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Samsung smartphones · How to make a backup of your mobile phonebook

Smart phones are all around us, but still there are users who don't keep any backup of personal data such as phonebook, notes, videos, images and other important stuff. It can be done in a simple operation using KIES, a free program from Samsung at <http://www.samsung.com/us/kies>

You can find also typing "Samsung KIES" in Google (without quotation marks). The program will take a few seconds to download depending on your bandwidth.



Figure 1. Samsung smartphones with Android.

Smartphones need operating system to run. Typical computers use Windows, Linux, iOS, etc. Smartphones use Android. An operating system must be updated in order to include the new enhancements, fix errors and increase safety. These updates are performed also by KIES when you connect your phone to your computer using a USB cable or via WiFi. If you want to browse with your notebook using a smartphone as router you need to install KIES.

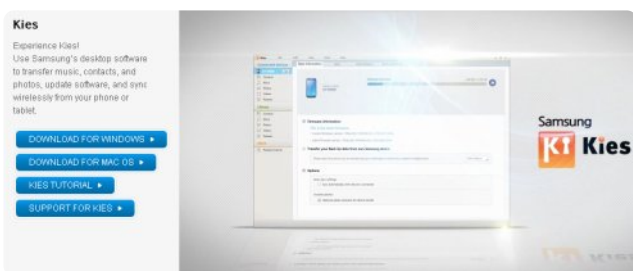


Figure 2. Samsung KIES website.

In order to use KIES, you must first download it from the official site (see Figure 2) and install it. Remember you need to be an administrator to install it in your computer. Connect your smartphone to your computer using a USB cable and start KIES. During the first few seconds you will see a small animated circle indicating the connection is being made (see Figure 3).

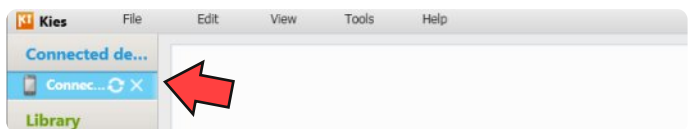


Figure 3. Smartphone trying to link computer.

KIES show smartphone model (see Figure 4). Click "Back up/Restore" tab pointed at red arrow to select items you want to include in your backup.

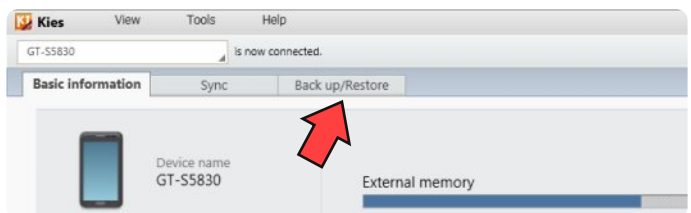


Figure 4. "Back up/Restore" tab.

To be practical select "Automatically back up..", "Contacts" and "Notes" options (see Figure 5). Press "Backup" button to start. Your backup will be saved in "MyDocuments/samsung/kies/Backup". I suggest making a copy of this backup to an USB memory stick or external disk drive for peace of mind. Change the view mode using "View/Switch Mode" to "Normal" or "Lite". Make frequent backups.

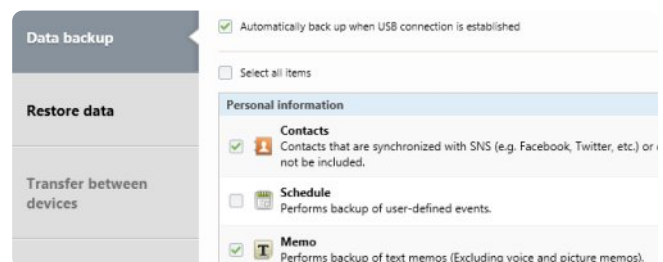


Figure 5. Selecting backup components to save.