

# backup concerns

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So...I have some concerns. I am currently studying for various certs and as I get into more detail about backing up servers, I become more concerned about disaster recovery (more like freaked Iout!) Here's the scene: 3 servers- 1:Exchange/File, Raid 5-3discs(i friggin' hope! all basic discs/I assume a hwd controller is taking care of it (VERY old)svr2000/ex2003). 2: BES/webfilter/email filter/ install files for office 2000 & some others-1 basic disc NO FAULT svr2003) 3: data/app/sql server 2 mirrored discs(again, I hope controller is doing it's job! svr2003)

We currently use Veritas V.10 doing fulls every night (about 76G's) on a DLT 40/80. I occasionally verify the tapes, I take them off-site every day, I check event viewer for warnings/errors concerning backupexec. Occasionally, I re-name a data file and restore it from tape to make sure i can do it. Ocasionally, someone deletes a file and I restore it from tape. I know JACK about ghosting. As all the training I'm doing is microsoft based, the only mention of backups is via microsoft based (approved) types. No mention of 3rd party scenarios at all. All i wanna know is if there is more I *\*should\** be doing. I already know there is more than I *\*should\** know. Believe me, I am learning as fast as I can. I *\*think\** I'm backing up more than I should (inherited). I guess what I'm asking is- do you guys archive old,OLD data? I've got stuff on there that's gotta be 5 yrs old, old data from accounting programs we don't use, the programs themselves,,, what is acceptable?