

Re: 'Copy Drive' feature of Symantec's GHOST 10

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Richard Urban wrote:

Why are you trying to copy the drive? It IS an important question.

Many people copy a drive that is failing, to a spare drive, of questionable status, that they happen to have laying around their equipment cabinet. Sound familiar?

The whole purpose of Drive Copy is to replace a well working smaller hard drive with a larger hard drive which has zero defects initially. It is not really meant as a "rescue" technique, as many seem to think.

I have "never" had any problems imaging, copying, cloning – or whatever a company may call the process – using either Drive Image 2002, Drive Image 7, Ghost 9, Ghost 10 or TrueImage 8 or 9 **when copying from a known good drive to a known good drive on known good equipment (RAM, motherboard, cables etc).

If either of the drives, or the equipment they are connected to, are questionable, in the least amount, then all bets are off. And, a new – out of the box – drive is not necessarily error free, any more than new RAM is error free (until it has proven itself under stressful operating conditions). I find this problem way too frequently, most recently with a bunch of W.D. drives. A few years back it was Maxtor drives. Before that it was I.B.M. deathstar drives.

Bill, you seem to have an inordinate amount of problems with this type of program – a program that millions use without any significant problem at all. If the modules did NOT work as advertised, there would be a general **howling** that would be beyond belief. There is not!

You have either technique problems or hardware problems that are preventing good copies from being produced. Hell, it could be sub-standard RAM, a flaky IDE channel on a motherboard, cables, plugs, excess heat – almost anything.

Again, and I can't stress this enough.

The time to make an image or a drive copy is when the operating system and equipment is in a known good state.

Why would one want to create an image/copy if it were not as such?

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I do hope that you can get your problem cleared so you can go about enjoying your computer, instead of fighting it.

Re-read the operating instructions that came with the program you are using at this moment. Re-read them, even if you have done so before. Don't skip over sections that you think are "simple". Your answer may lay within that section. If your equipment is not bad, you are missing something in the instructions.

I knew I'd be hearing from you, Richard, in loud, clear tones. I have no fault to find with any part of your advice, which I respect because it was you who solved my problems with Drive Image 7 to make the drive image, and their PQRE to recreate a bootable copy of the original. That I can do those reliably now, seems to me as verification of my equipment's integrity.

In truth, I make the backup clones which my own disposition demands, using Drive Image 7 and its successor, GHOST 10, using the two step process; you guided me to that. But it irks me that I can't make the single-step "Copy Drive" process work. I'm pursuing it because it's there and it should work, and you imply that the one-step copy process yields bootable clones for you. The only thing missing is a positive statement from you, that the one-step "Copy Drive" process does indeed yield fully bootable copies.

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