

Map a network drive to Mac OS X

This method maps a network drive that will disappear if the network connection drops or if you reboot your Mac:

- From the Mac [OS X](#) Finder, hit Command+K to bring up the 'Connect to Server' window
- Enter the path to the network drive you want to map, ie: smb://panda2a/webroot or smb://64.106.62.25/webroot and click 'Connect'
- Enter your login/password and click "OK" to mount the network drive
- The drive will now appear on your desktop and in [the Finder](#) window sidebar

Map a network drive to Mac OS X that re-mounts after system reboot

This method allows you to reboot your Mac and have the mapped network drive automatically remount and appear on the desktop, this is more persistent than the above method:

- From the Finder, hit Command+K
- Enter the path to the network drive you want to map, ie: smb://panda2a/webroot or smb://64.106.62.25/webroot and click 'Connect'
- Enter your login credentials and click "OK" – the domain is PANDA.
- The drive is now mounted, but continue on to map for system reboot persistence
- Now enter into System Preferences, from the [Apple menu](#)
- Click on 'Accounts'
- Click on "Login Items"
- Click on the + button to add another login item
- Locate the network drive you previously mounted and click "Add"
- Exit out of System Preferences

Your network drive will now be mapped and automatically remounted when you reboot your Mac.

Make the mapped network drive visible on the Mac desktop

It's possible that the mounted drive will not appear on the desktop due to a system setting. If you want the mapped drive icon to be visible on the Desktop, be sure to do the following additional steps:

- From the Finder, open Finder Preferences by hitting Command+,
- Click the General tab
- Select the checkbox next to 'Connected Servers'
- Close Finder Preferences

Selecting the checkbox next to Connected Servers ensures that you'll see the icon on your [Mac Desktop](#), otherwise it will only be visible in the Finder window sidebars and [Open/Save](#) dialogues.

Remount mapped network drive with a click

A great additional step for either method is to create an alias of the mapped network drive. This allows you to reconnect to the share with just a click. Here's how to do this:

- Right-click on the mapped network drive on the [Mac OS](#) desktop
- Select "Make Alias"

Now you can double-click that alias to reconnect to the network drive instantly.