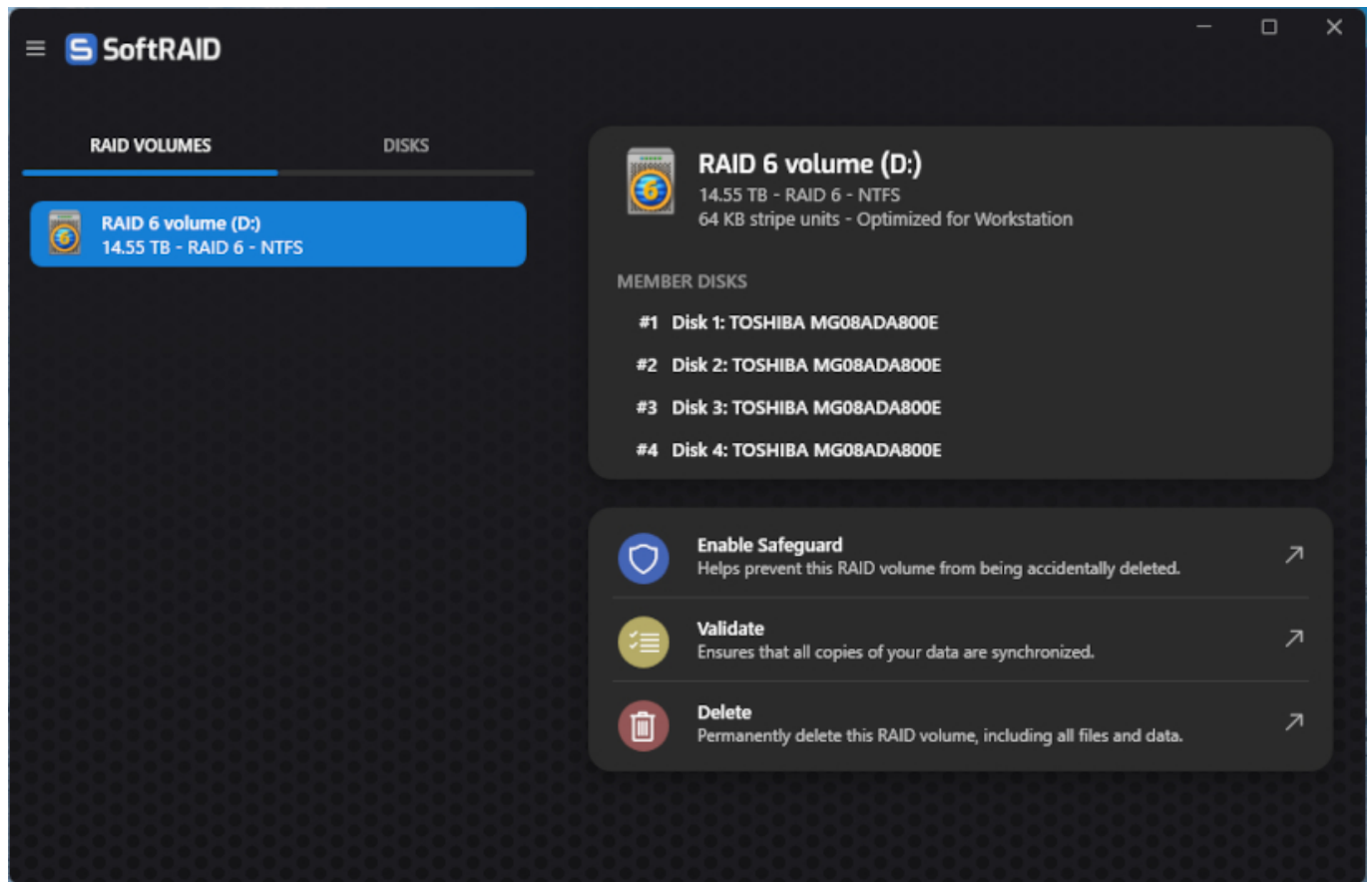


OWC SoftRAID 9



Other World Computing (OWC), a company with expertise in high-performance storage, memory, connectivity, software, and accessories that empower creative and business professionals to maximize performance, enhance reliability, and streamline workflows, today announced the launch of OWC SoftRAID 9, with RAID 6/6+ protection for Mac and Windows headlining the robust roster of enhancements.

OWC SoftRAID 9 includes the following enhancements:

- RAID 6 and RAID 6+: Dual-Drive Failure Protection: Protect the most critical data with RAID 6 and RAID 6+.
- Blazing-Fast Performance: Engineered with the latest driver technology to deliver maximum RAID speeds on macOS and Windows.
- Versatile RAID Options: RAID 0/1/4/5/6/6+/10 - every level optimized to maximize the bandwidth of your drives and interface. (RAID 6/6+ requires macOS 27.)
- Proactive Disk Protection: OWC SoftRAID Monitor detects and warns of potential drive failures before they happen on HDDs, SSDs, and NVMe
- Flexible Plans, Total Confidence: Free Standard and feature-packed Premium tiers ensure data stays safe, accessible, and under control

- Cross-Platform Compatibility: Share Apple-formatted APFS and HFS+ volumes between Mac and Windows via built-in OWC MacDrive technology

OWC SoftRAID 9 introduces one of the most requested features, RAID 6 and RAID 6+, bringing dual-drive failure protection to OWC's RAID management software. RAID 6 delivers dual-drive failure protection, meaning your volumes remain intact and accessible after the failure of any two drives, with no data loss. The addition is aimed at large arrays, long-term archives, and production environments where a single point of failure is unacceptable.

RAID 6+ provides the same two-drive fault tolerance using dedicated parity drives rather than distributing parity across every member of the array, a configuration suited to SSD arrays, where concentrating parity writes rather than spreading them across all disks can sustain higher performance.

OWC SoftRAID 9 also adds full support for encrypted APFS volumes, making it the most secure way to access Mac-formatted disks on a Windows machine. Whether you're working in a mixed Mac and Windows environment, accessing Mac backups from a Windows workstation, or sharing encrypted drives across platforms, OWC SoftRAID 9 handles it without compromising the encryption that protects your data.

"Your data is too important to leave to a black box," said Larry O'Connor, Founder and CEO, Other World Computing (OWC). "For too long, RAID has forced professionals to make compromises – between speed and protection, between convenience and control, or between staying productive and knowing what is actually happening with their drives. OWC SoftRAID 9 changes that. With RAID 6 and RAID 6+, you can survive two drive failures without losing your data, while OWC SoftRAID gives you the visibility to see problems coming before they become problems. And because you're not locked into a proprietary hardware controller, your data remains your data. That's what OWC SoftRAID has always been about: giving people more control, more confidence, and fewer reasons to worry about the storage their work depends on."

OWC SoftRAID 9 is immediately available (GA). 3-Years of OWC SoftRAID Premium is included with most OWC RAID storage enclosures. Or, you can purchase a stand-alone license for \$149.99 initial purchase; \$79.99/year after the first year.

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