

Re: USB Exterior HDD questions?

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"Mikie" <caseri9@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Hi,
>
> Just bought a Coolmax 310 USB Exterior HDD Enclosure. (Probably won't
> be shipped until next week)
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> Thinking of installing one of two spare HDD's into the Enclosure.
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> a: Would the HDD require Windows if I use it exclusively for program
> storage and file backups?
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> b: Without Windows, will I be able to exec a program or simply
> transfer it from exterior to interior drive? And if so, won't that mess
> up the registry? I'm so confuuuuused!
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> c: If the HDD has ONLY Windows XP loaded, I'd like it to be an
> emergency replacement HDD, (in case the interior drive goes south), in
> the meanwhile using the remainder of the space for storage and
> backups. That I believe (hope?) would be OK?
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> ThanX and truest wishes for a great Thanksgiving Holiday!
>
> Mike
> Picture Rocks, AZ

Mike:

You probably would be best served if you would use a disk imaging program such as Symantec's Norton Ghost or Acronis True Image to routinely clone the contents of your internal day-to-day working HD to your USB external HD. This would give you, in effect, a bit-for-bit copy of your source drive and be an ideal backup system. While the USBEHD would *not* be bootable, should you need to restore your internal HD, you could re:clone the contents of the USBEHD back to the internal drive (assuming, of course, the internal drive is mechanically/electronically sound), or you could remove the cloned drive from its USB enclosure and install it in your computer to replace your

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original drive.

The disk-to-disk cloning process is relatively simple & straightforward. You could, if desired, install multiple HDs in your USB enclosure and make additional clones if that's what you wanted.

Anna

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◇ *From: Mikie*

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