

Re: Is it necessary to exclude the \data folder when using NetBackup?

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Yes, I was planning on keeping the maintenance plan. I was not sure if it is possible to restore the trn\bak files if real SQL server datafiles were not restored (ie excluding the \data*. * in NetBackup policy). Is there some command line you can run to start SQL enough to restore the files? I've looked in the online help, but I must be missing the obvious. What is BOL?
thanks!

>-----Original Message-----

>Yes, you want to avoid trying to back up the mdf and ldf files and instead

>just back up the native SQL backup files (trn/bak) to tape. You would use

>these to restore the database. BOL has plenty of detail on backup and

>restore in the *Administering SQL Server>Backing Up and Restoring Databases*

>section

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>HTH

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>"Dave" <*anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com*> wrote in message

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>> I am not a big fan of paying 3rd party backup vendors for

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>> agents, but I need to make sure that we are not risking
>> corrupting the database files. I have setup maintenance
>> plans to do the fulls and log backups to disk. We are
just
>> beginning to roll out NetBackup 5.0 in production, and
>> without the SQL agent installed, it appears as though it
>> can backup all the data files without error. Should I
>> exclude the "hot files" in NetBackup, and rely on the
bak
>> and trn files if I need to restore the whole server?
>> Meaning, if my prod server died, and I needed to restore
>> from tape to a hot spare, is it possible to restore the
>> database(s) if the mssql\data*.mdf and ldf files are
not
>> restored?
>> If this is a lame question, I apologize, as I am not a
>> DBA, but a storage guy, and we have no official SQL
DBA's
>> in house yet.
>> Thanks for any and all help!
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