

Re: Backup/Restore for WSS or SPS?

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Meggie:

I have just gone through a very difficult restore problem and worked extensively with MS Product support on this, so I think I can give you a very clear explanation.

1. Both WSS and SPS store all data in a SQL database. SPS is built on WSS and extends the configdb and the sites db.
2. Both WSS and SPS backups using SQL server are supported by Microsoft.
3. Both WSS and SPS have backup tools. (stsadmin.exe and spsbackup.exe)
4. While SPS can be restored from SQL backups alone, there are certain GUID's that are written in both the configdb and the sites db, which must match. Under certain circumstances these GUID's may be out of sync, making it impossible to restore from the SQL backup.
5. Therefore, Microsoft ****RECOMMENDS**** using spsbackup for backup and restore of portal sites. In addition to backing up the SQL db's, spsbackup also writes a manifest file and insures that everything is in sync.

The restore process from SQL server when this sync failure occurs is very painful and I highly recommend that you work on automating the spsbackup procedure.

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"Meggie" <Meggie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:70B72669-9BC1-4D90-A612-2741CCC24810@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Dear all,

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> Please shed me some lights on the different between backup/restore for WSS
> and backup/restore for SPS Portal Server. I am very confusing here. It

> seems

> to me backup/restore for WSS is exactly the same as backup/restore for
> SPS.

> According to Microsoft articles that using SQL backup/restore is only good
> for WSS, why only for WSS? It can restore my SPS portal site very well

> using

> SQL backup/restore tool. I am confused now; please educate me a little bit

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> Thanks.

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• *References:*

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