

# Re: xcopy to copy from one drive to another

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I found my fix, i think...but I was waiting until I could fully confirm the copy of ALL files and folders (empty or not) werer copied).

But, a few questions first:

1. What does the XFSave do????
2. Would the /D make the copying process faster?
3. Will the /V cause the copying process to take longer?
4. If I don't use /R, will those files not be copied?

I found my fix that was explained in much greater detail than MS states (see link below):

My .bat file is this:

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xcopy F:\ G:\ /y/e/i/s/exclude:monthly.txt
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In the same folder at the .bat file is a .txt file called: monthly.txt

The montly.txt file, when I open it, says:

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F:\gobackio.bin
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Any line in the monthly.txt file will be excluded (which I WILL be adding the Recycler and System Volume Information path on the next test run).

With that setup, I think all is working as it should now....hidden and system files

are all being copied, with the exception of the file gobackio.bin.

I found the fix at:

<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Psychology/documentation/backup.html>

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To exclude files, use the XCOPY option called "/EXCLUDE". At a command prompt, type XCOPY /? for more information.

See sample below, which excludes all files described in EXCLUDE.TXT (There is nothing special about this name; any \*.txt file could be used).

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XCOPY F:\\*.\* D:\XFSAVE /S /V /H /D /R /EXCLUDE:EXCLUDE.TXT

contents of my EXCLUDE.TXT file:

\RECYCLED\  
\SYSTEM VOLUME INFORMATION\  
\TEMP\  
You can also specify single files or files with specific extensions.

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I'm trying to create a batch file so that all my files on my 2nd hard drive (which is F:) are copied to my external usb hard drive (which is G:) Also...I want to NOT copy one file called gobackio.bin and the 2 folders called Recycler and System Volume Information

I've tried using all the various ways that I can think of. I've copied the line that I use for another xcopy but it still won't work I want to keep the same variables at the end  
xcopy F:\ G:\ /y/i/s/h/

but....that line just won't work. All I can get (from a screen shot) is this that shows in the window:  
F:\zBackups>xcopy F:\ G:\ /y/i/s/h  
F:\gobackio.bin

and...there it ends...no copying is done at all. I've tried using:  
xcopy F:\\*.\* G:\ /y/i/s/h  
xcopy F:\\* G:\ /y/i/s/h  
xcopy F:\\*.\* \G:\ /y/i/s/h  
xcopy F:\ \G:\ /y/i/s/h  
xcopy F:\\*.\* G: /y/i/s/h\  
and, I think all other variations of that.

What am I doing wrong?

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