

Re: Windows Xp Updates / SP2 – how to backup?

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What is SP3 updates? I just installed SP2 on three machines and none show any SP3 updates available.

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Lew

"André Cruz" <andre.cruz@sapo.pt> wrote in message
news:%23A9FhJTtEHA.2668@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> Hello,

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> The best way it's to splipstream SP2 into XP as mention before... as for
> Windows XP SP1, SP2 and SP3, yes the latest SP3 includes all the updates
> to date, as for the updates you were getting from the net itself they are
> stored in a temporary location, normally in your last HD under the name
> wupdate (this folder is hide) and when the update finish windows itself
> clean it, you can while the windows is downloading the updates copy them
> to a new location but if it's an express update normally it needs to acess
> the web to complete the instalation...

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> Hope this helps

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> "Adam Schneider" <Adam.Schneider@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in
> message news:218F8349-ABA9-4C5E-A848-317261B69CDA@microsoft.com...

>> My first request:

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>> Hi everyone!

>> My problem is the following: I regularly download the
>> newest windows as well as office updates. However, when
>> it comes to formating the computer, which I do once a
>> year, all these updates are naturally erased and I have
>> to download them again. This usually involves a few
>> hundred MBs and as my monthly download limit is 1GB this
>> may cause a problem.
>> Therefore, I would like to know if there is a possibility
>> to store the update setup files and just install them
>> again after formating without having to download them
>> over and over again. Does that possibility exist, where
>> can I find those vital update setup files???

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>> Please help me,

>> Adam

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>> Answer by Stephen:

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>> MS has a page where you can download SP2 which includes

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>> SP1 and store it on your hard drive. The Service Packs for
>> Office are also downloadable. When given a choice between
>> Save and Run, you choose Save and download the file to disk.
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>> You must have a cd-writer so that you can burn backup cds.
>> You can "slipstream" windows xp with SP2. This software
>> <http://www.neowin.net/forum/index.php?showtopic=188337>
>> is very easy to use. The combo will all get installed in one shot.
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>> Your other software updates, new firmware, new drivers
>> should be downloaded and stored on your drive within
>> folders that are named clearly. Then you use software
>> like Nero or Roxio to write those files from the hard drive
>> to a cd using a cd-writer which records the files. CD-writers
>> make backups of your system which you can store on 6-12
>> Cds which are cheap, you don't need what they call rewritable.
>> A cd-rom which will write files to a cd is a must for any user
>> who does serious work on a modern computer. The software
>> is easy to use.
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>> Regards,
>> Stephen
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>> My response to Stephens help:
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>> Hi Stephen,
>> I thought my first reply was lost as I accidentally pressed close, so I
>> had
>> to write it all again. This is the newer and better version.
>> Thanks a lot for your quick response and the helpful information!!
>> First of all, from what I understand, the downloadable version of SP2 is
>> meant for deployment to multiple computers over a network, whereas SP2
>> for a
>> single computer is yet to come.
>> Secondly, are you 100% sure that SP2 includes SP1 as well as all other
>> previous windows updates?
>> Is it the same with Microsoft Office? Does SP3 include all previous
>> updates?
>> About the "slipstreaming" windows xp with SP2: Do you mean to say that it
>> is
>> possible for me to merge my windows XP CD with SP2 and thus create an
>> image
>> file containing both by using the software offered at
>> "<http://www.neowin.net/forum/index.php?showtopic=188337>"? Should I then
>> burn
>> the image on CD and use it to format my pc or could that be risky? Is it
>> safer to first install windows normally and only then to update it with
>> SP2?
>> Despite the fact that you think that windows updates are stored within
>> clearly labeled folders on my hard drive, I still can't seem to find
>> them.
>> Could you perhaps name their default location?
>> Another upsetting fact is that loads of so-called "XP Hotfixes" are
>> listed
>> in my "add or remove programs". I suspect them to be my downloaded
>> updates.
>> However, as it is possible to uninstall them, doesn't that mean that
>> their
>> components must be stored somewhere, hopefully even as exe setup files,
>> which
>> I could, were I to finally find them, easily store on my external USB

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>> hard
>> drive or onto a CD as you suggested? Even more confusing is the fact that
>> many Hotfixes have (SP2) written next to them, whereas it still says
>> "Microsoft Windows XP Professional Version 2002 Service Pack 1" in my
>> System
>> Properties.
>> Please help me out one more time,
>> Adam Schneider
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>> Could somebody help me with my final questions?
>> Stephen doesn't seem to realize that I have new questions.
>> Thank you very much,
>> Adam
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