

Re: Sync Toy 1.2

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or if insists on manually saving, you can use XP transfer file and setting right from your ID. that will take care of outlook. and outlook express.....etc

automating with backup when you are not login and when your ID is not used for other tasks would be best and sure way.

"Nicrite" <Nicrite@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:4012500A-BCCD-4E03-B0B3-E76B0DCD1F8E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Thanks

"Shenan Stanley" wrote:

Nicrite wrote:

I know that this isn't supported software, however;

Does anyone know how I can make a copy of 'Documents and Settings' folder as a backup should things go wrong?

I have set up my system with C: as a system drive and D: as Data drive. THE Documents and settings has been located on drive D: using unattended setup and everything works fine.

I do however have a USB drive that I use to backup onto.

What I would like to do is simply copy Docs and Settings to this drive, but of course it won't let me as certain files are in use when trying to do this.

There are 5 user accounts setup on the PC, only 1 of which is set to Administrator type.

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Could I use SyncToy to do this? If not how can I do it?

Shenan Stanley wrote:

Either exclude certain folders or don't backup the entire documents and settings folder.. You definitely do not need the whole thing..

Maybe just your Desktop, My Documents, Favorites.. Maybe another folder or two if you use Outlook/Outlook Express and want to backup the data for those.

Nicrite wrote:

Thanks for the quick response.

I realise I can just backup/Copy certain folders to achieve the main aim, however I am a lazy so and so, and want to just do it by 'one click' so to speak, Isn't there any other solution?

After setup – it is still only one click.
Matter of fact – it is *no click* if you setup a scheduled task to do it for you.

Otherwise you are backing up too little for a full restore and too much for what it is you are trying to accomplish.

You could use the built in NTBackup software in some ways.. A freeware alternative would be Cobian..

How To Use Backup to Back Up Files and Folders on Your Computer
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/308422>

Cobian Backup
<http://www.educ.umu.se/~cobian/cobianbackup.htm>

You could get Symantec Ghost (or similar products) and make backups of your whole system periodically.

Symantec/Norton Ghost

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<http://www.symantec.com/sabu/ghost/>

Acronis True Image

<http://www.acronis.com/homecomputing/products/trueimage>

BootIt NG

<http://terabyteunlimited.com/bootitng.html>

But in any case – there is going to have to be initial effort on your part – and it seems to me the easiest would be Synctoy setup for specified folders and running as a scheduled task OR you can run it manually with a single click easily enough.

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