Synovative Technology
The Home of Do-It-Yourself PC Maintenance

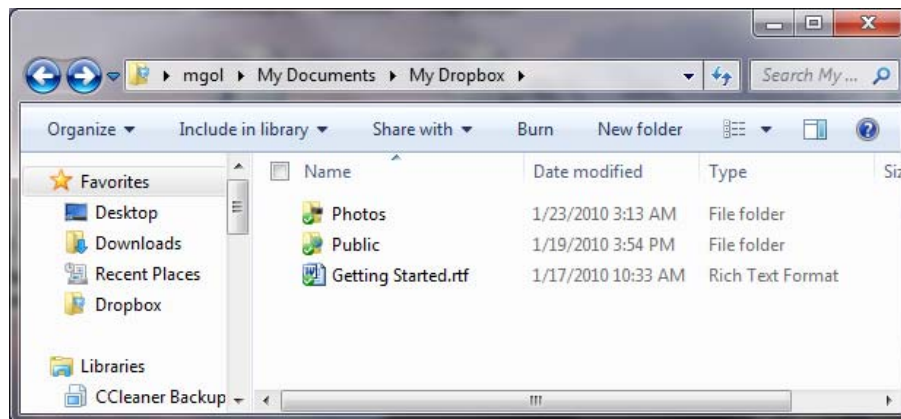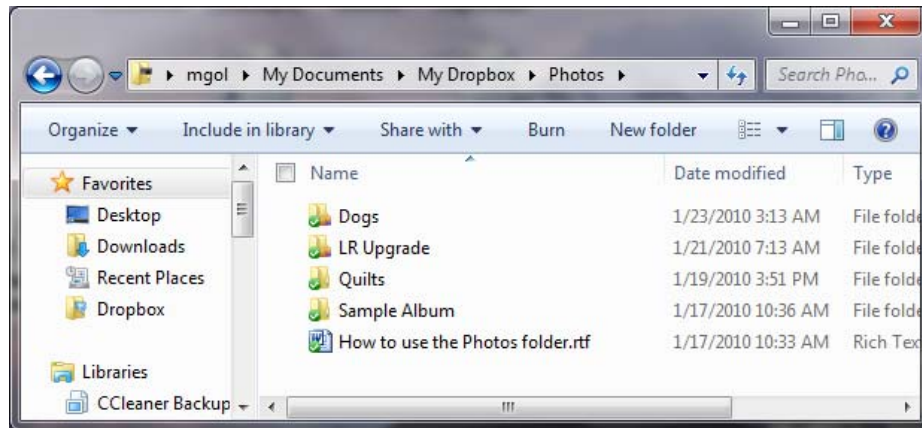# January 2010 Newsletter

Windows 7

The current version, 9.5.34, of SOUP has been tested on Windows 7, Vista and XP without issue. Windows 7 and Vista users should use the TWEAKUAC utility (see web site download page) to minimize security messages at the launch of SOUP utilities. When you use TweakUAC, set it to "switch UAC to quite mode", the middle selection.
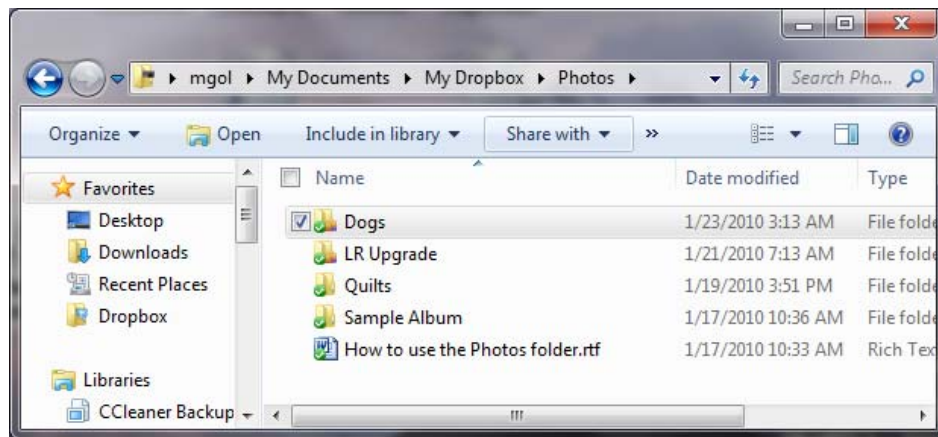
Dropbox

Are you tired of sharing your photos with family and friends using email attachments? There is another way. Dropbox is a new Internet service with a very nice desktop interface. It will allow you to easily copy files, using drag and drop, into folders in an Internet Dropbox that is unique to you. Space is free for the first 2 GB and costs money above that. The great news is that the software is easy to install and very easy to use. The web site http://www.dropbox.com has a very nice video tutorial that explains how things work. Because it is online, you can easily go back to it at any time. The software will install a "My Dropbox" folder inside your My Documents folder. It will look something like this:
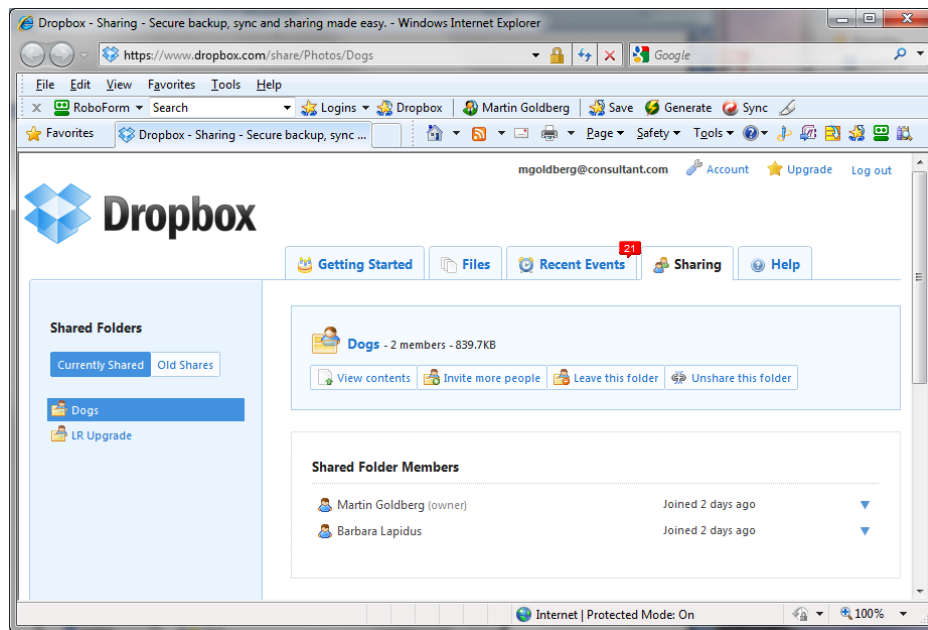
To share photos you need to create a new folder inside the My Dropbox photos folder. It will look something like:
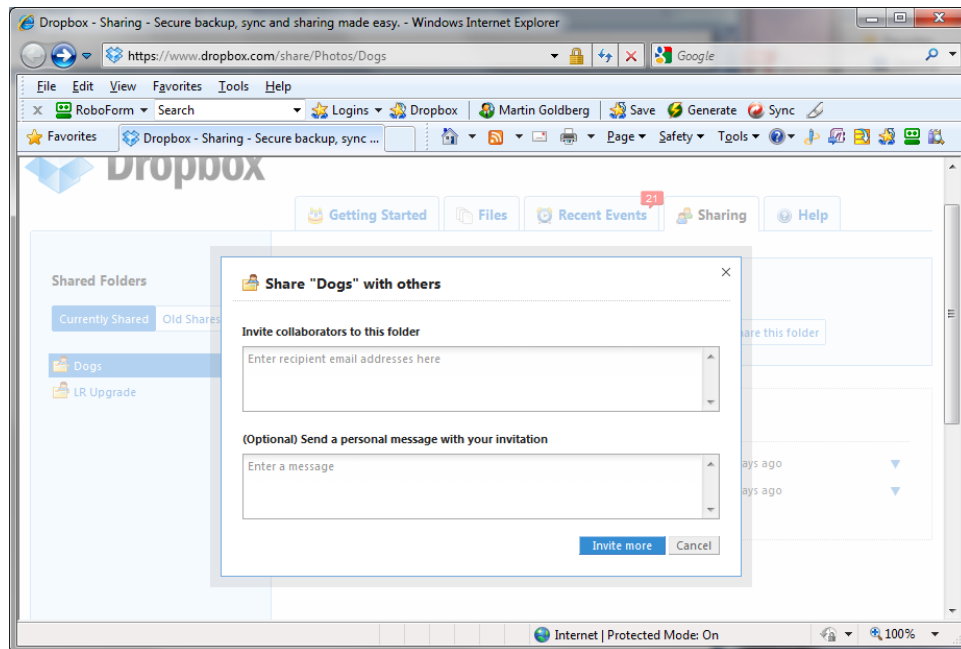

To share a folder with someone, simply highlight the folder:

Then right mouse click on the folder. Select Dropbox from the pop menu and then select sharing options. You should see something like:

Click on invite more people and you should see:

Enter an email address and an optional message. You have done your part. When the recipient get an email they may then link to your shared folder.

What have we gained … not much so far. It is the next sharing of photos that has the big bonus. You simple drag a new phone into the folder you are sharing. (We suggest you use right mouse click and hold, drag and drop and then select "copy") The new photo is transferred to your Internet space and ALL of the folks that you share this folder with are notified of the new content. NO email required! You can erase content and the

folks you share with will be notified. They can erase content and you will be notified. You can then recover the erased content if that was not what you wanted.

If your household has multiple PCs and you transfer documents among them, consider using Dropbox instead of LAN file sharing.

In addition, when you are away from your desktop, you can access your Dropbox from any internet PC and have access to your files.

Give it a try ... surf to

http://www.dropbox.com

What is the current version of SOUP?

SOUP 9.5.34 is the latest version.

If you are not running this version, we strongly suggest that you run the SOUP Web Update Utility to get it. If you have any issues getting this update, simply uninstall your version of SOUP and download the current version from the Download page of the Synovative web site.

==

Contact Tech Support, using the Request for Support program, if you have any issues. tech.support@synovative.com