

Re: Need information on Norton Ghost 9.0

Source:

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.general/2005-08/msg11499.html>

- *From:* "Timothy Daniels" <TDaniels@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Fri, 19 Aug 2005 21:37:42 -0700
-

"NoNoBadDog!" wrote:

If you were to take a formal poll of those perusing this newsgroup; I would bet that 95% would recommend Norton Ghost 9. It is very configurable, and is superior to the Acronis product, which is just not as robust, although it is a good piece of software also.

Ghost can be used to create an exact clone of a drive, which is what I think you are asking.

One difference between Ghost 9.0 and True Image 8.0 is that Ghost can take a single partition from among several on the source HD, and clone it among several on the destination HD. True Image is not as selective - it takes the entire contents of the source HD and makes its clone the entire contents of the destination drive. That's the same thing if all you're doing is moving to a larger drive. But if you are putting several (or many) clones of your OS partition onto a 2nd HD for backup, you can't do it with True Image. (Note that a "clone" is a BOOTABLE image of an OS's partition - boot sector, loader and all - not just a file that contains an image of the OS.)

While both Ghost and True Image can do lots of other things, like incremental backups, scheduled backups, backups to optical media, etc., if all you want to do is make a clone of a single partition and put it among other partitions on a 2nd HD, use Casper XP. It does that very well, and it can be downloaded for a 30-day free trial from: www.FSSdev.com/products/casperxp/. I use Casper XP to put multiple copies of my current WinXP Pro OS onto a backup HD that I keep on a removeable tray, all I have to do if the main HD fails is to slide in the backup HD and restart and select which partition (i.e. which archived OS) that I want to use from the boot menu that ntldr takes from the boot.ini file.

Re: Need information on Norton Ghost 9.0

TimDaniels

.