

Re: Creating a backup restore CD not floppy

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I have repair and restore disks which came with my out of date computer quite a long time ago. I updated to SP2 online, the OEM disks if used for repair or recovery revert OS to SP1, which as of October this year will not be supported. Once this happens now that Genuine Advantage Notifications which is installed and remains if a repair and not a recovery is done no longer has the tools needed to verify software causing a Notification and blockage from Updates to SP2 and a whole mess of other problems. The only thing that can be done is a restore to factory specs whereafter there are endless hours of configuring, downloading and uploading, installations, setup, etc. As of October of this year I believe if I ever do a repair or recovery with the Oem disks I will be stuck with unsupported SP1. I would like to avoid this as well as the work described above by creating my own restore disk on CD-Rom.

I know there is a utility for restore disks in NT but as far as I know it requires bootable floppies and this laptop has CD/DVD only. I can do regular backup on a CD-R I believe of personal files and settings. I would like advice as to whether I can create a bootable CD and use it to create a restore solution in the future if I have a system failure which causes my current OS not to boot fully which has happened to me once again. I'm not an advanced user but am familiar with XP interface. I do not know if what I want to do is possible, but if anyone does know how or can provide advice or a place to start I would be truly grateful.

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A third party program such as Norton Ghost or BootITNG will do what you want, Norton is the easiest IMHO, it will allow you to create an image of your current HDD and write it to bootable DVDs [providing your writer is supported by Ghost].

I believe they have a list of supported optical drives on the Symantec web site.

rgds
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