

# Re: how do I copy/move sparse files keeping them sparse?

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On Thu, 18 Aug 2005 20:29:59 +0200, "R. Schallenberg"  
<nospam.fromUsenet.20.staxowax@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>I'm trying to copy a couple of sparse files from one NTFS5 volume to  
>another NTFS5 volume on Windows XP Professional.  
>Unfortunately on the target volume the files become solid taking up much  
>more disk space. I have tried using Windows Explorer, "copy" and "xcopy"  
>without any success. Even if I copy the files to another folder on the  
>same volume they lose their sparseness.  
>Is this the intended behaviour? Are the built-in tools such as Explorer  
>unaware of sparse files? Do I need a special tool to copy sparse files?  
>Any help appreciated!  
>  
>Regards  
>Ralf

It doesn't. Just a way to fix the problem.

Try copying with RoboCopy from the reskit. A free download at tip 6705 » What are the free Windows Server 2003 Resource Kit tools? in the 'Tips & Tricks' at <http://www.jsifaq.com>

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• *References:*

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