

Re: Hdd Partition

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Dodger wrote:

Is it possible to make a copy of the partiton section on my hdd that holds the os and programs installed by the manufacturer of my laptop (iqon), the reason I am asking is because the company has gone into liquidation, so if I get any future problems with my hdd I'll lose my os, as the laptop came preloaded with all programs, I know there is a system recovery option by pressing f11, but I've had a new hdd under warranty a couple of months ago but if it ever had the same problem was hoping to just replace a hdd and not the os as well, thanks in advance for any help.....

Quite a few people have recommended using an imaging program. I think readers (and yourself) should note that once one has been running a system for any length of time, the recovery cd's supplied by the name brand suppliers are pretty useless. Does one really want a machine restored to what it was when purchased, minus everything you have installed since then plus the gratuitous junk you laboriously removed. I don't think so. You need a backup strategy for any number of reasons for both system/installed programs/settings and data. For the first item imaging is by far the best. Acronis, Ghost, etc or my preference which is products from www.terabyteunlimited.com which have an excellent support forum. Personally I separate my os and data using partitioning.

As far as I know, imaging programs don't touch the mbr. This doesn't seem to be a problem, but terabyte have a number of free utility programs and one called mbrwork.exe will permit backup/restore of the mbr plus other options. Use this with care. It's a good idea to keep a backup of the mbr (it actually backs up the whole 32k first track). Can use a floppy or flash drive to save this.

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