

Re: xxcopy

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Sonny Lau wrote:

- > My friend bought a brand new computer for his kids and I set up
- > everything for him.
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- > Despite loading a firewall and AVG anti virus, the system was
- > completely unusable after 3 weeks because his kids downloaded all
- > sorts of unsafe stuff and I have to erase and clean install
- > everything.
- > I want to make a backup working system so that I don't have to do an
- > installation everytime the computer succumb to viruses. I've used
- > xxcopy previously on Win95, its so long ago I've forgotten how. Can
- > someone tell me how its done on XP. Or is there an improved method?

There always was an improved method (not to mention the chances of getting XXCopy to work for a full backup of a normal install of XP is slim – considering NTFS):

Symantec Ghost or a similar disk imaging application. It will backup an exact duplicate of the setup.

Also – learn to really protect the system. Make sure the kids are just users (limited users) and they do not know how to get on the administrative accounts. Secure the BIOS and set it to boot from the hard drive first. This will help keep the kids from installing and screwing things up.

Microsoft has these suggestions for Protecting your computer from the various "bad things" that could happen to you/it:

Protect your PC

<http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>

Although those tips are fantastic, there are many things you should know above and beyond what is there as well as other methods and applications you can use to protect yourself. Below I have detailed out many steps that can not only help you cleanup a problem PC but keep it clean and secure as well as running at its top performance mark.

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I know this list can seem intimidating – it is quite long and a lot to take in for a novice – but I assure you that one trip through this list and you will understand your computer and the options available to you for protecting your data much better and that the next time you review these steps, the time it takes will be greatly reduced.

Let's take the cleanup of your computer step-by-step. Yes, it will take up some of your time – but consider what you use your computer for and how much you would dislike it if all of your stuff on your computer went away because you did not "feel like" performing some simple maintenance tasks – think of it like changing the oil in your car, changing the air filter on your home A/C unit, paying your bills o