

# **El Capitan**

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**How To  
Encrypt A  
Folder With  
Password  
Protection**

# Create Encrypted Folder in El Capitan

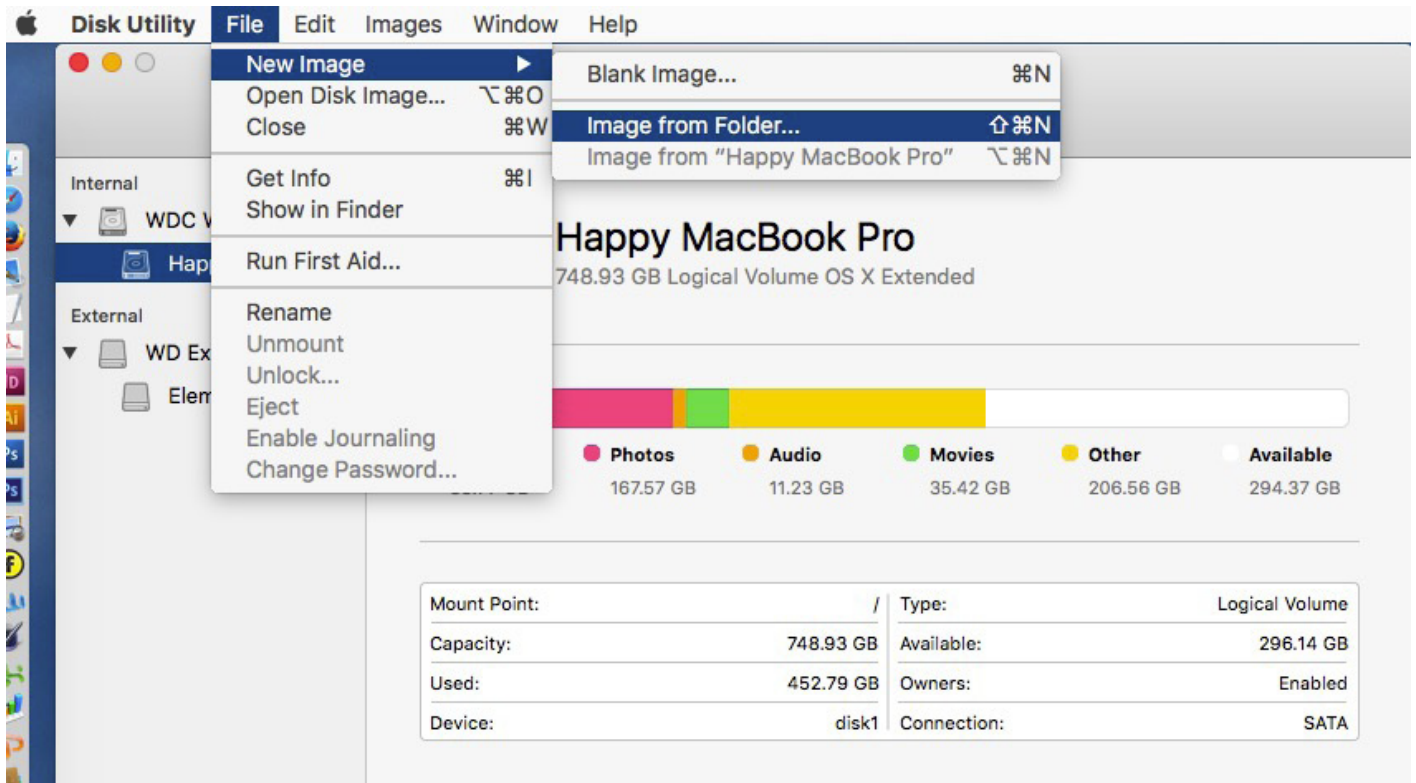
1. Create a new folder on your desktop and drag the items into it that you want to protect. Name the folder so you can locate it easily during the encryption process.



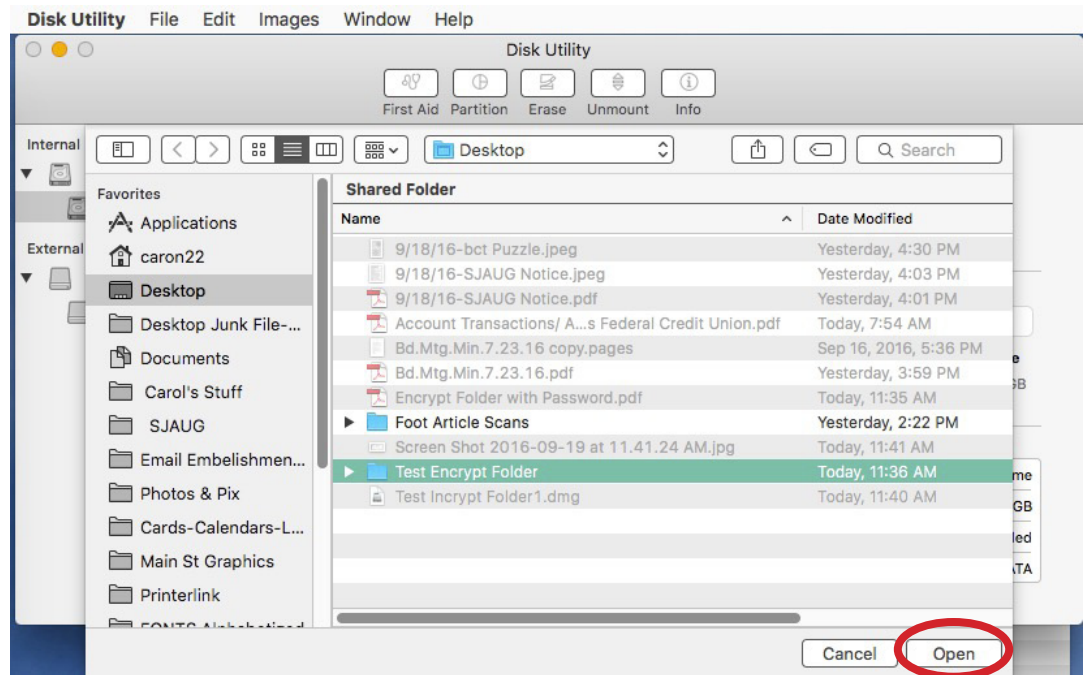
2. Open Disk Utility.



3. Go to the Disk Utility File Menu and choose **New Image > Image from Folder**

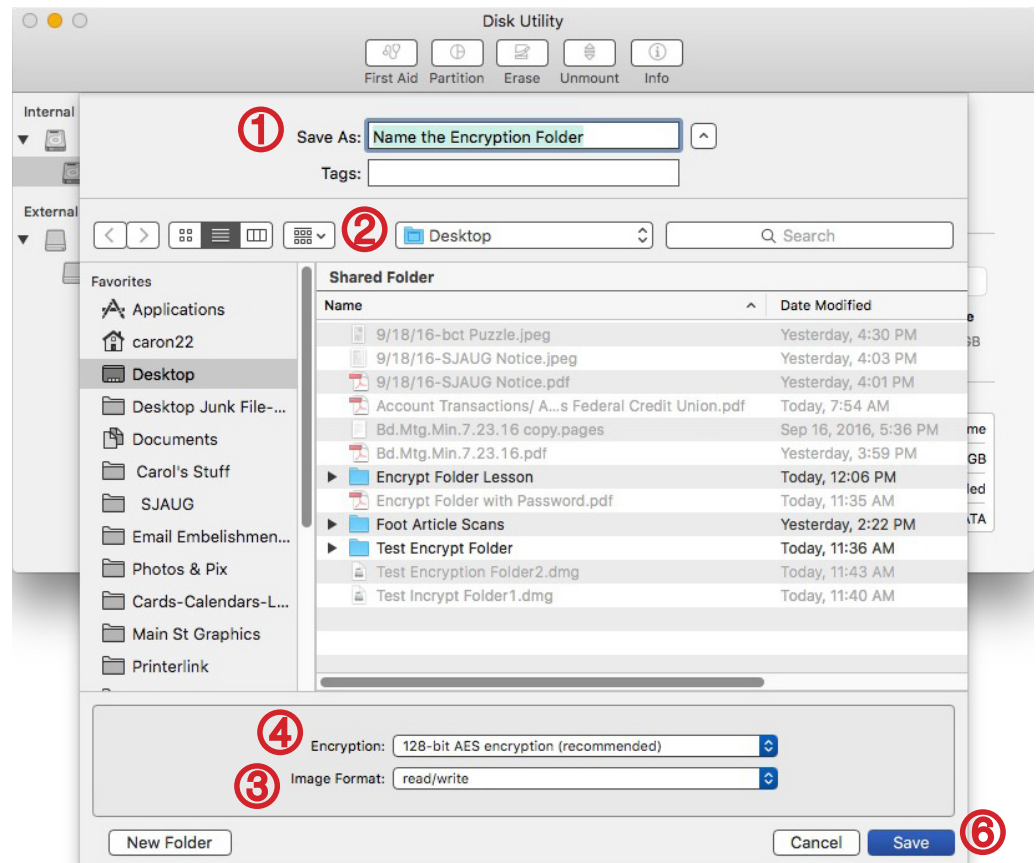


4. In the resulting window, navigate to and choose the new folder that you created on your desktop. Click **Open**.

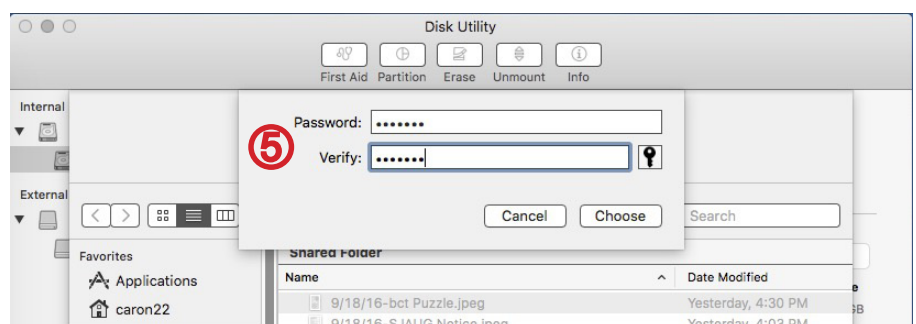


5. In this window, perform these steps in this order:

1. **Name** the folder that will be encrypted
2. Set the **Location** where it will be saved
3. At the bottom of the window, set the **Image Format** to “read/write” so you can edit the items contained in the encrypted folder
4. Set the **Encryption** to “128-bit AES Encryption (Recommended).”
5. In the dropdown enter a **password** (make note of it so you can open it after encryption!) Re-enter the password. Click “**Choose**”
6. Click “**Save.**”



Your encrypted folder will appear in the location indicated in step 2.



# TO OPEN THE ENCRYPTED FOLDER

Double-click the .dmg icon.

Enter the password that you set up when you created it.

**DO NOT CHECK THE BOX TO SAVE TO KEYCHAIN.**

This reduces the safety of your encryption.

Click OK



**DO NOT CHECK THIS BOX**