

Re: Tape Backup vs External USB Harddisk Backup

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On Sun, 2 Jan 2005 20:30:59 +1100, "Ken Schaefer"
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>*b) tape drives allow you to have multiple backups. Suppose you needed to be able to restore a document from 3 weeks ago. That's usually difficult if you only have the one hard disk drive (unless you only do backups every week). With a tape drive, you just keep buying tapes if you need more "point in time" backups. For very large data sets (hundreds of gigabytes, or terabytes), tape is the only reasonable way to have multiple point in time backups.*

I agree with this, but can I just point out that the same is true (i.e, dated backup sets) for hard disk/other storage? SBS backup wizards anyway allow you to create a backup set, which outputs a single file to the target destination, and that file is reused in a set time period (i.e, one week). However, if the disk was to burn out, then you would lose all sets.

Also tapes are easier to restore from, you don't have to worry about getting connections up and running, but for a small home based system like ours tape is not an option.

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