

Re: disk backup. Efficiency?

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The only way to know if your current system to restore your data will work is to conduct a trial of a mocked crash.

Otherwise, if you wait until you actually have a crash you may be unfortunate to discover that your current restore process is flawed and was never proven.

I would suggest that you purchase a harddrive identical to what you have at this time. Then substitute your current master drive with the new drive on your pc.

The new/blank drive will serve to mimic a crashed drive that you can restore your backups to it.

The new drive will not only serve to prove the worthiness of the restore process you have chosen at this time but the new drive will physically come in handy in the event you suffer complete failure of disk.

For the most part, I have utilized the above method to improve my restoration capabilities. Although I have provided some guidance with backups I have not provide are my safeguards – insuring me of 100% success rate. However, this is due from years of experience, trial and error....

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"James Silverton" <not.jim.silverton@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:uO56NPRWHHA.4764@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Anna wrote on Sun, 25 Feb 2007 13:47:05 -0500:

+backups

??>>> Investigate for yourself for the best results as to your
??>>> particular wants, needs, etc.. Cheers j;-j

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A> "James Silverton" <not.jim.silverton@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
A> message news:eOGXzjQWHHA.4188@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
??>> It is amazing how often such replies as "investigate for
??>> yourself" arise when one asks for opinions. I thought I
??>> had stated my aims :-) --- James Silverton Potomac,
??>> Maryland

A> James:

A> I honestly don't mean this as a pejorative question, but...

I have thanked people for responses in the past and my present technique based on their advice is to use an Acronis 10 full back up once a week and incremental back-ups on week days. What I don't know is whether people have recovered from a complete hard disk crash with no working Windows system using the Acronis 'full back-up.' I do not find the Acronis manual a masterpiece of clarity :-) A crash is something I don't care to simulate and I would prefer not to spend time cloning my working disc. At a past time I used Dantz Retrospect in full confidence that its "disaster recovery" would work. That proved not to be the case, perhaps because of misunderstandings on my part. Acronis and, indeed Dantz, allows restoration of accidentally deleted files so that is taken care of.

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