

Re: Maxtor Backup failure – ping Anna! (about Acronis)

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"chicagofan" <me7@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Anna wrote:

"chicagofan" <me7@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I will be using the Maxtor USB external hard drive; will it need to be formatted after I remove the Maxtor backup software that came on it? Or will the "delete partitions on destination drive" [included in your instructions which I have saved, but deleted here] take care of that?

No need to delete partition(s) on your external HD nor any need to format the drive. The disk cloning process will take care of that.
Anna

Thanks again, Anna. I've ordered the Acronis software from New Egg, and it was only \$25 delivered; so I'm feeling pretty lucky to have found you... and your advice, as well as Robert's.

Hope I won't have to bug you again. :)

Barbara

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Just to be sure about terminology – Acronis's True Image makes image files (which may be compressed and stored like any file), but it does not make "clones" (exact byte-for-byte copies that are directly bootable). If your HD crashes and you have to make a new system, you will have to "restore" the contents of the image file to a new HD if you use True Image. Ghost and CasperXP, on the other hand, can make true "clones", and you don't have to restore the image to another HD – you can just boot the HD that contains the clone (if that HD is IDE PATA or SATA). Be clear about what you want to do.

TimDaniels

Tim:

The ATI program does indeed create clones. While it also can be used to create disk images for later recovery, there's no problem using the program for cloning the contents of one HD to another HD similar to the Norton Ghost program and I suppose the Casper XP program which you use. We do this nearly every day.

Did you see the step-by-step instructions I posted to Barbara in this thread which details the disk-to-disk cloning process?

Anna

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