

## Re: bacup \system32\config

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Hi Maurice,

If you are running Windows 2003 you can create ASR (Automated System Recovery) disk. You can do this by starting NTBackup -> Tools -> ASR Wizard. Among other things it will save registry and other settings in systemroot\Repair

If you have system state created by NTBackup you can unpack that \*.bkf file on any Windows 2000 or Windows 2003 server (depending on your version) and extract only files that you need (e.g. software and other hives)... You can then burn this files to CD and transfer them over to your server where you need to recover them...

What I used to do with my servers before I patch them up was reboot -- specially on servers that were running for longer period of time. If the server failed before I even patched it up I didn't have to guess was it the patch fault or not...

I hope this helps,

Mike

"Maurice" <Maurice@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:8F38B744-464C-4205-8E3C-A15BADF6BB42@microsoft.com...  
> *Recently I had to reboot a DC after applying hotfixes. During the boot process an error message came up stating that the file 'software' in \system32\config was either missing or corrupted. I booted from the CD-ROM and went to repair console and checked the contents of that directory. All files were present but I noticed that the .sav copies were very old.*  
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> *Fortunately after exiting the repair console the system rebooted ok but it was rather worrying that this should happen.*  
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> *Question - how do I get the system to backup these hive files (software, security, sam etc) into the same folder with the .sav extension?*  
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> *NTBackup will back them up but it produces a .bkf file. What I want is to*

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just produce 'direct' copies as backups so I have something to recover from in the Repair console should it be needed. You cant copy these files while the system is up as Windows Server has them open. So can anyone please advise on this?

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> *thanks*