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Currently I have XP Pro installed across two SATA disks in a striped array. I don't find that there is any noticeable performance improvement with the striped array so I would like to move it to a single disk. To do this I have a 3rd drive in the machine. Is there some procedure that I can follow to move my XP install to the single drive -- keep in mind that I need the RAID hardware drivers loaded to access the striped array.

Once I have it moved I plan on using the SATA disks for data and programs with the hope that three physical disks will provide better performance than the striped array.

Thanks for any input.

Mike

You could do this:

1. Connect the single disk.
2. Partition & format it, and make its primary partition active.
3. Run ntbakup.exe to back up the whole striped disk, including the System State, to a file on the single disk.
4. Create the folder c:\Windows on the single disk.
5. Remove the striped disks.
6. Install a no-frills version of WinXP on the single disk. Make sure it goes into a folder other than c:\Windows.
7. Use ntbakup to restore your previous installation.

OK, thanks, I will check out ntbakup. Is there no way to simply move the content from the striped pair onto

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the single drive without the intermediate step. Why I ask is that there is not twice the space on the single drive as on the striped pair so where to put a backup image is a challenge.

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