

Re: Two "expert" issues I must solve before upgrading

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Hi Sharon – what you describe below is exactly what I want to do (It's wonderful to find someone who thinks like I do, ummm, other than my wife of course 8-}), except that I want to keep the images on a hard disk on another machine (primarily so they can be generated unattended).

I'm sorry, but I still don't get your point about WPA because, although I'm –restoring– the disk using a different PC, I'm –booting– off it only on the original PC. If XP doesn't like being moved to another hard disk and then being re–booted in an otherwise identical computer, then I'm hosed no matter what I do because the original disk is dead. Otherwise, let me try to describe it again...

On PC #1 – I perform full (image), and incremental (NTBACKUP) backups, I –store– them on PC #2

when the disk on PC #1 crashes... I

- 1) add and format a new disk to PC #2
- 2) On PC #2, do an image restore to the new disk
- 3) move the new disk from PC #2 to PC #1
- 4) boot.
- 5) Do the NTBACKUP incremental restores to the new disk

Where does WPA come into play here?

Also – are you happy with IFW? Did you have to provide them with information from your PC to get a paid copy? (I try to avoid over–enthusiastic copy–protection schemes – WPA is the main reason I waited so long to upgrade – I do things honestly and the schemes are just so often a burden – as I'm finding out in this thread 8-})
thanks!

/j

Sharon F wrote:

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>I mentioned before about using Image for Windows. I image my Windows
>partition (C:) which also contains my most critical programs (ones that I
>have to have up and running). At the moment that image runs about 3.5 GB
>and fits neatly on a single DVD. The DVD is bootable and it is all that is
>needed to restore the image. No need for a second computer.

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>Early in August, I was checking into something for a friend and noticed a
>S.M.A.R.T. warning in Event Viewer about imminent failure predicted for my
>primary disk. Ran the manufacturer's diagnostic tools and it was confirmed.
>In under an 90 minutes, I went to the store, bought a new drive, installed
>it and then used my image to get Windows up and running again. I probably
>could have done it in less time but I got sidetracked looking at all the PC
>goodies at the store.

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>I've restored Windows using many different methods through the years. I
>never bothered with imaging until XP. Now I wish I had looked into it a
>long time ago.

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