

Re: More RAID 1 questions

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I'm not entirely sure the version of Retrospect that would come packaged with a maxtor drive (for example) will do the job, but it might. You could certainly use SBSBackup to backup to the drive, though. We know it can do the job.

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Les Connor [SBS Community Member – SBS MVP]

SBS Rocks !

"lorne balsam" <lbalsam@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:%23gTOrVpgFHA.3692@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
> thanks again Les.
> actually for the actual backup, i have an external hard drive. i use
> backup
> software to that hard drive (Retrospects Dantz) and the hard drive is
> taken
> off site at the end of each day.
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> "Leythos" <void@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:MPG.1d35f26eaa80e22098969f@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> In article <uZD0TolgFHA.3448@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, lbalsam@xxxxxxxxxxxx
>> says...
>>> thanks Les.
>>> i actually found the Silicon Raid Utility and it tells me all is well
> on
>>> the RAID1 setup..... now.. do i believe it??
>>> i have heard of nightmares where people thought they had a raid setup
> and
>>> when i came down to restoring.... they had a 2nd blank hard drive. so,
> is
>>> there a way to test the backup (i read it is highly recommended that a
> back
>>> up be checked occassionally).... so the question is... how to test a
> RAID1
>>> backup?

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>> You do understand that RAID is not a BACKUP METHOD? It's strictly a
>> hardware redundancy method when using R1 or R5 or R0+1. If you are using
>> it as a backup method you need to strongly reconsider your methods.
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>> For backup you have several options:
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>> 1) Tape backup – slow, proven, works well, can be moved to another
>> location for storage. Tapes are not prone to any electrical problems –
>> meaning that surges and power outages don't impact the tapes.
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>> 2) Online storage – could be a drive or another server – Fast, may be
>> corrupted at any time, prone to hardware failures and being used for
>> more than backups.
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>> 3) Portable storage – like a portable USB/Firewire drive – also fast,
>> prone to being moved or full when needed. Also prone to mechanical
>> failures due to being transported. Also prone to same problems as online
>> storage.
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>> If you want a backup, as a friend of mine learned the hard way – do a
>> backup to a online medium and then back that up to tape. This gives you
>> a fast online restore point and a safe off-line copy.
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>> As for checking, you really need to do a full verify and check the logs
>> to ensure that things were actually backed up to the tape/media.
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>> spamfree999@xxxxxxxxxxx
>> (Remove 999 to reply to me)
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