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thanks all of you. of course! i hadnt realized that the file name INCLUDES path as well as file name. DUH! the thing is i have highly organized folders with lots of subfolders. that's the problem. will have to simplify.

you guys rock!!
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"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

Is the backup hard drive formatted NTFS?

It isn't only the name but the path AND the name.

FAT32 or other format may have problems with long paths/names.

The path can only have 260 characters. A path is structured as follows: drive letter, colon, backslash, components separated by backslashes, and a null-terminating character. For example, the maximum path on the D drive is D:\<256 chars>NUL.

File names in XP can have up to 255 characters.

XP can handle paths up to 1024 characters or 2,048 characters with SP2, the problem is an awful lot of software cannot hand paths that long.

CD burning programs have problems with long names.

[[Long Filename Finder is the easiest way to find and shorten filenames that are too long to be backed up to CD-R (or CD-RW).

Many CD-R mastering programs limit the length of the filenames that can be stored on the CD-R. In some cases, this length is as short as 62 characters. Your files can easily have names that exceed the limit, especially for multimedia files such as MP3 that contain artist, album, title, track number

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information. Before backing up to CD-R, you must rename all your files so that none of the filenames exceed the limit.]]

Long Filenames Finder

<http://www.dcssoft.com/products/longff/longff.htm>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

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In news:806EB239-CD3A-40E0-A911-6A16305EDC47@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
languagenut <languagenut@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

This is weird. My file names are long. I have lots of pictures and I gave them long descriptive names. That was no probl