

Re: Ghost versus Drive Image? Use of VNC – for remote control?

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"Joe Donaldson" <tryitoz@hotmail.com> wrote:

- > *Does anyone have an opinion of Ghost versus Drive Image or*
- > *another program? I have used Ghost and like it but I may need*
- > *to service a few people's PC's (acquaintances who give me a*
- > *little spending money while I look for a job)..*
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- > *Ghost can boot to DOS and restore—not sure about NTFS*
- > *though in version 2003.*
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- > *Drive Image I think per the box can backup and restore while in*
- > *Windows. But what if the person cannot get into Windows?*

Backing up and restoring from within Windows is not always a desirable thing. If you're working on other people's PC's, I would steer clear of any solution that requires you to install **your** program on somebody else's machine — especially DriveImage 7 because that also requires Microsoft's .NET upgrade, a 80MB download if the client doesn't already have it. Also note DI7 only works with XP (DI 2002 is included in the box to overcome this limitation). The DOS-based versions of Ghost 2003 and DriveImage 2002 are small, quick, and as easy to use from a DOS boot as they are from within Windows, and don't require you to install something on the client's machine. The one thing you lose working from DOS is possible access to USB or network drives. BTW, both can image NTFS partitions, even when working from DOS.

If you're trying to save your pennies, you'll do much better with BootIt-NG (www.bootitng.com). Forget about DI and Ghost, this is better than either, is less expensive than either, and includes partition management functions as well (ala, PartitionMagic). And even better, it works with USB and CD/DVD burners, all from a floppy boot.