

Windows 11

Backup favorites



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1 Instructions

The following instructions describe how to easily back up your favorites in Edge, Firefox, and Chrome before the migration to Windows 11 begins..

1.1 Export favorites

Here are three simple guides to back up your favorites in Edge, Firefox, and Chrome before the migration to Windows 11 begins.

Microsoft Edge – Exporting Favorites

1. Open Edge and click on the three dots (...) in the top-right corner to open the menu.
2. Go to Favorites and select Manage favorites.
3. Click on Export to file at the top.
4. Choose a location to save the file (e.g., a USB stick or shared network drive).
5. Save the file as an .html file.

Mozilla Firefox – Exporting Bookmarks

1. Open Firefox and click the bookmarks icon in the top-right (or press Ctrl + Shift + B).
2. Select Manage bookmarks.
3. Click on Import and Backup at the top of the window, then choose Backup... to save bookmarks as a .json file, or Export to HTML... to save them as an .html file.
4. Save the file in a secure location.

Google Chrome – Exporting Bookmarks

1. Open Chrome and click on the three dots (...) in the top-right corner of the window.
2. Go to Bookmarks > Bookmark manager.
3. Click on the three dots in the manager window and select Export bookmarks.
4. Save the file as an .html file in a secure place.

By following these steps, all your favorites will be securely saved and can be easily restored after the migration.

1.2 Enable synchronization

Instead of manually exporting favorites, you can also log into each browser with an account (such as your TU-netid) to automatically sync your favorites, history, and settings securely online. Below are the steps for Edge, Firefox, and Chrome:

Microsoft Edge – Enabling Sync with a Microsoft Account

1. Open Edge and click on your profile picture or icon in the top-right corner.
 2. Click on Sign in and log in with your Microsoft account or TU-netid (if supported).
 3. After logging in, click Turn on sync if it doesn't happen automatically.
 4. Ensure that Favorites and any other data (such as passwords and history) are selected in the sync settings.
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Mozilla Firefox – Enabling Sync with a Firefox Account

1. Open Firefox and click on the menu icon (the three lines) in the top-right corner.
 2. Click on Sign in to Sync and either log in or create a Firefox account.
 3. Follow the steps to enable sync, ensuring Bookmarks, History, and other data are checked in the Sync settings.
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Google Chrome – Enabling Sync with a Google Account

1. Open Chrome and click on your profile picture or icon in the top-right corner.
 2. Click Sign in to Chrome and log in with your Google account.
 3. Click Turn on sync when prompted.
 4. Ensure that Bookmarks, History, and any other data you want to save are selected in the sync options in the settings.
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By clicking **“Turn on sync”**, you ensure all your settings and favorites are securely saved. After the migration, you only need to log back in to retrieve your data.