

Re: SBS 2003 backup

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MLJ wrote:

- > "Kevin Weilbacher [SBS-MVP]" <kweilbacMVP@gte.net> wrote in message
- > news:%23TeNRHBYEHA.2972@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
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- >> Let me start with your last statement: "There seem(s) to be
- >> conflicting arguments on this". Please identify who is telling you,
- >> or where you are reading, about conflicting arguments with backing
- >> up Exchange with the built in backup utility.
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- > OK – well try this one for starters (and this isn't the only one that
- > I've read) pulled from
- > http://www.experts-exchange.com/Networking/Email_Groupware/Q_20995870.html
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- > "You can back-up Exchange all day, but restoring might be a problem.
- > My company will only support Veritas Backup Exec for Exchange backups.
- > Personally, it's the only backup product I trust.

This person may not be aware that NTBackup was originally built by Veritas.

- > A little sidenote,
- > I was in an SBS 2003 Microsoft training session, during a break, I
- > pulled the Microsoft instructor aside and asked if they had improved
- > NTBackup enough in 2003 to backup Exchange, the instructor lowered
- > his voice and whispered, "still need third-party software".
- > Microsoft will claim all day it will work, but I've seen too many
- > tragedies to trust it. Same with Arcserve. If anyone has actually
- > ever recovered Exchange after a disaster using NTBackup, please post.
- > I've made this challenge before and got no takers.
- > So, my recommendation, buy Veritas Backup Exec with the Exchange
- > Agent, don't trust NTBackup"
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- >> Certainly not in this newsgroup! There are many posts in this NG
- >> that with SBS2003 several people have decided NOT to continue using
- >> a 3rd party tape backup (like Veritas) because the built in backup
- >> works so well. The built in backup that comes with both SBS2000 and
- >> SBS2003 will quite capably backup an Exchange information store for

>> you. As you noted, using the SBS2003 tape backup wizard, it is done
>> auto"magic"ally.
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>> But I don't understand your concern about when you run the backup
>> manually when you say it does not appear to be ticked (checked).
>> When I run the backup utility manually, nothing is ever checked -- I
>> have to select what I want to backup.
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> What I was getting at was that when the SBS backup is run manually by
> selecting Backup Now in server management console. The file selection
> window that appears doesn't seem to have the Exchange option selected
> ?
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>> What you may have read are posts looking for more features with the
>> wizard version of the backup utility -- things like having the
>> ability to turn off verification, or other options. Finally, the
>> only thing that the built in backup cannot do is to restore a
>> single mailbox (commonly referred to as 'brick level' restore). If
>> you need to restore Exchange, you restore the entire store.
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>> HTH!
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>> Kevin Weilbacher [SBS-MVP]
>> "The days pass by so quickly now, the nights are seldom long"
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>> "MLJ" <m_l_j@hotmail.com> wrote in message
>> news:5y9Fc.101\$%C2.100@newsfe3-win.server.ntli.net...
>>> Hi
>>> Does SBS 2003 backup Exchange information store by default ?
>>> From the log and the backup script it would appear to, but if SBS
>>> backup is run manually Exchange does not appear to be ticked in the
>>> file selection window
>>> Is it "safe" to use SBS backup in the event that Exchange has to be
>>> restored ? There seem to be conflicting arguments on this