

Re: transferring programs to cd

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| Please help me out here. I use win rar. So lets say I go to a program
and
| right click it – then I would add it to archives. A pop up screen comes
up
| called archive name and parameters. I would name it. and click ok. Then
go
| back to that program and right click. Then send it to my E drive.(that is
| where my cd burner is.
| Please tell me it I did this right???
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| If I did..... Thanks a million as I also have free ones.
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You will then have an archive of the files you wrote to disk yes. That's fine for data files. Documents, images, MP3's etc.. It is useless however for saving entire programs.

When you install a program (an application) in Windows the installation routine writes files and configuration data all over the harddrive. Entries are made in the registry. A vast majority of programs install dll files into the Windows directory. The application will not run unless it finds all these support files and registry entries when you attempt to launch it.

Example; Let's say you archive (copy to CD) all the files in your word processors folder. Let's say C:\Program Files\Word Perfect. (just an example) Then you format (erase) the hard drive. Now you copy all the files you archived back to the freshly formatted harddrive. You **do not** have a working copy Word Perfect. When you try to launch the program it will look for all the support files and registry entries it expects to find, won't find them and fail to operate. There are exceptions of programs that are "stand-alone" and require no support files or registry entries but, in the XP world they are **very** rare.

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What you need is a complete backup of your harddrive. I use backUP MyPC from Stomp.
www.stompinc.com

It will back up to CDR or DVD +/- R.

Or and imaging program like Ghost.

http://www.symantec.com/sabu/ghost/ghost_personal/

Of course if you're having the computer worked on because of software problems and you do a complete backup you'll be backing up the problems too, in which case your only option is to do a clean install of Windows and reinstall your programs one at a time. The time to do a backup is before problems arise. Best of luck.

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I'm not an MVP a VIP nor do I have ESP.

I was just trying to help.

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