

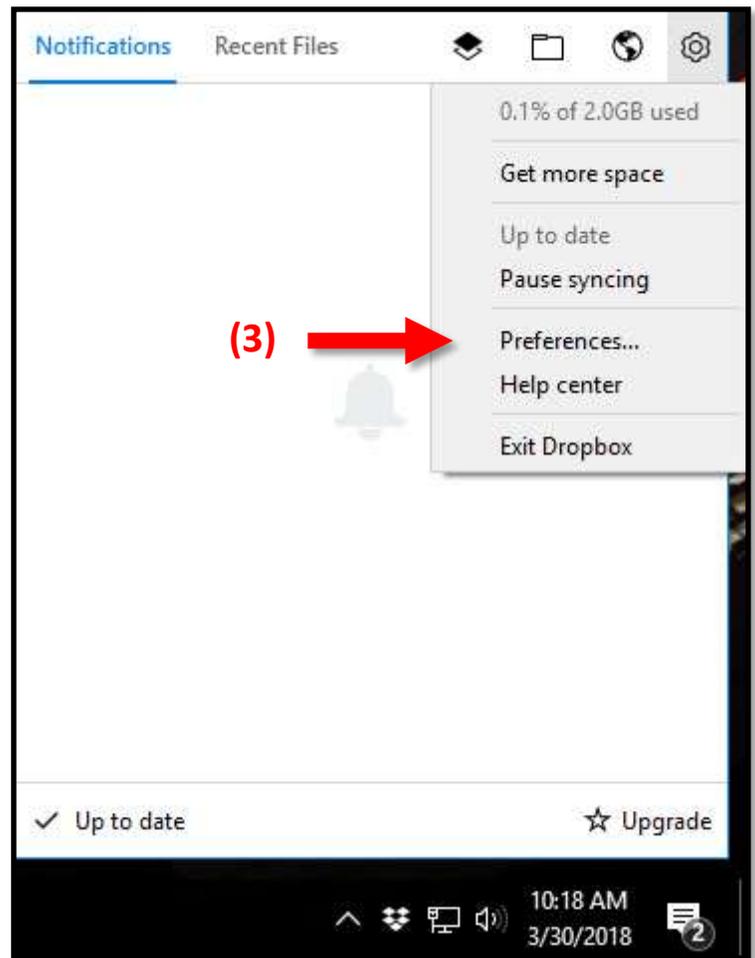
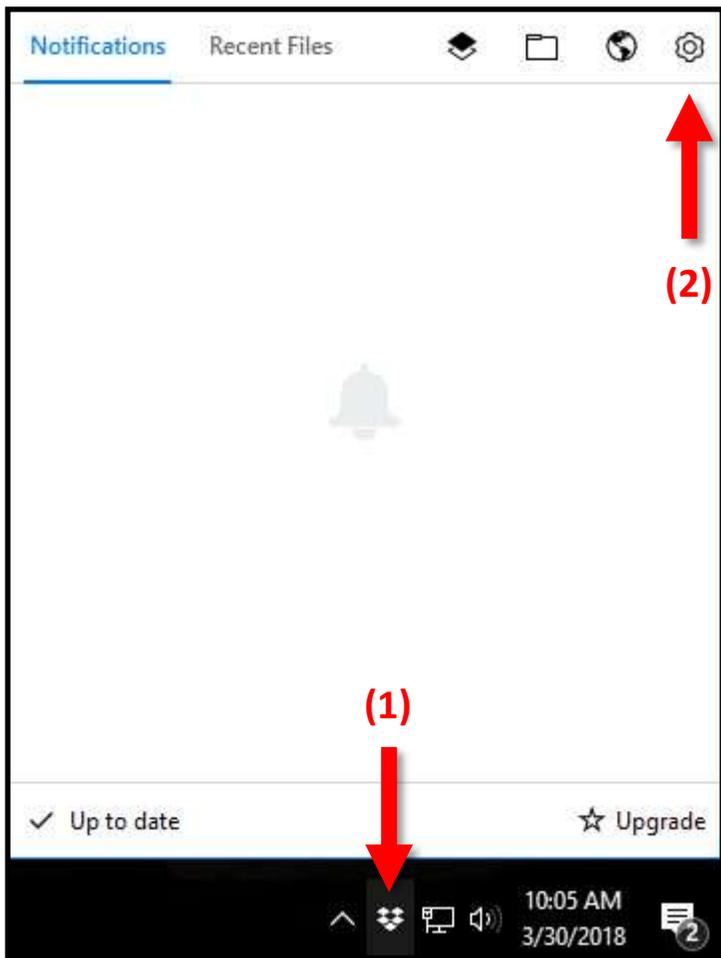
# How to change desktop app preferences

The Dropbox desktop app is available for Linux, macOS, and Windows operating systems. The preferences menu allows you to customize the Dropbox app to your liking.

## Access the preferences menu

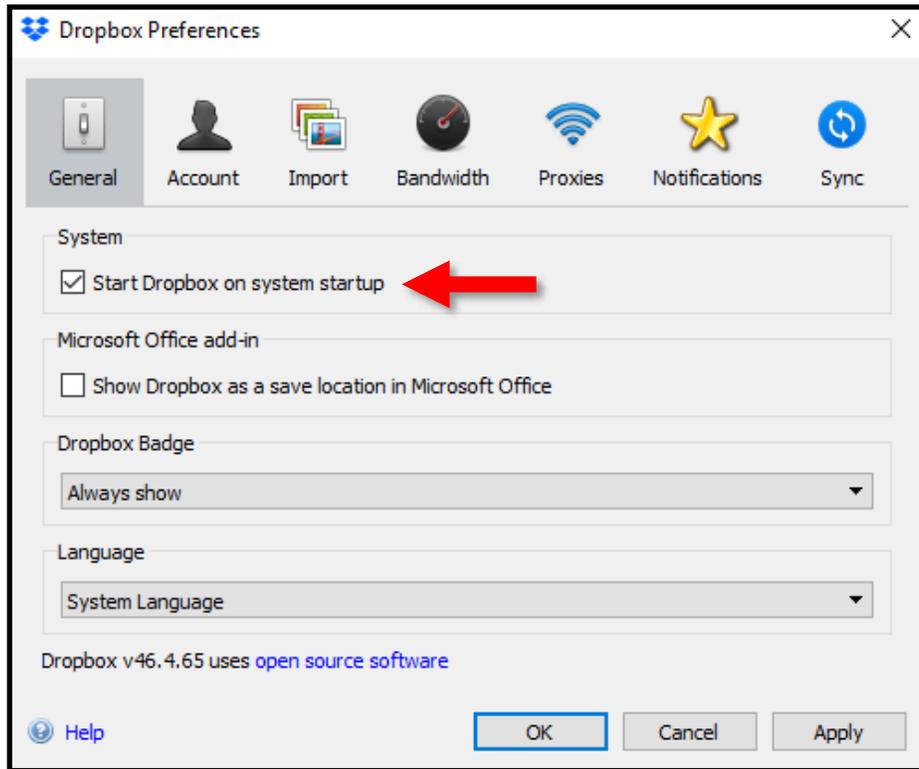
1. Click the **Dropbox icon** in the system tray or menu bar of your computer.
2. Click the **gear icon**
3. select **Preferences...** from the menu.

Depending on your operating system (Linux, macOS, or Windows), you may see some or all of the options below in the preferences menu.



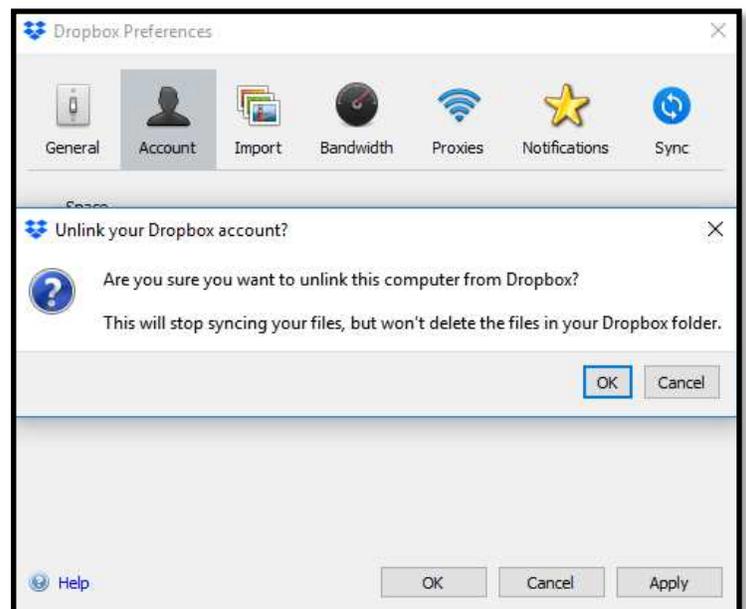
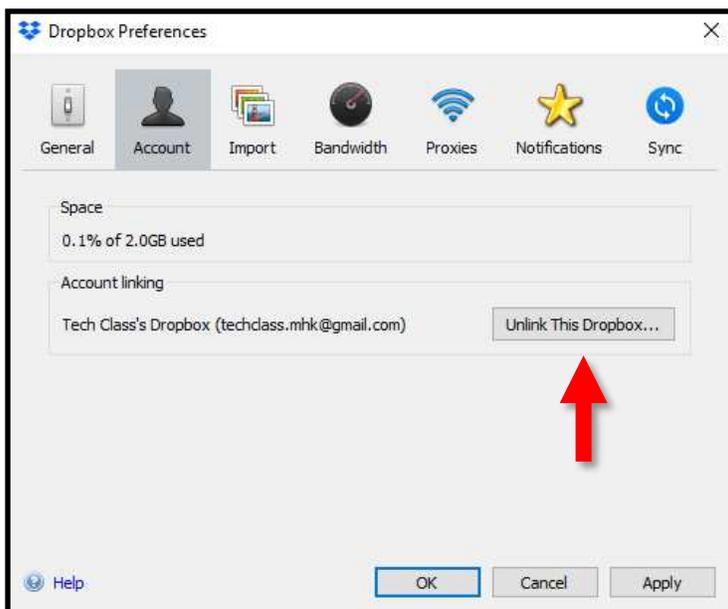
## Start Dropbox on system startup

You can have Dropbox launch automatically whenever you start your computer. This option is recommended in order to keep your Dropbox folder synced online and to other computers at all times.



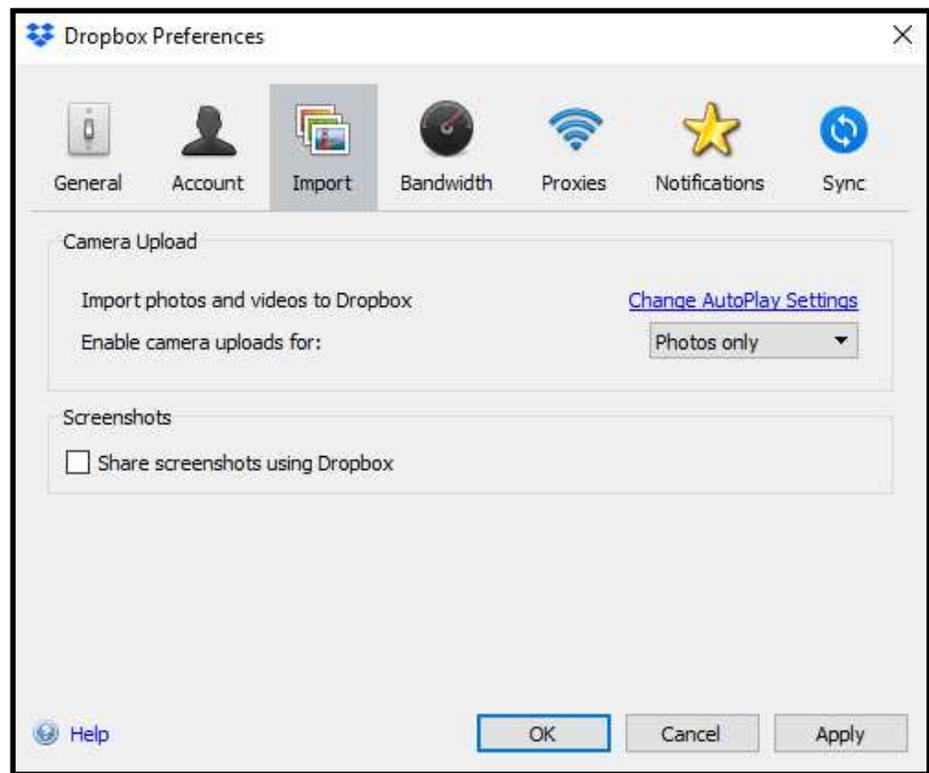
## Unlink this Dropbox

You can unlink your computer from your Dropbox account using this option. Your Dropbox will stop syncing to your online account. An unlinked computer can be linked or relinked to any Dropbox account using the same button.



## Camera Upload

The camera upload function will automatically upload the photos and videos from your phone, camera, SD card, or many other media devices whenever you connect it to your computer. Toggle Enable Dropbox Camera import to turn on or off Camera Upload.



## Bandwidth

Pressing Bandwidth will pop up a menu that contains the options that control the rates in which you allow Dropbox to sync. For instance, you can throttle your upload/download speed in order to save bandwidth or increase upload speeds to save time.

## Download

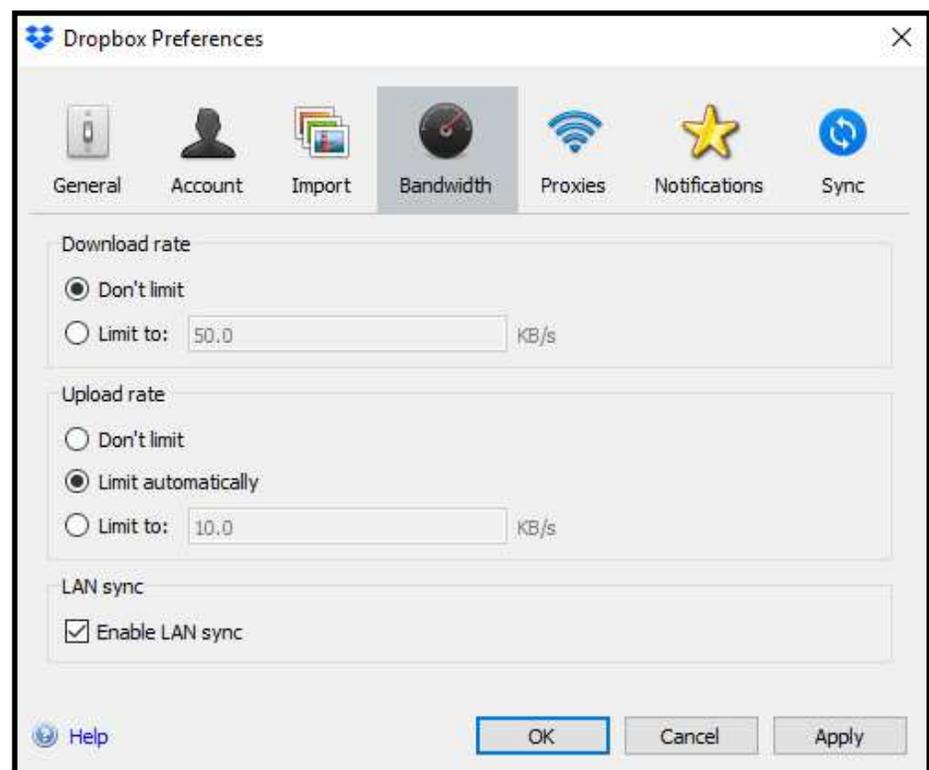
**Don't limit download rate:** Select this radio button if you want Dropbox to download files from the Dropbox server at the fastest available speed.

**Limit download rate to:** Limit the rate of download by entering your own download rate in kilobytes per second. Entering "0" will tell Dropbox to download at the fastest speed available.

## Upload

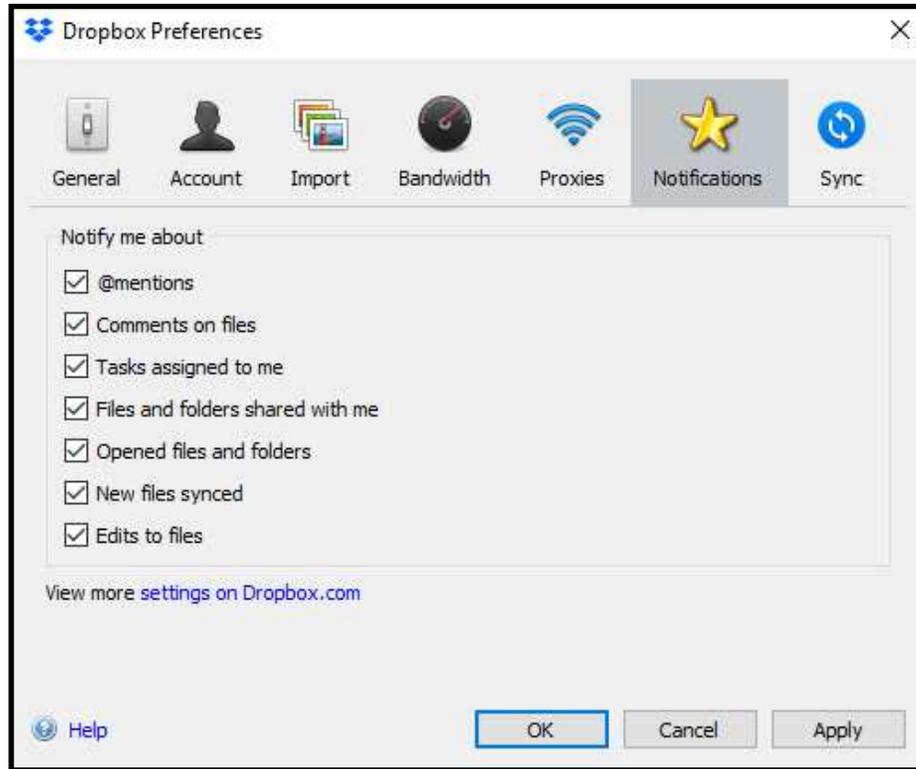
**Limit upload rate automatically:** Select this radio button if you want Dropbox to determine the speed at which to upload your files when it is syncing.

**Limit upload rate to:** Choose your own upload rate here in kilobytes per second.



## Notify me about

You can set your notification preferences to choose what notifications to receive.



## Selective sync

This option allows you to select which folders sync to your computer. Deselect a folder, and that folder will not sync, or download, to your hard drive. The folder will still continue to sync to other devices linked to your Dropbox account.

Click Advanced to drill down further into your Dropbox folders. You'll be given the option to select or deselect any folder in your Dropbox account

