

## Re: How to copy whole folders?

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Your Question #1: I gave you this example in my first reply:

```
xcopy /s /c /d /y "c:\Documents and Settings\Jack\My Documents"  
"U:\Backup"
```

It clearly shows the source folder name (C:\Documents . . .) and the target folder name ("U:\Backup"). What is it that you do not understand?

Your Question #2: It is not possible to get xcopy to stop on and error, then restart later on. However, you can document the copy process like so:

```
xcopy /s /c /d /y "c:\Documents and Settings\Jack\My Documents"  
"U:\Backup" 1>c:\copy.txt 2>&1
```

Note that this is one single long line. All messages, including any error messages, will be logged in the file c:\copy.txt.

"Jack" <replyto@it> wrote in message  
<news:e2F1mAjzHHA.484@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Thank you for your comments.

Sorry, if I give you such impression, it was not my intent.

Still I see some issues I do not know how to solve it. It was long time ago I created a batch file (during DOS era :-)

1.

When using batch file, how to specify:

local folder (where the batch file resides) as a source

and the destination folder to have the same name as a source folder

following the fixed path,

for example: c:\Backup\<here source folder title>

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2.

I do not want xcopy to suppress the error. I want xcopy to stop it on error and restart the same xcopy command until all files are copied.

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Thanks,  
Jack

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"Jack" <replyto@it> wrote in message  
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In other words:  
When using Windows 'Copy' and there is a duplicate file in  
destination  
Windows ask the question:

This is why I recommended the /y switch.

"Overwrite....? I would like to have an option answering "No  
to All" and  
Windows continue copying files but not quitting copying  
process as it is  
doing right now.  
Jack

I am getting the impression that you completely ignored the  
advice I gave you in my first reply. Unless you spend the  
time to try the command I gave you, you have to spend a  
lot of time with repetitive copy commands. The choice is yours.

"Pegasus (MVP)" <I.can@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hello,  
It must be a simple solution  
but I do not know how to do  
it.  
When copying full folders  
(with subfolders) from one  
harddrive into  
another  
hardrive and during copying  
there is an error stoping the  
the copy

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process  
let say 70% files were  
copied.  
What is the best way to  
copy the remaining files? I  
do not think,  
checking  
each subfolders for missing  
files is the best solution.  
Thanks,  
Jack

Use xcopy.exe from the Command Prompt.  
Example:

```
xcopy /s /c /d /y "c:\Documents and  
Settings\Jack\My Documents"  
"U:\Backup\"
```

Type xcopy /? at the Command Prompt to  
see the meaning  
of the various switches.