

RE: Backups

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Hi Deb –

This is Steven from Microsoft Access Technical Support replying to your newsgroup post.

You may want to consider reposting your question to the following newsgroup:

microsoft.public.sqlserver.datawarehouse

The newsgroup to which you have currently posted your question (microsoft.public.access.adp.sqlserver) is specific to Microsoft Access users and developers, and they may not know the best way to manage backup copies of your SQL Server database.

I will say this, however, that the methods by which you maintain backup copies are as relative as the methods by which you choose to buy a new car. In other words, whatever suits your taste and preferences, just as long as you have them. And just like a car, you can't go vary far any more with them.

Personally, I like to keep 10 backup copies going at all times, labeled:

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Week
- Month
- Year

You could think of these as folders, where every Sunday's data gets backed up to the Sunday folder, and every Monday's data gets backed up to the Monday folder, and so on. The data I saved in the Month folder for April is fine. But by the end of May, my database now has both April and May data,

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so why not just overwrite the data in the Month folder that was collected in April with the data that I now have by the end of May. The database has both April and May data, right? But again, it is all about preference, and big hard drives are cheap these days.

Please let me know if this solves your problem or if you would like further assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Steven Parsons [MSFT]

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