

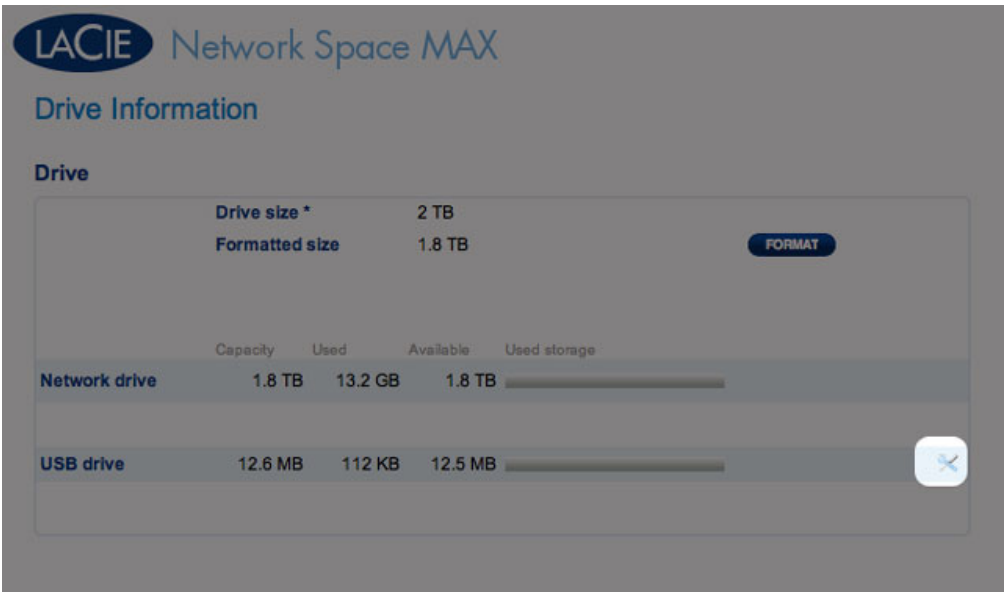
# CONNECT TO A COMPUTER VIA USB

This chapter explains how to connect your LaCie network storage to a computer via USB. For details on connecting the device to a network, see [Connect to the Network](#).

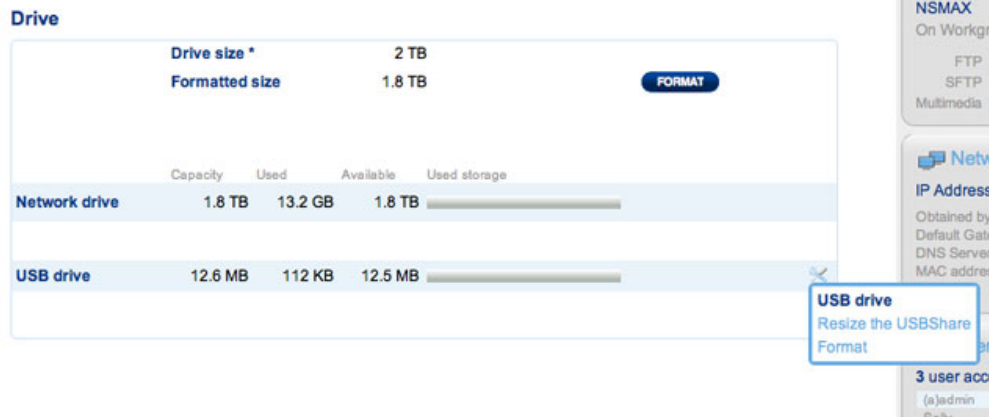
If your network is limited to 10/100 megabit transfer speeds or if you use Wi-Fi, the USB connection will generally permit faster transfer rates. In such cases, LaCie suggests that you copy large quantities of files from your computer to your LaCie network storage via USB. Please note that your network storage device should not be connected to the network while it is attached to a computer via USB.

## CONNECTION STEPS

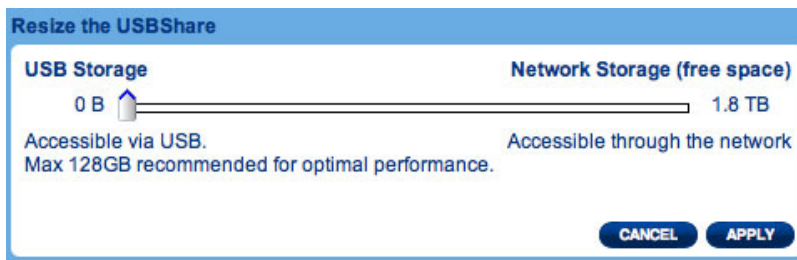
1. Before attempting to create the USBShare, you must successfully complete the brief Setup Wizard for the Dashboard. The wizard will appear the first time you connect the device to the network and log into the Dashboard via your web browser (see [Connect to the Network](#) and [Administration \(Dashboard\)](#)).
2. By default, USBShare has 0GB of storage. Before connecting the device to your computer via USB, please allocate storage to USBShare:
  - I. While the network storage is still connected to the network, access **Dashboard - Drive Information**.
  - II. In the USB drive row, click the configuration icon (intertwined screwdriver and wrench).



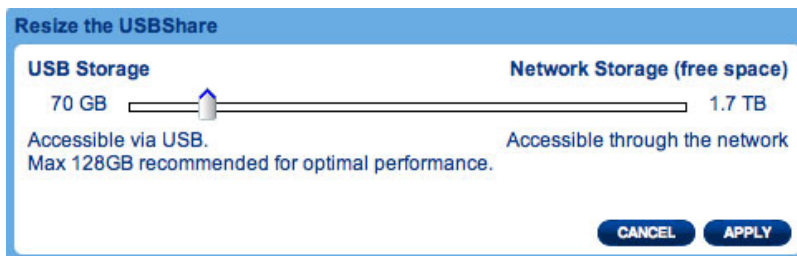
- III. Click **Resize the USBShare**.



IV. A slider to adjust the size of the USBShare will appear.

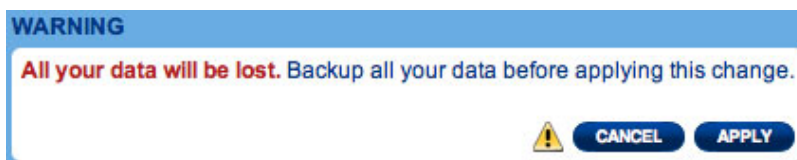


V. Drag the slider to the right to allocate more space to USBShare (maximum is 500GB). After clicking on the slider, you may press the right and left arrow keys on your keyboard to fine-tune the amount of storage.



VI. Click the **Apply** button.

VII. A pop-up window will ask you to confirm the change. Please note that any data stored on the USBShare will be deleted. If you wish to preserve existing files, select **CANCEL** and backup the data. To continue, select **APPLY**.



VIII. The new storage capacity will be listed on the Drive Information page.

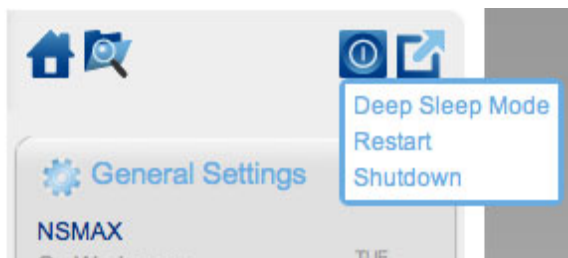
**Drive**

<b>Drive size *</b>	2 TB	
<b>Formatted size</b>	1.8 TB	<b>FORMAT</b>

	Capacity	Used	Available	Used storage
<b>Network drive</b>	1.7 TB	3.2 GB	1.7 TB	<div></div>
<b>USB drive</b>	70 GB	64 KB	70 GB	<div></div>

3. Shut down the network storage using the power button on the top right of the Dashboard.



4. Once the blue LED has shut off, disconnect the device's Ethernet cable from the network.
5. Connect the included USB cable to the rear device port and to your computer. DO NOT use the front USB expansion port.
6. Turn on the network storage using the power switch on the rear of the product. The LED will begin blinking.
7. USBShare will mount on your computer. Copy and paste or drag and drop files to the USBShare.

**Technical note:** USBShare, when it is created by the LaCie NAS OS, is formatted in MS-DOS (FAT32) for use with PCs and Macs. You may format USBShare into a different file format (NTFS or HFS+) using your computer's native disk management application.

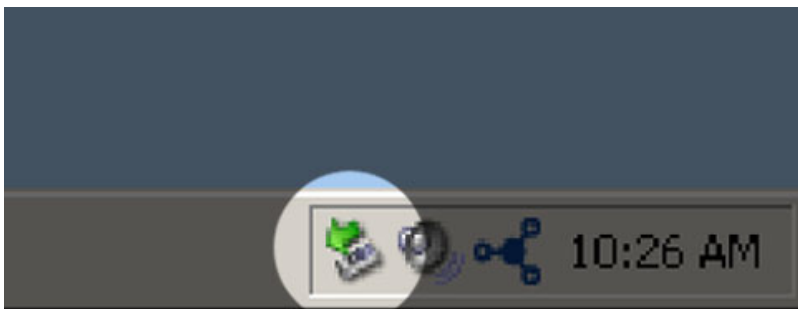
## DISCONNECTING THE USB DEVICE

### DISCONNECT THE USB CONNECTION

USB, FireWire, eSATA, and Thunderbolt external devices feature “plug & play” connectivity, which means that your drive can be connected and disconnected while the computer is running. To prevent failures, however, it is important to follow these steps when disconnecting your LaCie hard disk.

#### Windows XP Users

From the System Tray (located in the lower right-hand side of your screen), click the Eject icon (a small green arrow over a hardware image). A message will appear, listing the devices the Eject icon controls (it should say, “Safely remove...”). Click on the LaCie hard disk in this prompt.



This message will appear: “Safe to Remove Hardware” (or similar). It is now safe to disconnect the device.

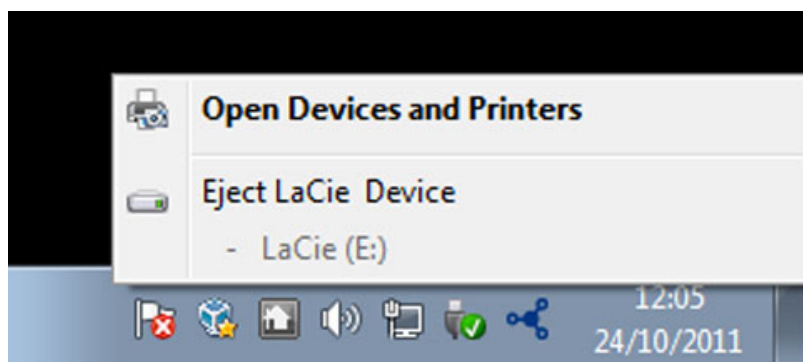
#### Windows Vista & Windows 7 Users

From the System Tray (located in the lower right-hand side of your screen) click on the plug icon (note the white check mark inside a green circle).



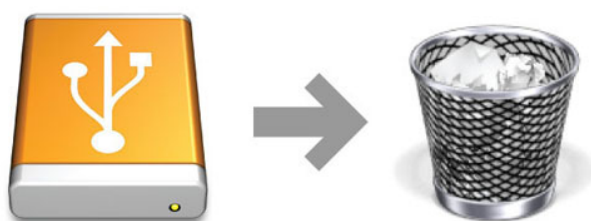
A message will appear, detailing the devices that may be safely unmounted.

Select **Eject** for the device you wish to unmount. A message will appear notifying you that it is safe to remove the device.



## Mac Users

Drag the hard drive icon to the trash. (The icon pictured below is a generic USB device icon. Your drive may be represented by an icon that looks like the drive itself.)



When the icon disappears from the desktop, the drive can be disconnected.