

Re: Exchange log files growing

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Thanks Les, yes I was aware of the reason Exchange is backed up twice. The problem is the tape drive is a DAT72 and I have excluded everything I can using the SBS Wizard but Windows and Exchange alone are almost exceeding the capacity of the tape. I have another DAT72 drive on the Terminal Server backing up the data. That is what's happening now, the backup failed because the Exchange log files are growing (over 300 log files in the MDBData folder), NTBackup isn't clearing them out and so the tape pops out when it's full. Is B/u Exec for SBS not a better idea? I've not used it on a SBS before but it looks good on Symantec's web site (of course), the disaster recovery is one big feature.

Let me know what you think....

Colin

"Les Connor [SBS Community Member – SBS M]" wrote:

Hi Colin,

Be aware that there's a reason why Exchange is backed up twice using SBS Backup. The backups aren't exactly the same – one is an exchange aware backup which commits and flushes the logfiles, the other is a flat file backup. The reason the second (flat file) backup is performed is for ease of recovery. i.e. if you follow the SBS backup and restore documentation (which is a complete and proven method), you'll need SBS Backup.

BE might be fine for the backup half of the equation, but they're not very helpful when it comes to the restore, which is the reason you back up in the first place ;-).

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Les Connor [SBS Community Member – SBS MVP]

SBS Rocks !

"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I'll remember. Involve me and I'll understand." – Confucius

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"colin" <colin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Thanks for the reply Kevin,

I did backup the Microsoft Information Store as I mentioned but it didn't remove the log files. NTBackup (using the SBS Backup Wizard) is scheduled to run nightly and has been removing them OK up to now. That's why I ran it again manually but the files remain.

Funny you mentioned Backup Exec in your reply. I'm actually going to install the trial B/U Exec for SBS soon and convince the customer to switch. One problem with the SBS Backup wizard is it backs up the IS twice using up the tape space. I'm hoping that B/U Exec only does a single backup of the IS.

Should I just install the trial B/U Exec and abandon SBS Backup?

Regards,

Colin

"Kevin Weilbacher" wrote:

you need to rerun your NTBackup, and drill down on the left pane
Microsoft
Exchange Server > YourServerName > Microsoft
Information Store -- and
back
that up. That will remove the .log files.

As far as Backup Exec not working, generally when you install BE, it loads its own Veritas tape drivers, which then makes NTBackup not function. The fact that NTBackup "seems" to work, may indicate something is broke or disabled in BE.

Essentially, you either use BE or you use NTBackup.

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Kevin Weilbacher [SBS-MVP]
"The days pass by so quickly now, the nights are seldom

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"colin" <colin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I have a server running SBS 2003 with Exchange SP2. I've noticed that there are over 300 log files in the MDBDATA folder and running the nightly backup doesn't clear them. So I ran NTBackup and selected only the IS but they are still there. I haven't made any changes or modified Exchange to increase it's maximum Store size from the default of 16GB. priv1.edb is 6.8GB, priv1.stm 4.5GB, pub1.edb 5.8GB. Do I need to make the registry change to increase the Store limit? Do I have to reboot the Server?

Anyone have an idea why these log files are still there?

Colin