

## Re: SQL backup questions

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"pohkeat" <pohkeat@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:OW3A8tiJEHA.1132@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...
> got a list of backup questions re SQL2000 (on W2K Svr), any
advice,comments
> welcome
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> 1) Backing & restore a DB on another svr will not include logins,
scheduled
> jobs, is there anything else ?
>
Logins are at the server level. Users are at the database level and are
copied but may need relinking to the logins.
Scheduled jobs are stored in MSDB. You can script the jobs and run the
scripts against the new server.
> 2) Copy DB however will include the whole lot ?
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Copy DB is functionally the same as Backup and Restore.
> 3) If so , for the purpose of easier restore can we scheduled running COPY
> DB wizard every night, instead of a SQL backup job ? is it b'coz COPY DB
> will produce a larger file compared to SQL bak file ?
I would restore and then run a script to make any changes necessary.
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> 4) If a DB is set toFULL recovery model, a common problem is it will
result
> in really huge ldf file. must we live with it or is there a workaround ,
> other then setting it to SIMPLE model. Once a FULL backup is made, can
we
> safely truncate the ldf so as to shrink the log file.
Look at Backup and Restore. You will need to periodically backup the
transaction log. That will auto-truncate the unused portion of the log,
allowing SQL to treat the log file(s) like a giant tape loop. This will not
shrink the log file, merely mark parts of it as reusable.
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> 5) Does this Backup Strategy make sense : Full DB Bckup nightly, and
hourly
> LDF backup. Consider the DB is of fairly critical nature. Reason why I dun
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> use differential back up nightly is because I realized there is no drastic  
> difference in the bak file size between Differential and Full Backup.  
That is a good start. I would back up to a remote file share and use a  
commercial tape management product to archive those files off to tape to  
give yourself some historical rotation.  
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