Quick start guide

USB 3.1 (10 Gbps) dual-bay dock for SATA drives
SDOCK2U313

Packaging contents

- 1 x USB 3.1 to dual 2.5 in. or 3.5 in. hard drive docking station
- 1 x USB 3.1 cable
- 1 x Universal power adapter (NA/UK/EU/AUS)
- 1 x Instruction manual

System requirements

- USB-enabled computer system with an available USB port
- 2.5 in. or 3.5 in. SATA drive

Note: To obtain the maximum USB throughput, you must use a computer with a USB 3.1 Gen 2 port.

Supported operating systems are subject to change. For the latest requirements, please visit www.startech.com/SDOCK2U313.

Product overview

Front view

Rear view

Installation

Connect the docking station

Warning! Hard drives and storage enclosures should be handled carefully, especially when they’re transported. If you’re not careful with your drives, you may lose data as a result. Always handle storage devices with caution. Make sure that you’re properly grounded by wearing an anti-static strap when you install any computer component. If an anti-static strap isn’t available, touch a large grounded metal surface (for example, the computer case) for several seconds to discharge any built-up static electricity.

1. Connect the external power adapter from the docking station to a power outlet.
2. Press the Power button to turn on the docking station.
3. Connect the included USB 3.1 cable from the docking station to an available USB port on the computer system. Your computer can either be turned on or turned off when you connect the USB cable.

Install a hard drive

1. Carefully align a 2.5 in. or 3.5 in. SATA drive with an HDD slot on the docking station, so that the SATA power and data connectors on the drive are aligned with the corresponding connectors inside of the HDD slot.
2. Insert the 2.5 in. or 3.5 in. SATA drive into an HDD slot.
3. Press the Power button to turn on the docking station.
4. After the hard drive is installed and the docking station is turned on, your computer automatically recognizes the hard drive and it’s accessible as though the hard drive were installed internally in the system.

Note: If your computer doesn’t automatically recognize the drive, it’s likely that your hard drive wasn’t initialized or it was formatted incorrectly.
Initialize the hard drive
If your computer doesn’t automatically recognize the hard drive, you need to initialize and format it to the operating system.

If you use a computer that’s running Windows® 2000, Windows® XP, Windows Vista®, or Windows 7, do the following:
1. Depending on the OS version that you’re running, do one of the following:
   - On your desktop, right-click My Computer.
   - On your desktop, right-click Computer.
2. Click Manage.
4. A dialog window appears and asks you to initialize the hard drive. Depending on the version of Windows that you’re running, you have the option to create either an MBR or a GPT disk.
   **Note:** GPT (GUID partition) is required for hard drives larger than 2 TB but GPT isn’t compatible with some earlier versions of operating systems. MBR is supported by both earlier and later versions of operating systems.
5. Locate the disk that is labeled Unallocated. To confirm that the hard drive is the correct one, check the hard drive capacity.
6. Right-click the section of the window that says Unallocated and click New Partition.
7. To initialize the hard drive in the format of your choice, complete the on-screen instructions.

About the LED indicators
The docking station includes a power LED indicator (blue) and an activity LED indicator (red) for each HDD slot. When the docking station is turned on, the blue power LED is illuminated. When the hard drive is being accessed, the red LED blinks.

**Warning:** Don’t remove your hard drive from the docking station when the red LED is blinking, as doing so could damage your hard drive and result in data loss.

Disconnect a drive from your computer
If the computer that you’re using is running a version of Windows, complete the following steps:
1. In the task bar on your desktop, click the Safely remove Hardware and Eject Media icon.
2. Click the storage device that you want to remove.
3. When the message appears indicating that it’s safe to remove the device, remove the hard drive.
**Note:** If you remove the hard drive before you receive the notification that it’s safe to do so, you could experience lost or corrupted data.

If the computer that you’re using is running a version of Mac OS, complete the following steps:
1. Close any windows that list the contents of the hard drive.
2. On your desktop, click the USB Storage icon and drag it onto the Trash Can icon on your desktop.
3. Wait 5 seconds and then remove the hard drive from the docking station.

Remove a hard drive from the dock
**Warning!** Before you attempt to remove a hard drive, make sure that your drives are disconnected from your computer’s operating system.

Don’t remove your drive from the docking station if the other drive is still being accessed. If the red LED is blinking, it means that the drive is in use.

1. Press the Power button to turn off the docking station.
2. Press the Eject button that corresponds to the hard drive that you want to remove.
3. Grasp the ejected hard drive and carefully lift it upwards until the bottom of the hard drive is completely above the hard drive slot.
4. Store the hard drive in a secure location. See the documentation that came with the drive to view storage instructions.

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