

Carbonite lands \$2.5M in financing

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[Carbonite Inc.](#), a startup that runs an online digital-photo backup service for [Staples Inc.](#), reportedly has received \$2.5 million in initial financing.

The Boston company was founded last year by David Friend and Jeff Flowers, who together have co-founded several other Massachusetts companies.

Carbonite backers include 3i and angel investor groups Common Angels and Keiretsu Forum, Red Herring reported Thursday.

Framingham, Mass.-based Staples (Nasdaq: SPLS) offers Carbonite's photo backup service for \$3 per month. Carbonite plans to expand its platform to back up other types of files on computers in homes and small businesses.