How do I back up my Silhouette Studio Library? How do I use the same files I purchase on two computers? Silhouette America will soon release mobile capability which will allow users to access their purchased designs from any internet-connected device, but this is the current method I use to back up and share my Library between multiple computers.

First, here are a few points to know:

- Silhouette allows you to recover all your designs up to three times in case of computer upgrades/purchases or computer crashes. They will reset it for you if you ask with good reason. Silhouette America does *not* have a record of files you add to your Library outside of the Silhouette design store.
- If you are adding your own files (via Import, Save, or drag-and-drop) to the Library and Silhouette has no record of it, then you would lose all of those extras in a computer crash. This is why making your own backup is important.
- Your Library is shared between all versions of Studio, so if you are running multiple versions (such as v2.9.67 Legacy and v3.3.638) you will see all the same designs in the Library no matter which version you are using at the time. However, there are a few exceptions to the availability of certain files if you are running both v2 and v3.
  - To be specific, .studio3 files that are imported (or dragged-and-dropped) into the library in V3 will not open in V2; .studio files (whether originally saved in V2 or in V3 as Legacy V2) that are imported (or dragged-and-dropped) into the library in V3 will open in V2. Designs saved from the design page in V3 will not open in V2.
  - Designs added through the Silhouette design store will open from your Library in any version of Silhouette Studio.
- Standard updates to the Studio software do not affect your Library, but you can have peace of mind by making a backup copy of your Library before running each update.
- Files in your Library cannot be accessed individually through any folders on your computer. If you wish to have access to your files outside of Studio, use the *Save* or *Save As* command instead of *Save to Library*.
- This process should work across various PC operating systems (i.e. transferring a Library from a Windows 7 computer to a Windows 8 computer).

Back up your Library

1. Choose one computer in your house where you will download all your Studio files.

- You can purchase designs through the Silhouette design store on a mobile device or add to your wish list from other computers, just don't actually download them until you're at your preferred computer. (Set secondary computers so they do not check for pending downloads every time.)
- If your secondary computer/laptop already has some files on that Library that aren't on your preferred computer, go find those files and recover the individual purchases, or use up one of your three "recover all" options to make sure you have every Silhouette-purchased file on your preferred computer's Library.

- o To do this: While in Studio in your preferred computer, go to the *Design Store>My Account>My Download History* or *Design Store>My Account>Recover All Downloaded* Designs

2.   Find (on your preferred computer) where the Library folder is stored:

Note: If you are unable to find the folder listed below, it is probably **hidden**. You can enable "show hidden files and folders" through your Control Panel (do a search in your Control Panel if you don't know where to find this).

Windows XP: C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\ApplicationData\com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8

Windows Vista: C:\ProgramData\com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8

Windows 7 64-bit: C:\ProgramData\com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8

Windows 8: C:\ProgramData\com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8

Mac: Macintosh HD > Library > Application Support > com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8

3.   **Close** the Studio program. **Copy** the *com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8* folder without opening or changing anything in it. **Save** a copy where you can find it easily and transfer it if necessary. (I save a copy on my desktop page and on a thumb drive.) This is your backup copy of your Studio Library.

Note: You will need to save a copy of that *com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8* folder as often as you feel is necessary, because as soon as you add to your Library the file changes. Just like any backup system, you need to set up a schedule that is the right timing for you in order to maintain and keep it up-to-date. Delete the outdated folder each time you save an updated copy.

Place the Backup Library on a Different Computer

4.   With Silhouette Studio closed, replace the Library folder on a secondary computer by finding the same main folder (usually *ProgramData*) for the operating system listed above. **Delete** the existing *com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8* folder from the "copy to" location and then **paste** the updated *com.aspexsoftware.Silhouette_Studio.8* folder into that location. Your Library on this computer will now match the Library of your primary computer (as of your last backup).

Steps 3 and 4 will need to be repeated as often as you wish to update the Library on secondary computers.