

# SHARES: ACCESS AND TRANSFER FILES

## ABOUT DEFAULT SHARES

A *share* is a network volume that you can configure to store and share data. Your LaCie NAS has two shares by default: **admin** and **Public**. Following the initial login, the share *admin* will change to the name used by the administrator. For example, if the administrator changes the default login “admin” to “John”, the share *admin* will become *John*.

The following table sums up the differences between them:

Name	Accessibility	Login	Availability
admin	Private, accessible only to admin by default	Password-protected (user password)	Computers on the network and remote access (must be enabled)
Public	Public, accessible to any user on the network	None	Computers on the network and remote access (must be enabled)

It is also possible to create new shares and/or to delete the default shares. See [Shares](#) for details.

## ACCESS SHARES

You have several options for accessing shares on your LaCie NAS.

### Option 1: LaCie Network Assistant - quick share access

Use LaCie Network Assistant for quick access to public shares. See [Quick Access](#) for details.

### Option 2: LaCie Network Assistant - authenticate for private shares

Use LaCie Network Assistant to enter your username and password. See [Authenticate Private Shares](#) for details.

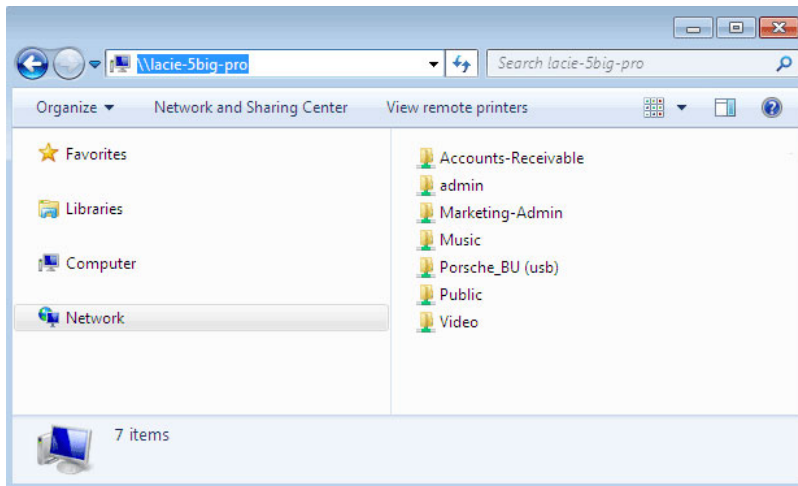
### Option 3: Operating System

Use your operating system to open your LaCie NAS's shares.

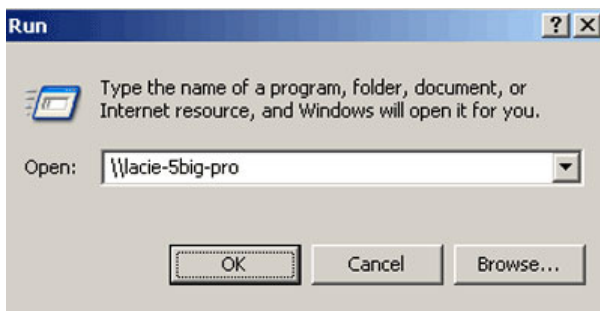
#### Windows

In an Explorer window address field, type \\[**machine name**] or \\[**IP address**] and choose **Go**. Alternatively,

from the Start menu, select **Run** then type `\\[machine name]` or `\\[IP address]`. Choose **OK**.



### *Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8*



### *Windows XP*

## Mac

1. From the Finder, navigate to **Go > Connect to Server**.
2. In the dialogue window, type one of the following:
  - afp://[machine name].local**
  - smb://[machine name].local**
  - afp://[IP address]**
  - smb://[IP address]**

