

External Drive Taxonomy

- **Artwork** – Artwork created by others.
 - **Brushes** – for Photoshop
 - **Business Cards** – Scans of business cards I liked
 - **Buttons** – Web buttons
 - **Color Schemes** – A few hundred well-designed color schemes
 - **Comics** – Mostly Oni Press free downloads
 - [One folder per comic]
 - **Compositions** – Celtic, Pixelart, Fractals, etc
 - **Design** – Interesting design artifacts
 - **Fonts** – Entirely too many typefaces
 - **Gaming** – Dungeons and Dragons character sketches, maps, and worlds
 - [One folder for each character, map, or world]
 - **Icons** – Mirror of pixadex archive on my laptop
 - **Language** – Unicode charts, mainly
 - **Logos** – Logos I've found online which are well designed
 - **Magazines** – Mainly 2D Artist, and [ArtzMania](#)
 - [One folder per magazine]
 - **Paintings** – mostly René Magritte
 - [One folder per artist]
 - **Photography** – Useful, open license stock photography
 - **Templates** – Useful, open license design templates, mostly for the web
 - **Themes** – Application themes for shapeshifter, wordpress,

and the likes

- [One folder for each application]
- **Vector** – Well–done vector artwork
- **Wallpapers** – Artistic, Fantasy, Minimalist, Photomanipulated, Religious, Trendy, Vertical, and Widescreen
 - [One folder for each wallpaper type]
- **Backups** – Full and incremental backups of our computers.
 - **Workstations** – the laptop, and the two desktops
 - [One folder for each workstation]
 - **Servers** – all seven of them
 - [One folder for each server]
 - **Handhelds** – the palm pilot which I never use
 - [One folder for each handheld]
 - **iPods** – both mine and my partner’s
 - [One folder for each iPod]
 - **Configurations** – routers, switches
 - [One folder for each device]
- **Data** – Useful raw data.
 - **Standards** – Mostly Federal Information Processing Service (FIPS) data
 - **Airport Codes** – and their closest cities
 - **Cities** – latitude and longitude, administrative divisions, county, state, and country
 - **Country Codes** – ISO standard
 - **Languages** – ISO standard
 - **Postal Codes** – Center latitude and longitude, county,

- state, and country
 - **Time Zones** – ISO standard
- **Ephemeris** – Astrological ephemeris data
- **Maps** – 1.5 Gb of JPEG and PNG maps
 - [One folder for each continent]
 - [One folder for each country]
 - [One folder for each region]
 - [One folder for each city]
- **Conversions** – Unit conversion tables and charts
- **Mathematical** – Constants, tables, and equations
- **Movies** – All open-license video material which I'd like to keep around.
 - **Clips** – Short video clips for mixing
 - **Documentaries** – Full documentaries
 - [One folder for each topic]
 - **Music Videos** – Good music videos
 - [One folder for each artist]
 - **Video Blogs** – Archive of good video blog posts
 - [One folder for each blogger]
 - **Yoga** – Open-license exercise videos
- **Music** – Music which I own, or is under open license.
 - **Albums** – Full albums
 - [One folder for each artist]
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 - **Orphans** – Single tracks from the iTunes Music Store
 - [One folder for each artist]
 - **Samples** – Samples for mixing

- **Spoken** – Spoken word
 - **Comedy** – Stand-up routines
 - **Educational** – Recorded lectures from around the world
 - [One folder for each university]
 - [One folder for each course]
- **Tablature** – Guitar, bass, and mandolin tablature
 - [One folder for each artist]
- **Personal** – Mirror of the "Archive" folder on my laptop's desktop.
 - **Artwork** - Every art and design artifact I've made that I consistently use or reference, and to which I have legal rights
 - **Album Covers** - for mix CDs I've made
 - **Avatars** - User images for websites
 - **Design** - Design artifacts
 - **Paintings** - Digital paintings
 - **Sketches** - Scans of pencil and paper works
 - **Vector** - Vector art
 - **Wallpapers** - Ones I've made
 - **Business** - All my non-day-job-work related stuff
 - *[One folder for each freelance job]*
 - **Agreements**
 - **Contracts**
 - **Forms**
 - **Plans**
 - **Procedures**
 - **Schedules**
 - **Codebase** - Every line of code I've ever written that I either

open-sourced, or to which I have legal rights.

- *[One folder for each application]*

- **Druidry** - Religious stuff. More information here.
- **Finances** - Personal and household financial records.
 - **Accounts** - One folder for each bank account
 - **Plans** - Financial planning artifacts
 - **Receipts** - Major purchase receipts
 - **Taxes** - Personal income tax returns
- **Gaming**
 - **Dungeons and Dragons** - Character sheets, quests, and worlds
- **Health**
 - **Medical** - Personal and household medical records
 - **Preparedness** - Disaster preparedness kits and plans
 - **Yoga** - Asana references
- **Infrastructure**
 - **Architectures** - Home network and systems architectures
 - **Inventories** - Home inventory, with serial numbers
 - **PGP Keys** - Public and Private PGP keys
 - **Servers** - Shell accounts, VNC, and RDC connections
- **Legal**
 - **Auto** - Car loan information and maintenance history
 - **Domestic** - Mortgage, lease information
 - **Insurance** - Auto and home insurance information
 - **Warranties** - For all major purchases
- **Portfolios** - Full portfolios and resumes for my professional life

- **Design** - graphic design, typography, illustration
- **Engineering** - software, systems, electrical, mechanical
- **Music** - guitar, piano, vocal
- **Research** - research and development histories
- **Writing** - authoring, editing, journalism
- **Recipes** - Things I like to cook.
- **Travel** - Trips I'm planning, and logs from trips I've taken
 - *[One folder for each trip]*
- **University**
 - *[One folder for each university]*
 - **Courses** - Information on each course
 - **Degree Plan**
 - **Memberships** - Information on special interest groups
 - **Transcripts** - Scans of official transcripts
- **Websites** - Full sources and deployed mirrors for every website I've created.
 - *[One folder for each website]*
 - **Database** - Mirror of deployed databases
 - **Graphics** - Graphic design artifacts
 - **Public** - Mirror of deployed code and images
- **Writing** - Articles, journals, novels, poetry, prose, and theses I've written, to which I have legal rights.
- **Relationships** - Archive data on everyone I know.
 - *[One folder for each person]*
 - **Chatlogs** - Logs of every IRC, AIM, Jabber, and ICQ chat
 - **Email** - Copies of every email sent or received

- **Documents** – Any material I've worked on with them
- **Software** – Freeware, Shareware, and Open License software I use. Each third-level folder listed has "AIX", "FreeBSD", "Linux", "Mac OS 9", "Mac OS X", "Palm OS", "Solaris", "Source", "Win CE", and "Windows" folders underneath, as appropriate.
 - **Database** – SQL Database Connectors, Interfaces, and Servers
 - **Connectors** – ODBC connectors
 - **Interfaces** – Database front-ends and administration tools
 - **Servers** – Database servers
 - **Desktop** – Software which is typically used on a workstation or laptop
 - **Academic** – Keeping of academic records
 - **Bookmarks** – Syncing of bookmarks to Web2.0 services
 - **Calendars**
 - **Calculators**
 - **Clocks**
 - **Editors** – Text editors, primarily
 - **Financial** – Account management and synchronizing software
 - **Launchers** – Application launchers
 - **Outliners**
 - **Pagers** – Desktop pagers (the kind that let you have more than one desktop per computer)
 - **Screen Savers**
 - **Search** – Local search applications
 - **Theming** – Applications which change the way things

look

- **Viewers** – Data viewers, for applications of which I don't have full versions.
- **Weather**
- **Window Managers** – Primarily for the BSD, Linux, and Source-built systems

- **Education**

- **HAM Radio** – Study materials, tests
- **Language** – Language tutorials and references
- **Music** – Applications to teach scales, guitar fingerings, and chord patterns
- **Programming** – Software which helps in learning to code
- **Religion** – Software which helps with religious studies

- **Games**

- **Arcade**
- **Board Games**
- **Card Games**
- **Console** – Nethack, and friends
- **First Person**
- **Puzzles**
- **Roleplaying** – Applications to manage character sheets
- **Simulation**
- **Strategy**

- **Internet** – Software which helps connect workstations to the internet

- **Blogging** – Software for writing and hosting weblogs

- **Chat** – AIM, IRC, Jabber, ICQ, Yahoo, and MSN chat clients
- **CMS** – Various content management systems
- **Directories** – LDAP software
- **DNS** – Domain Name System software
- **Email** – Email clients and servers
- **File Transfer** – FTP, SCP, and SFTP software
- **RADIUS** – Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service tools
- **RSS Aggregators** – Tools to read RSS feeds and parse OPML
- **Search** – Online search tools
- **Telephony** – Internet telephony tools
- **Twittering** – Tools to post tweets to twitter
- **Usenet** – Tools to read and post to Usenet
- **Web Browsers** – Applications and toolkits for viewing websites
- **Web Servers** – Applications and toolkits for hosting websites
- **Multimedia** – Software to work with audio, video, and still media
 - **Audio** – Tools for audio processing
 - **Codecs** – Audio / Video compression and decompression tools
 - **Color Theory** – Color wheels, choosers, and guides
 - **Demos** – 1980s and 90s DOS Demo scene
 - **Graphics** – Graphics design tools

- **Scrobbling** – Tools to post music listening habits to last.fm
- **Typography** – Tools to create and modify typefaces
- **Video** – Video processing applications
- **Office**
 - **CRM** – Customer Relationship Management tools
 - **Diagramming** – Mind mapping and relationship charts
 - **Document Management** – Personal wikis, document sorters
 - **eCommerce** – eCommerce applications, server and client-side
 - **Fax**
 - **Office Suites** – OpenOffice.org
 - **Outlining**
 - **Productivity** – Task and attention management
 - **Project Management** – Gantt chart applications
 - **Time Tracking** – Time and billing calculation
- **Operating Systems** – The most recent version of my two favorite server-side operating systems, and a pretty cool RTOS
 - **Debian Linux**
 - **FreeBSD**
 - **QNX**
- **Portable** – Portable applications (the kind you keep on a USB keychain)
- **Programming** – Applications used to create other applications
 - **Compilers** – For about two dozen languages

- **Components** – Useful bindings, libraries, modules, and plugins
- **Data Integrity** – CRC, MD5, and SHA-1 utilities
- **Documentation** – Code documentation managers and generators
- **Environments** – Integrated development environments
- **Frameworks** – Useful development frameworks (GTK, QT, .Net, Rails, etc)
- **Installers** – Applications which build installers
- **Interpreters** – Executables for a dozen interpreted languages
- **Tools** – Wrappers, SDKs, profilers, etc
- **Versioning** – Version control tools (CVS, Subversion, git, etc)
- **Scientific**
 - **Astronomy** – Sky maps and star charts
 - **Distributed Computation** – clients, servers, and kernel modules
 - **Electronics** – circuit simulation and board layout tools
 - **Forensics** – computer and network forensics, mainly
 - **Geography** – Desktop mapping software
 - **Graphing** – Chart and graph applications
 - **Linguistics** – Computational phonology, grammar, and syntax tools
 - **Mathematics** – Computer math tools
 - **Radio Frequency** – RF Modeling environments
 - **Simulations** – Mostly cellular automata

- **Security**
 - **Adware Scanners** – Applications which remove adware
 - **Cryptography** – Applications which encrypt and decrypt data and transmissions
 - **Firewalls** – also proxies and network address translation tools
 - **Monitoring** – System and network status tools
 - **Password Generators** – Applications to generate random passwords
 - **Spyware Scanners** – Applications which remove spyware
 - **Secure Shell** – OpenSSH clients and servers
 - **Virus Scanners** – Applications which remove viruses
 - **VPN** – Virtual Private Network servers and clients
- **System**
 - **Access Control** – User authentication systems
 - **Accessibility** – Tools which make systems more usable to everyone
 - **Backup** – Data backup and synchronization tools
 - **Benchmarks** – System benchmark tools
 - **Compression** – Data compression tools
 - **Configuration** – System configuration editors
 - **Drivers** – Hard-to-find drivers for most of my hardware
 - **Drives and Partitions** – Partition and block-level data editors
 - **Emulation** – Applications which allow execution of non-native binaries

- **File Management** – finder and explorer-like utilities
- **Information** – System information tools
- **Keymapping** – Applications which allow you to type in other languages
- **Modem** – Mainly BBS clients and servers
- **Networking** – Network information tools
- **Printing** – Printer drivers
- **Remote Control** – VNC, RDC, and similar tools
- **Security** – Server hardening and intrusion detection tools
- **Shells** – BASH, ASH, SH, Korn, and the like
- **Terminals** – Terminal emulators and TTYS
- **Wireless** – 802.11 and Bluetooth tools
- **Texts** – Free and Open-license text files, articles, and books.
 - **Art** – Art, typography, photography, and design texts and tutorials
 - **Business** – Various business texts
 - *[One folder per branch of study]*
 - **Computing** – Documentation and essays on the computing inter-discipline
 - **Architecture** – Information, network, and systems architecture
 - **Backups** – Documentation on backup software
 - **Databases** – SQL documentation
 - **Design** – Web design texts
 - **Hardware** – Hardware support information
 - **Markup** – HTML, XHTML, and Microformats

- **Networking** – Texts on how properly to build networks
- **Presentation** – CSS information
- **Security** – Various computer security texts
- **Serialization** – RSS and YAML documentation
- **Software** – Software support documentation
- **Standards** – IEEE standards, RFCs, and ISO standards
- **Systems** – Texts and guides specific to operating systems
- **Theory** – Various computing theory texts
- **Engineering** – Various engineering texts
 - *[One folder per branch of study]*
- **Gaming** – Chess, GURPS, and Dungeons and Dragons SRDs
- **Health** – Diet, exercise, preparedness, and productivity texts
- **History** – Various interesting history texts and essays
- **Law** – Sample contracts, mainly
- **Literature** – Works of lasting impact, mainly from Project Gutenberg
 - *[One folder per language]*
 - *[One folder per author]*
- **Mathematics** – Mathematic Texts
 - *[One folder per branch of study]*
- **Military** – Training manuals and handbooks
 - *[One folder per country]*
 - *[One folder per armed forces branch]*
- **Music** – Scale and chord charts
 - *[One folder per instrument]*
- **Philosophy** – Various interesting philosophy texts

- **Politics** – Political essays and theories
 - *[One folder per topic]*
- **Productivity** – GTD-related materials
- **Religion** – Religious texts
 - *[One folder per religion]*
- **Science** – Scientific texts
 - *[One folder per branch of study]*
- **Travel** – Books about places