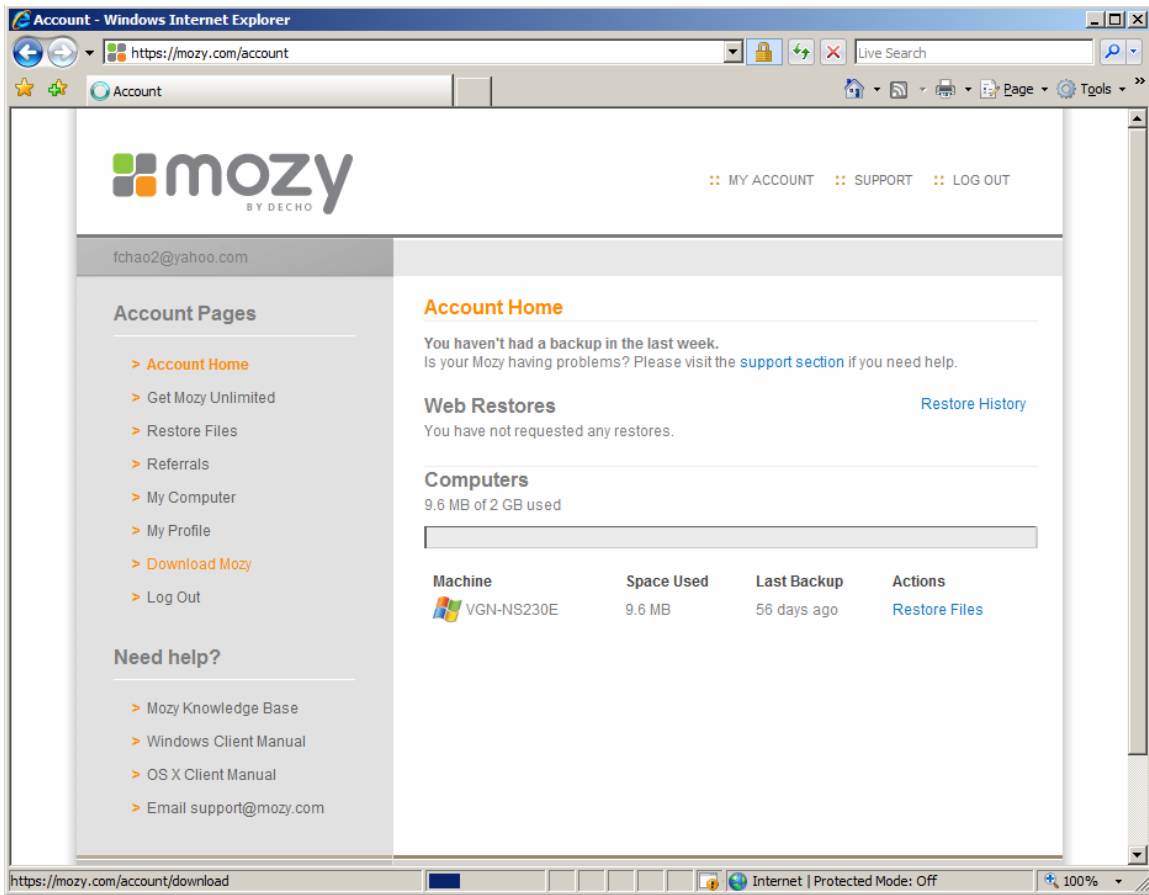
The home page of the "Mozy" Web site looks like this:



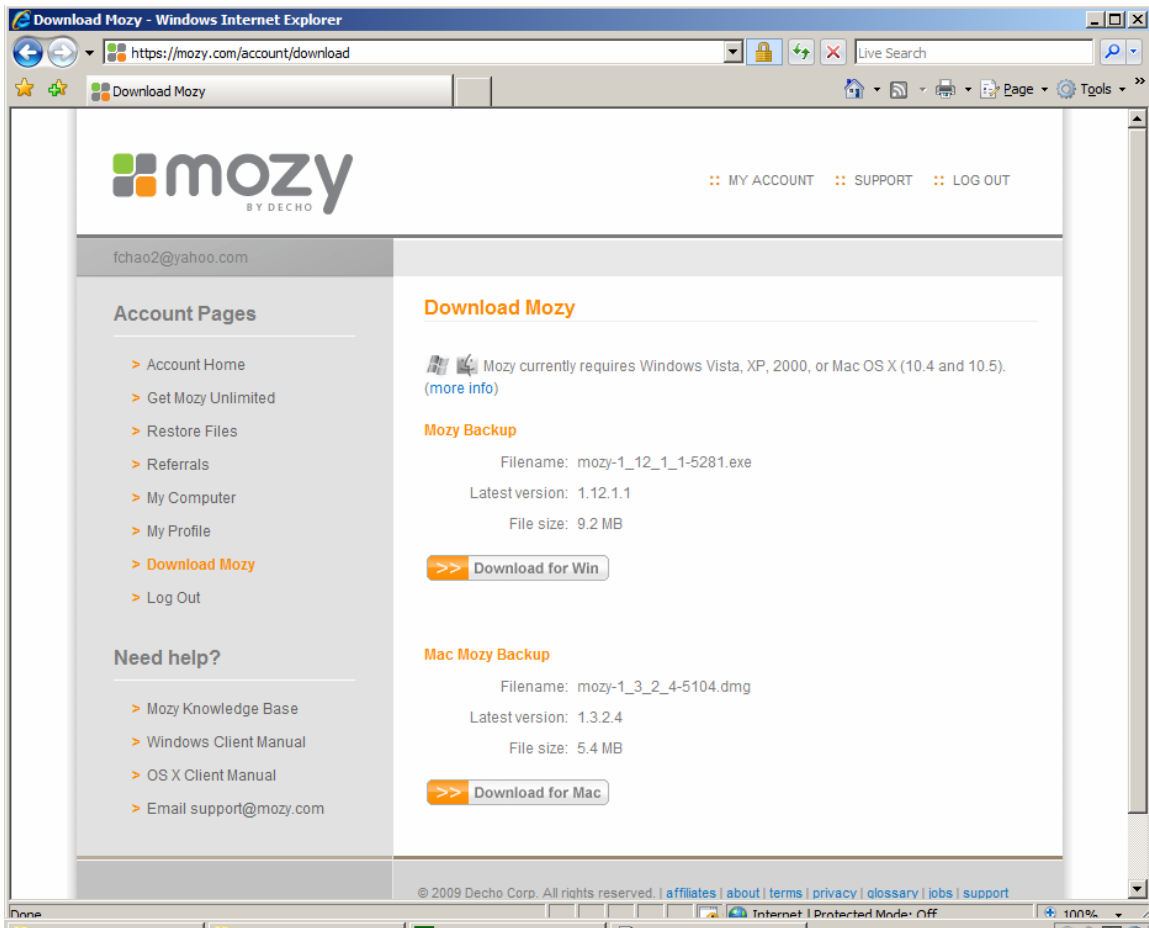
Click on the "news section" hyperlink under "What makes Mozy so great" to read some press raves about Mozy.

Click on the "Sign Up Now" button in the "Home Users" rectangle and you will get an online form to sign up for an account:

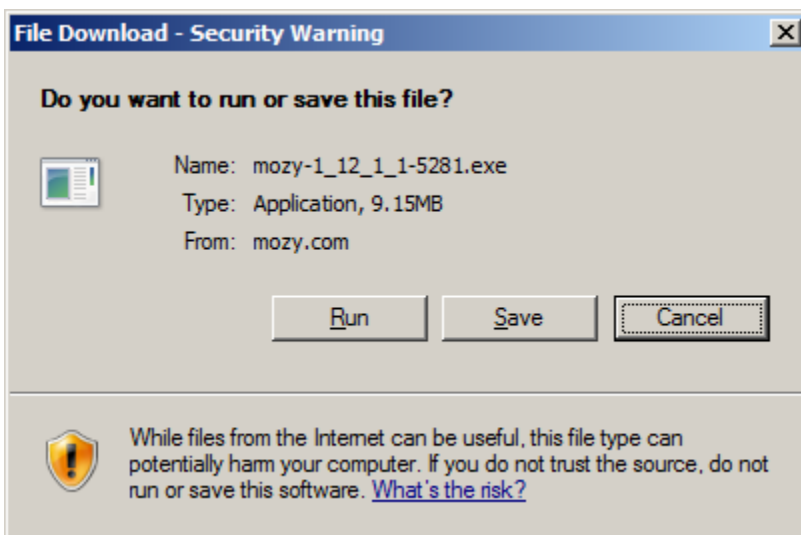
Then, when you log into your new account at "Mozy", it will look like this:



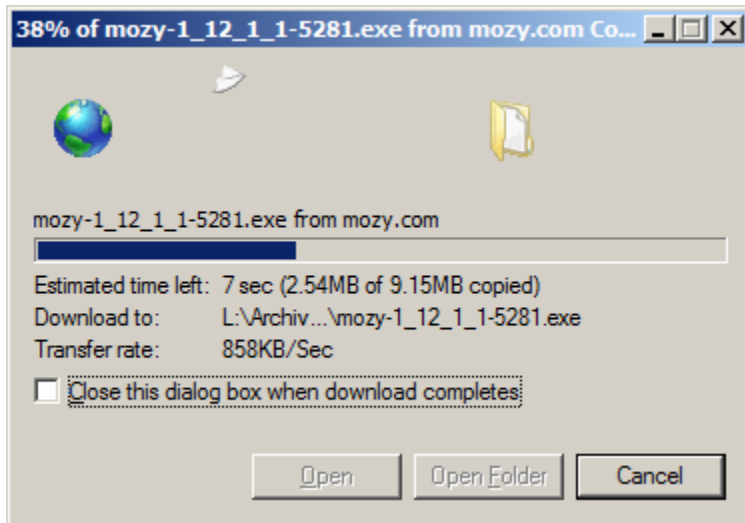
Click on "Download Mozy".



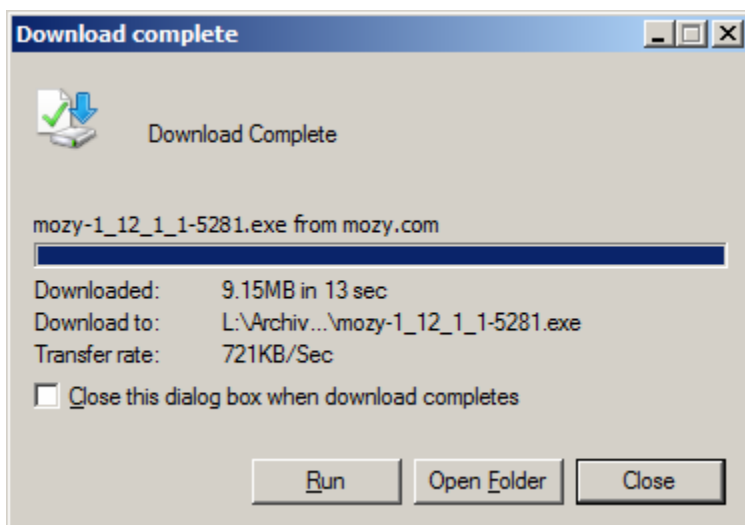
Now, click on the “Download for..” button that corresponds to your operating system. They apparently do not support Linux.



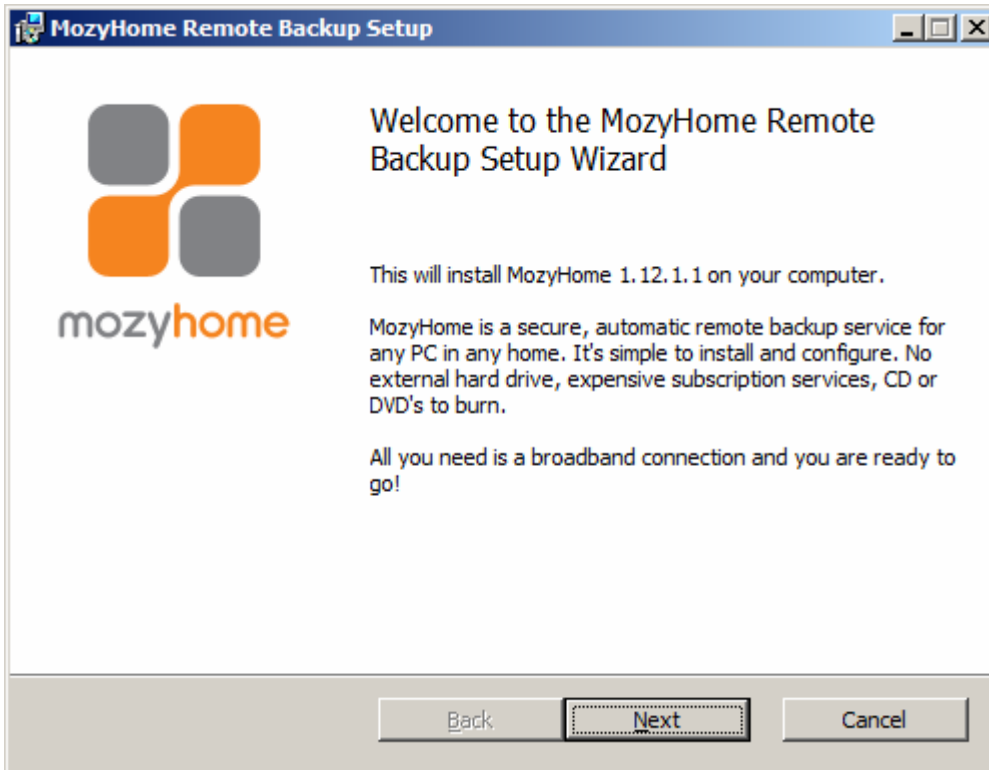
You get the usual choice between “Run” and “Save”; it is up to you.



After you download the installation file to your local hard drive, double-click on “Run” to install “Mozy” into your computer.



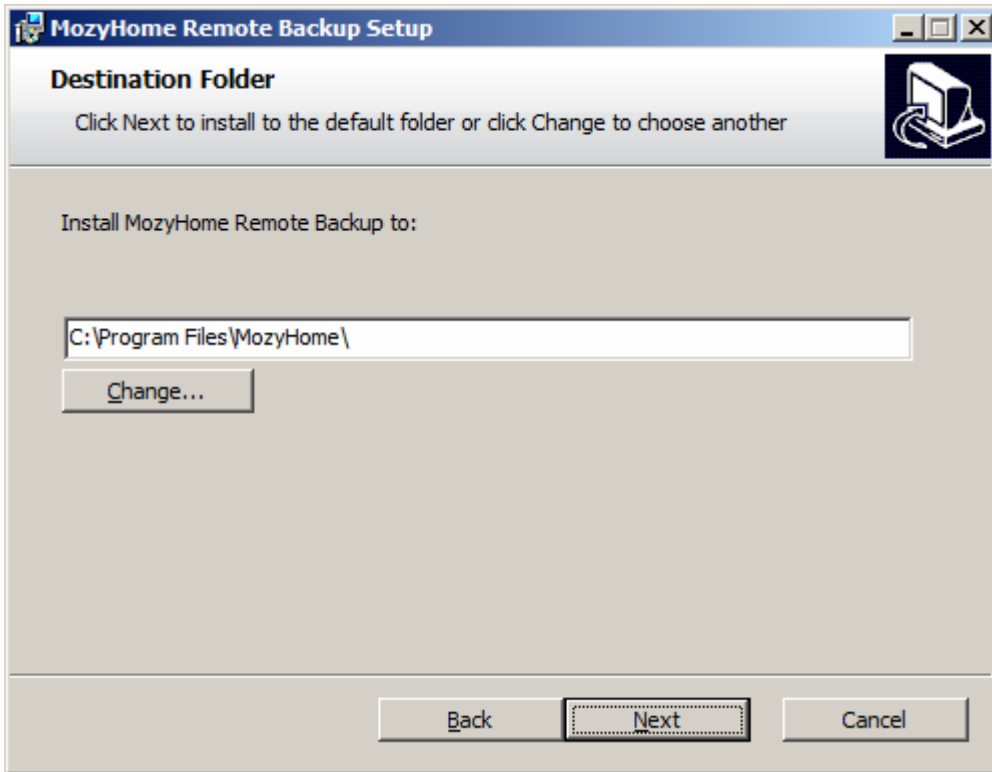
Click on “Run” again if a “Security Warning” box pops up.



Click on “Next” and check off your acceptance to the “End User License Agreement”.

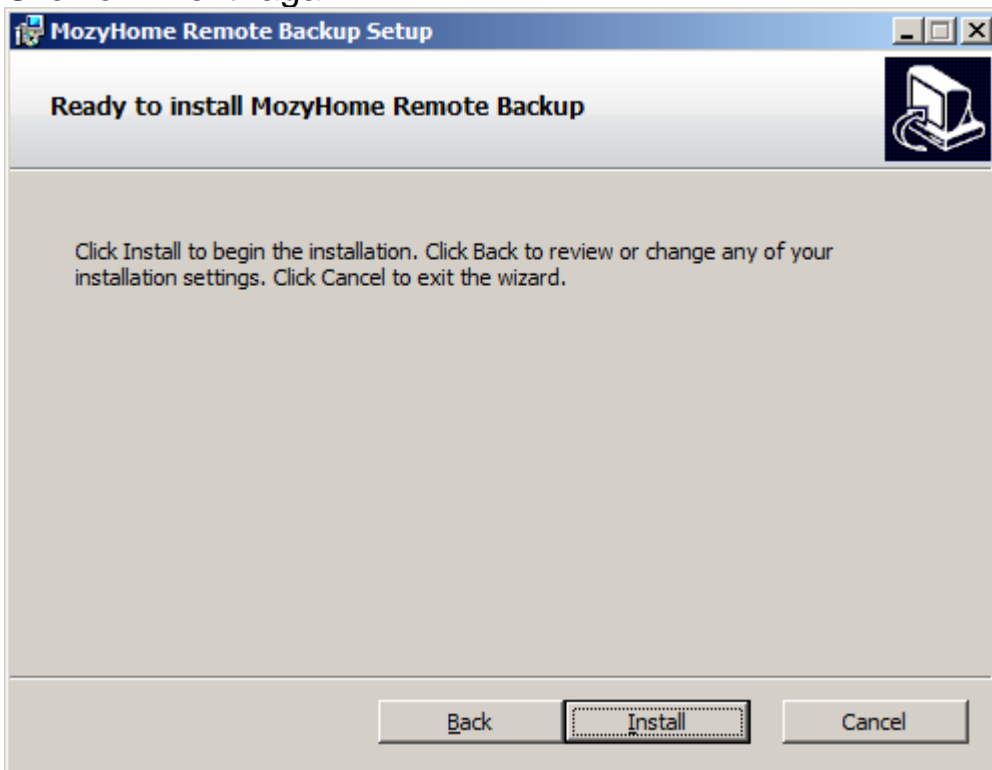


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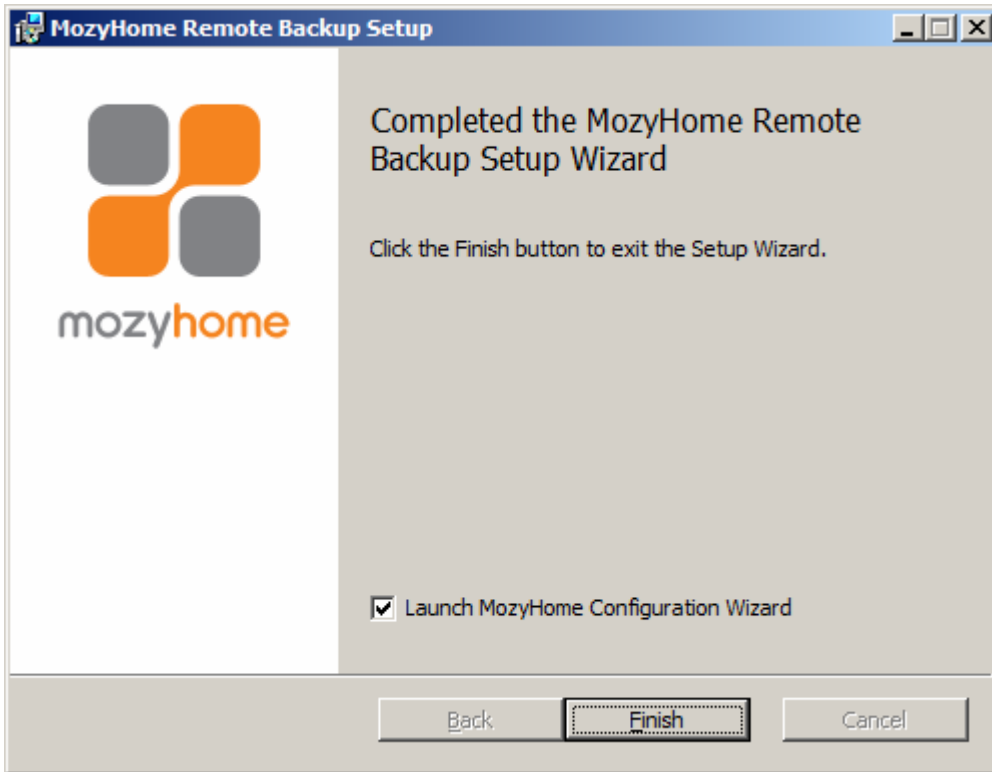


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Click on "Next" again.



Then, click on "Install".



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When you start "Mozy", it will challenge you for your username and password:

**MozyHome Remote Backup Configuration Wizard** [X]

**Log In**  
Let's get started


Please enter your account information. If you have not created an account, click the sign up link below.

**Username:** (e-mail address)

**Password:**

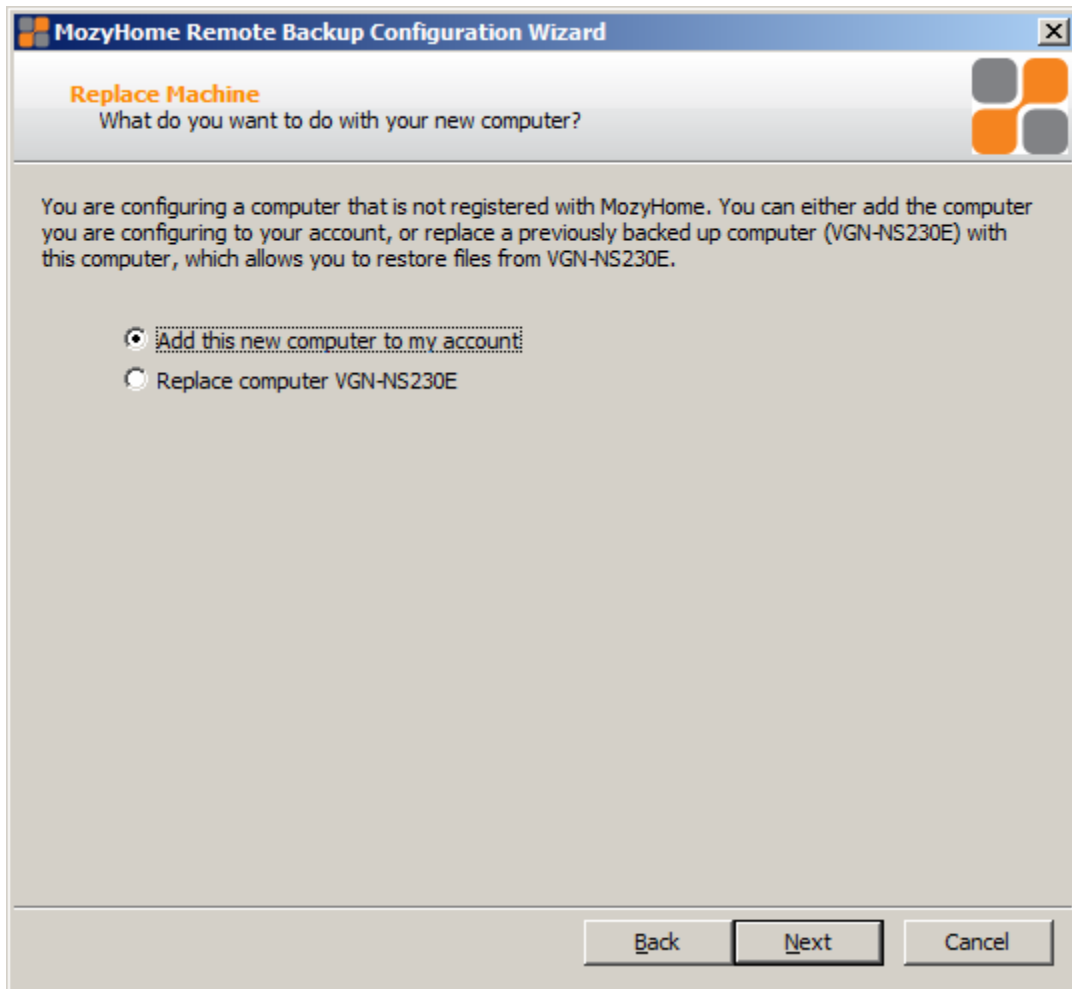
Remember my password

[Sign up now](#)  
[I have a license key](#)



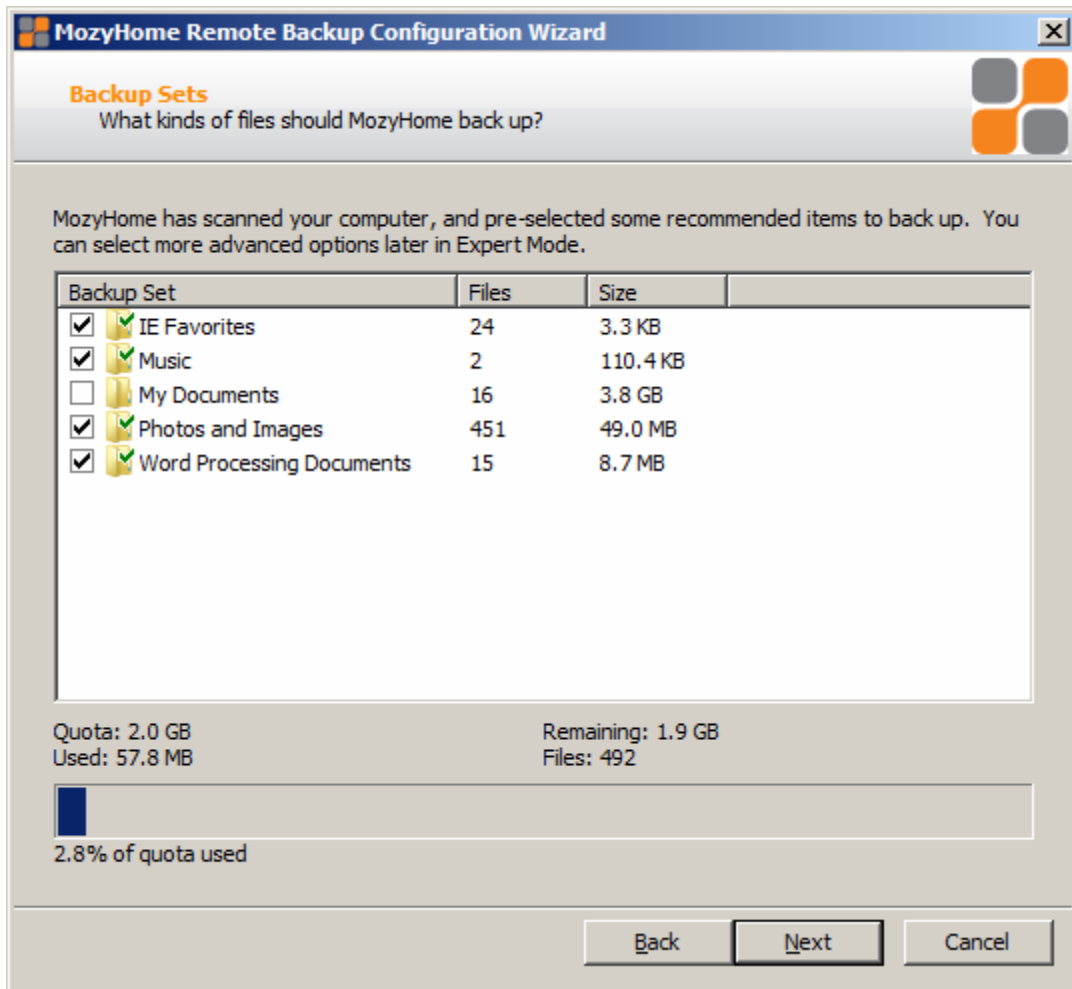
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Fill in these blanks and then click on "Next".

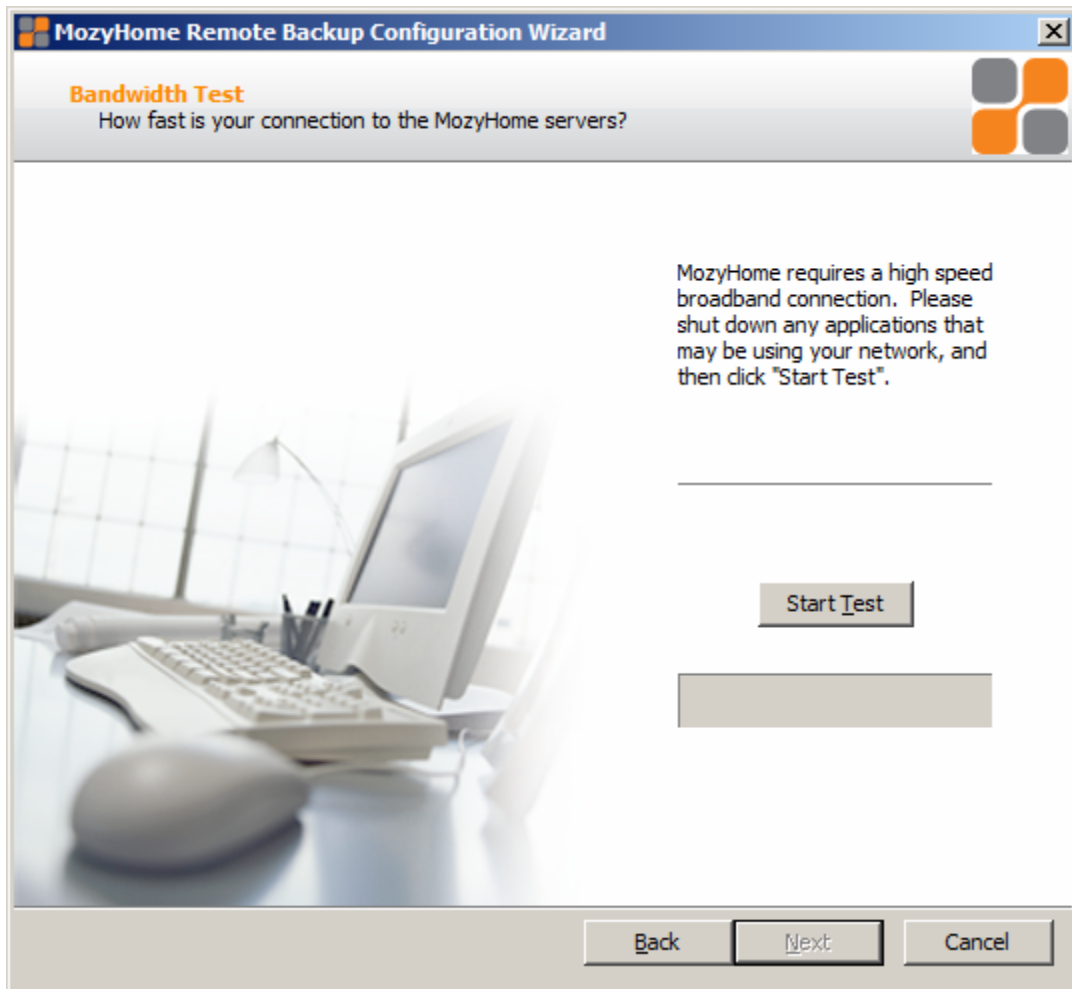


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If this is the first time that you are backing up a particular computer, you have to give the “Mozy” software permission to back up the computer by selecting it and clicking on “Next”.



Select the local data folders/files that you want Mozy to back up. Then click on “Next”.

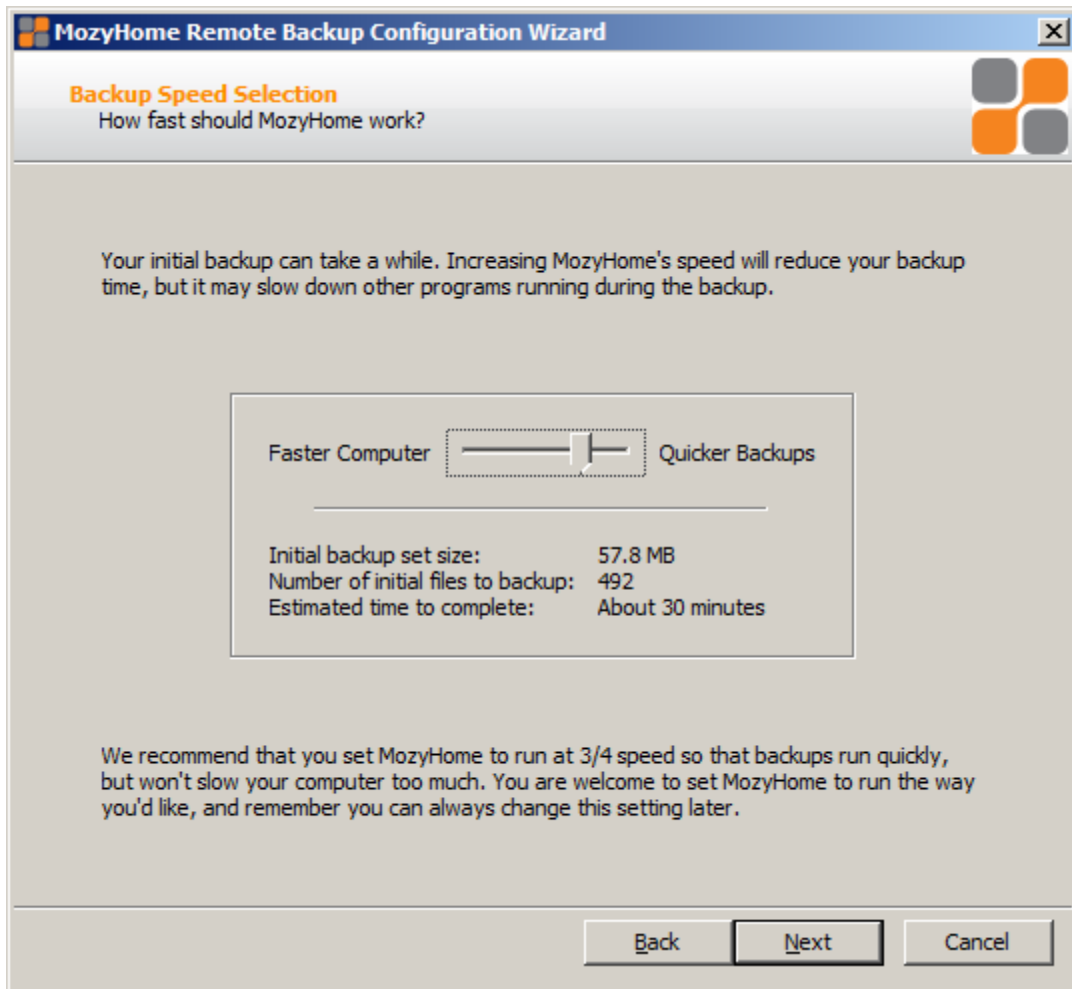


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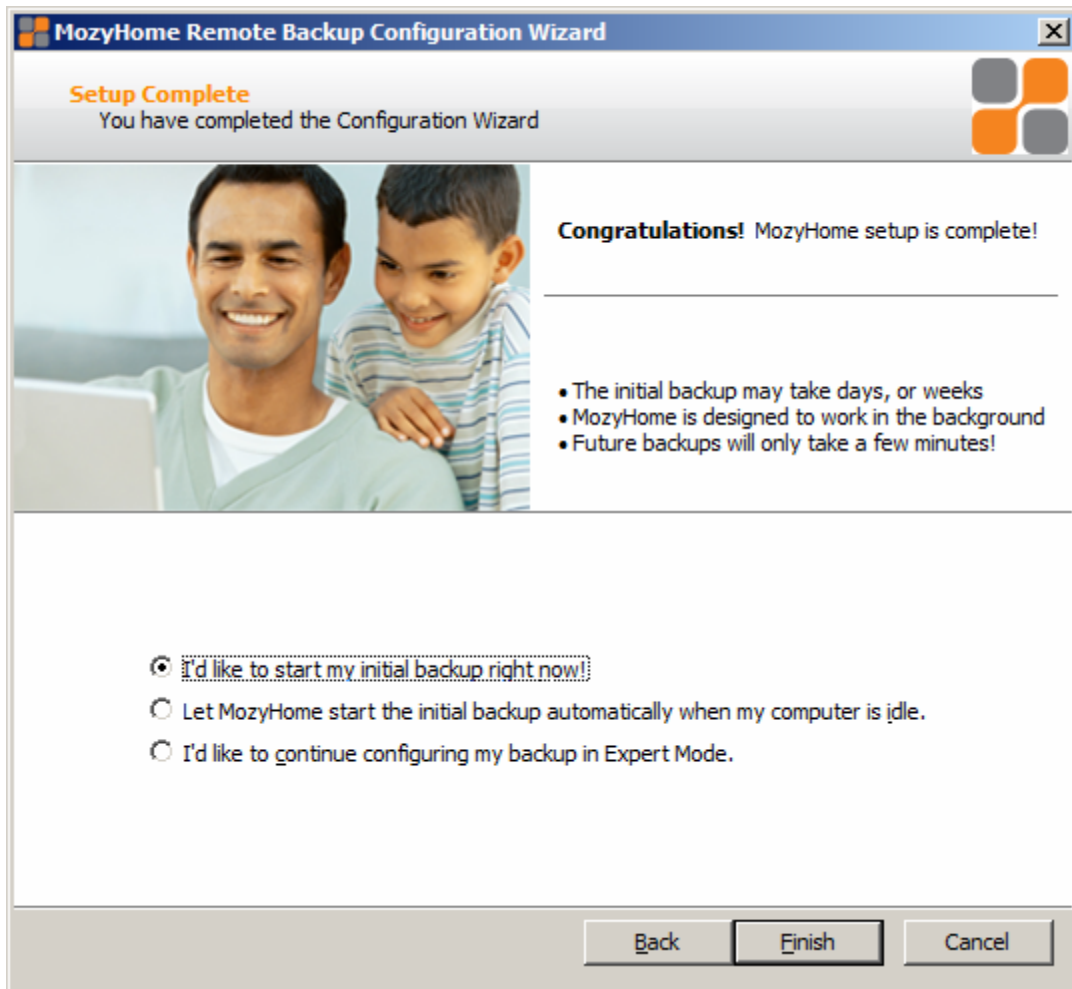
Click on "Start Test" to test your Internet connection.

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If your network connection is fast enough, then you will arrive at the following screen:



Click on "Next" to start your initial backup:



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Click on “Finish” to let it run in the background.

Most users of “Mozy” configure the software so that it runs constantly in the background as a memory-resident program. “Mozy” then backs up any new and revised data files as you create and revise them. This background activity requires a significant amount of RAM and CPU cycles and could conceivably slow down your computer. If you generate lots of huge data files like I do, the bandwidth of your Internet connection might be significantly used up by the constant file transfers from your computer up to the storage servers of “Mozy”. The “Mozy” software allows you to configure how much of your Internet bandwidth that you want it to use.

The detailed user manual for "Mozy" is located at [http://support.mozy.com/docs/en-user-home-win/downloads/mozyhome\\_client\\_guide.pdf](http://support.mozy.com/docs/en-user-home-win/downloads/mozyhome_client_guide.pdf)

It is well-written and worth keeping around in paper format.

Let me know if there are any online file storage services that you are particularly fond of and we will describe them in future articles in this series.

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