

Re: Backup failure due to Windows "protection"?

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chicagofan wrote:

My new Maxtor external backup drive [Mini III version with NO *user* guide], says my backup of my *entire* system failed because:

c:\Windows Not supported/Folder skipped [backup of Windows system directory is not supported]

So I can't actually backup my *entire* C drive for a complete backup right?

If my pc crashed, I would have to restore Windows, etc. from my original EOM DVD, and then restore *other* files from the Maxtor drive?

Sorry if these sound like stupid questions, it's just not what I was led to believe elsewhere.

It also had a problem with backing up "ntuser.dat", but I'll keep looking for the answer for that at the Maxtor site. TIA for any responses.

"Robert Moir" <robspamtrap+msnews@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:O5qTb7MtGHA.1876@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Of course you can. Just for some reason not with the software that ships with this maxtor hard drive, for some reason. Is NTBackup installed on your computer? (start, run, type NTBackup, hit enter). That'll work just fine for backing up to an external hard disk.

Sounds like it as things stand. Actually this isn't so bad, it's a slight pain in the neck to restore your operating system, sure, but its your *data* that is irreplaceable. If I could only choose one to backup I know what I'd pick.

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It's a good thing you asked. Either the software you're using has a problem or it is very inadequate (in fact, I'm having so much trouble believing a backup program would do this by design, I'm very much inclined to it being a problem with the backup software).

No surprise there (re the "ntuser.dat" file mentioned by the OP). If (one way or another) you are only getting your data backed up this file isn't really relevant.

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I'm always surprised at "professionals" who STILL have to be asked: "Have you checked (event viewer / syslog)".

chicagofan:

In addition to the recommendations provided you by Rob Moir concerning a backup strategy, let me give you another option to consider...

You indicate that you're interested in backing up your system in a comprehensive way -- you say "...backup my *entire* C drive for a complete backup..." and that "If my pc crashed, I would have to restore Windows, etc.". I take it from your statements that you're looking for a backup program that will do more than merely backup up your created data, i.e., the files & folders you have created (as important as that might be!). That you do have an interest in also "backing up" your operating system, together with the programs/applications residing on your computer so that in the event of your system becoming non-functional (for one reason or another) you would be able to *completely* restore the system to a functional state and do so in a reasonably simple & straightforward manner.

If that is indeed your goal, let us know and I (and I'm sure others) can give you some specific details about another more comprehensive approach. On the other hand, if your principal (if not exclusive) interest is backing up your "created data" as mentioned above, then Bob's suggestion re using the XP NTBackup program should suit you fine.

Anna

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