

## Re: General backup question

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>> (\*)&^&\*#! [Expletives, none of which are directed at you!]  
>>  
>> Do you mean I've just spent the better part of several days messing  
>> around  
>> with NTBackup, Nero, and assorted wizards, reading a variety of websites,  
>> composing several complicated questions, rooting through a variety of  
>> partial answers and just generally trying a lot of stuff only to find  
>> that I  
>> can't do what I need to do with the hardware and software at hand?  
>>  
>> What a PAIN IN THE ASS!  
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>>  
>> So the suggestion I made about do a system state backup (which has  
>> already  
>> worked), a settings transfer (which has already worked) and then picking  
>> all  
>> the necessary files that I need to restore Windows (plus my own vital  
>> files)  
>> and backing them up via Nero's file backup facilities won't work?  
>>  
>> Why?? I am quite prepared to backup whichever Windows and application  
>> files  
>> are necessary and to write every blessed file on the hard drive to DVD or  
>> CD. Won't a file backup do the rest of what needs to be done?  
>>  
>> Is there any way to coax Nero BackItUp to do what it's supposed to do,  
>> namely back up my hard drive? Surely BackItUp is intended to work on  
>> Windows  
>> machines, right? If so, how would any other Windows user do a hard disk  
>> backup with Nero?? I can't believe they would bundle BackItUp into the

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>> Nero  
>> package if it can't possibly work on the world's most popular operating  
>> system. There MUST be some way to make it back up a disk in Windows?!?  
>>  
>> I don't know anyone else to ask and I can't afford to pay anyone to help  
>> me  
>> right now.  
>>  
>> Please, I'm clutching at straws here....  
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>  
> I've never used Nero Backup so I don't know the answer. Almost all  
> backup programs other than NTBackup have this limitation. Try Nero's  
> support.  
>  
> <http://www.nero.com/en/Support.html>  
>  
> With most backup programs you have to reinstall Windows before restoring  
> your data. Usually there is some way to save the system state. There is  
> often little glitches when trying to do a full restore. NTBackup is one of  
> the only ones other than very expensive network based systems that I have  
> used that can do this without any problems. As I said in another post your  
> best bet is to backup your data, make sure you have your Windows and  
> program disks, then hope the SP2 install works OK. I have installed it  
> hundreds of times and never had a problem that necessitated a reinstall of  
> Windows. Make sure the pc is clean of malware before starting. Uninstall  
> or disable any antivirus or antispyware programs while doing the install.  
> If something goes drastically wrong you will still have your data. The  
> rest can be easily reinstalled. It just takes a bit of time.  
>

I got up this morning prepared to write more posts exploring various aspects of backup/recovery further but your words about having installed SP2 hundreds of times without a serious problem put me in a bit of a devil-may-care attitude. I decided to grab the proverbial bull by the horns and do the SP2 install \_without\_ a backup and just deal with the consequences if there were any.

The good news is that everything went fine. The install gave me no grief – although the admonition in the install program to do a backup first made me grimace a little – and everything in Windows seems to be working just fine after the install and reboot. I've also installed a few other critical updates that became necessary after finishing the SP2 install and am about to reboot to put these in effect.

So, it looks like I dodged a bullet this time. Now you're probably getting the idea that I've just been hyper-worried for nothing this whole time but if you'd seen some of the weird system problems I've had with computers over the years, you'd know better. I've had things that should have taken 5 minutes and work flawlessly blow up and take an expert many hours to sort out with him scratching his head the whole time and saying "This shouldn't be happening.... I've never had this happen any of the other dozens of times

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I've done this....". So that's why I've been so frantic about this.

I really REALLY appreciate your help with this, Kerry!

Rhino

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