

Re: NTBackup for Exchange 2003

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Thanks, Mark. Yes, the tape drive should have the capacity.

A question on the timing you propose: shouldn't the stores go first since the drive-letter (by this I think you mean backing up files off the drives) backup is to tape (and would capture the bks file).

How would you handle subsequent backups of the Exchange.bks file? I assume I need to do a full each day. Do you just script and schedule a batch to delete the previous days .bks (or maybe let it sit a day)?

Also,

- do I need to kill services prior to backing up? (I know you used to have to do this under 5.5)
- are there directories that I should exclude from the drive-letter backup
- is backing up the info stores sufficient for the Exchange.bks backup

thanks.

"Mark Arnold [MVP]" <mark@mvps.org> wrote in news:bc5610t1uqm66kt4snq88na3k3g9p25gar@4ax.com:

- > *I kind of agree.*
- > *I'd comment (from a point of ignorance because you don't tell us) that*
- > *your tape drive should be large enough to do a full backup onto a*
- > *single tape, unless you've bought enterprise Edition.*
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- > *Next is, if you've got a spare 32GB (max) then I would indeed backup*
- > *to a BKF file on the machine and then spool that off to tape. If you*
- > *need to do a restore of the box, and remember you can use the Recovery*
- > *Storage Group to do quick single item restores, then having the bkf*
- > *file from yesterday is quicker than digging the tape back from the*
- > *data warehouse. As far as timings go, I tend to suggest that the*
- > *system state goes off at 10pm, the drive letter level goes at 10:30*
- > *and then the stores at 11:30. It's less complex and you can see what's*
- > *going on in the logs as all times are a known known (apols to Mr*
- > *Rumsfeld)*
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- > *As far as the bks files go, since you create the job on a schedule*
- > *you'll only have to do one navigation away from the profile (which I*
- > *agree is ridiculous)*
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