

RE: disk-imaging software

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Q1: I have experience with Ghost and it works very successfully [Partition Magic 8 didn't]. If you create an 'Image File' of the Primary Hard Drive, then Ghost actually compresses the data, so you should end up with lots of spare capacity.

Q2: If you have an appropriate version of XP [any which are not an OEM version] then you can move or transfer your use of XP to a new system. Simply relocate the Hard Drive and perform a repair installation to set the XP system to the new environment. You can buy your new PC without the OS. Alternately, if you have Ghost and your 'Image File' on the USB Hard drive, then on the new PC you can boot off the Ghost floppy boot disk with the USB Drive attached, then 'restore' the image file onto the new PC's Hard drive. Turn off the PC and follow 'repair installation' steps below.

You need to do a repair installation to set the Windows XP system from one PC to the new environment of another. To do this follow the steps below:

1. Do Not BOOT into Windows XP on first boot after Motherboard or Hard Drive change! If booting from CD is not an option, return to BIOS and make sure booting from CD is the first boot option.

2. If your computer does not support booting from the CD, check your OEM or Motherboard makers web site for updated BIOS.

3. Perform a Repair Install by following the step by step below.

When you see the "Welcome To Setup" screen, you will see the options below

This portion of the Setup program prepares Microsoft

Windows XP to run on your computer:

To setup Windows XP now, press ENTER.

To repair a Windows XP installation using Recovery Console, press R.

To quit Setup without installing Windows XP, press F3.

Press Enter to start the Windows Setup.

Accept the License Agreement and Windows will search for existing Windows installations.

Select the XP installation you want to repair from the list and press R to start the repair.

Setup will copy the necessary files to the hard drive and reboot. Do not press any key to boot from CD when the message appears.

Setup will continue as if it were doing a clean install, but your applications and settings will remain intact.

"Victor" wrote:

- > *I'm considering buying a Maxtor One Touch 80GB USB 2.0*
- > *External Hard Drive with perhaps the Acronis True Image 6.0*
- > *software or Norton Ghost. My question is after I make an*
- > *image of my pcs drive(s) on the external device can I still*
- > *use the external drive for other stuff? It's 80gb which is*
- > *double the size of my current internal drive.*
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- > *Another concern. When I want to buy a new pc and transfer*
- > *the system from my old one, just how easy is it using*
- > *ghosting software? Will I need to install a system on the*
- > *new pc first? If the new pc doesn't come with a system*
- > *installed will I be able to just plop in a backup cd (or*
- > *floppy), plug in the external hard disk and then let it*
- > *copy?*
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- > *Thanks for your help.*
- > *ps. Which imaging software is better for this purpose?*
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