

Re: cloning to a new hard drive w/ Acronis True Image 9 – How?

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Anna and Patrick,

Thank you both so much for taking the time to describe the process. It will not only help me, but who knows how many other readers, who will print out and save these detailed instructions for future reference.

I'm not even certain if I have two internal hard drive bays. Terrible, isn't it, but I'll have to open up and take a look. I do have a 250 gig usb external drive that I could clone to, then switch out the old primary hard drive with the new one, boot from my Acronis recovery cd and reverse the cloning process from the just cloned usb drive, back to the newly installed internal hard drive. Will this work if I don't have two sata connections inside my box?

I've been in there in the past but I've forgotten the internal configuration. Well, just took a quick look. There are two drive bays open but the sata cable only has one connector. Is that correct. Should there be another cable connector on the MB where another sata cable would connect or do you use a sata cable with dual plugs on one end, like we used to use with the IDE/EIDE drives? I guess I need to go get a flash light and climb under the desk and see if I can spot what might be another place to connect a second cable and drive to the MB. Getting too old for all this digging around under the desk! :-)

My thanks once again for all the great detailed explanations.

Mary

(And Mary's later post...)
Patrick,

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I'm not sure about the MB, whether it will support the larger drive? I don't even know what to look for. The driver for the bios is dated 4/29/2005 and it is an American Megatrends v 3.21.

Regarding backing up a larger drive; I hope I don't create that many new keeper files! Ha But isn't it best to let the OS have lots of room to write temp files, etc., when you're doing a lot of digital editing. My current primary drive only has about 40 gigs free right now. I do use a 250gig external backup drive. Actually, I use three backup drives but this is the largest one.

Mary