

Re: Ntbackup vs BackupExec features and tape libraries (DLT-S4 loader?)...

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SuperGumby [SBS MVP] wrote:

OH, and 12 tapes.
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
Fri1, Fri2, Fri3, Fri4, Fri5
Month1, Month2, Month3

minimum.

"markm75" <markm75c@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Does anyone know the major advantages of Backup Exec over NTBackup..

Before I get into what I want out of a backup program.. here is the tape library/loader that we were planning on purchasing (DLT-S4):
<http://www.quantum.com/AboutUs/ContactUs/Index.aspx>

I'm assuming the only hardware we need with this unit are tapes and a U320 SCSI card in a separate Backup server? I'm assuming it has a built in tape drive(s)? I also thought it essentially had 8 tape drives built in, but I'm beginning to think it only picks tapes and loads 1 at a time? (if so is there a system that does say 4 or 5 at once?)

Key feature I'm hoping work with NTBackup are the ability to select which tape to backup to..

Thanks for any input as this is our first venture into more Enterprise level backup systems (our primary backup will be on a "backup server" in a rack with 2TB of space in a raid 5 configuration, essentially running 2003).

According to Quantum, they stated that NTBackup wont work with tape

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libraries and loaders, that I'd have to go 3rd party.

I did check into the price, CDW quoted me a price for BE that is around \$3000.. one server license, 4 calcs (agents) and two agents one for SQL and one for Exchange. Frankly I don't know why I'd need to purchase these calcs and agents.. couldn't I just use BE and select my 4 server's data drive letter (via network mappings).. then technically BE wouldn't be running on those servers?

\$3000 seems very steep to me, I expected \$1000.

Your saying you think I would need 12 tapes doing what I will do?

A typical Full backup if we combine all server backups (currently on separate harddrives) is 800GB or so, by month's end I project that to be 1.1TB. We do monthlies taking the tapes (harddrives) offsite each weekend and keeping one tape (harddrive) offsite per quarter (quarterly).

Our new Harddisk backup server array will be the main backup device (tape will be secondary). Originally I was going to backup to the HD array then backup the HD array to tape, but this makes restoring a pain. Quantum recommended doing them separate.. IE: doing the monthly full to HD and another one to tape along with our nightly incrementals....

Thanks

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