Change the Drive Letter for an External Drive

How to change the drive letter for an external hard drive e.g. when the drive is connected to the computer but does not show up in My Computer.

1. Right-click on My Computer and select Manage. Computer Management opens: Open IAD-34 RKC 0 Manage Map network drive... Disconnect network drive... Create shortcut Recyc Delete Rename Properties

2. Select Disk Management under Storage:



3. Find your external drive on the list. Hint: look for the drive name or size. Right-click on the drive and select Change Drive Letter and Paths...:

| 🛃 Computer Management (Local | Volume | | Layout | Type | File System | Statu |
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| System Tools | 0 | | Simple | Basic | NTFS | Healt |
| Task Scheduler | 📖 (C:) | | Simple | Basic | NTFS | Healt |
| Event Viewer | DEE (D:) | | Simple | Basic | NTFS | Healt |
| > 🙀 Shared Folders | C New Volu | ime (Fi) | Simnle | Rasic | NTES | Healt |
| Local Users and Groups | | Open | | | | |
| Performance | | Explore | | | | |
| 🚽 Device Manager 🔺 📴 Storage | | Mark Partition as Active | | | | |
| 🚍 Disk Management | Change Drive Letter and Paths | | | | | |
| Services and Applications | | Format | | | | |
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4. Select Change (1.) Then select in the drop-down menu (2.) a free drive letter such as B which is rarely used.

| Now access to this | s volume by using th | ne following drive letter | and paths: |
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| Add | Change 1. | Remove | |
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| Enter a new drive | wing drive letter: | | 2. F |
| Assign the following the follow | | | 1.0 |
| Assign the follo Mount in the follo | llowing empty NTFS | S folder: | Ê |
| Assign the follo Mount in the fo | llowing empty NTFS | S folder: | Bro F |
| Assign the follo Mount in the fo | llowing empty NTFS | S folder: | Bro F G H |

5. Ok and OK. Close also Computer Management. Your drive is now shown in My Computer with the driver letter your chose.

NOTICE! Network drives use certain driver letters and drive letter Q is reserved for virtualization purposes. You should not use them. More on network drives here.

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