

# Re: restoring friends network best practice

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Well, the size of the partition *\*may\** matter. You need to make sure that each is at least as large as the previous one (or at least large enough to hold the restored data). Now would be a good time increase the system partition size to something around 30-50 GB, if you have enough room on the new drive.

You will also need any additional required drivers on a floppy disk (e.g., special SCSI controllers, etc.) when you do the base Windows 2003 install. Using the Dell Server Assistant CD to reinstall the base OS should take care of this need.

Again, one of the important keys to a successful restore is to bring the Windows 2003 base install up to the same SP level as it was when the backup was made. If you don't do this, you may end up with a blue screen after the restore. I haven't found a reliable way to determine this from the data on the original drive, even if you could get it to stop rebooting. So, if you know it had Windows 2003 SP2, bring the base install up to that SP before you attempt any of the restore. If you're not sure, start with Windows 2003 SP1, run through the System State restore and see what happens when you reboot after the restore.

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thank you so much for this reply...it is going to be helpful tonight when i'm up all night making sure they are good to go in the morning :)

if you can think of anything else i will need to be aware of, i would love to hear it...i remember having to do the registry hack for the Rev Drive when setting the server up and know i had 2 partitions (C and D) -- so, i will do the same this time...i'm assuming that the size of the partitions wont matter since the replacement drive is larger than the original...

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On Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:47:19 -0400, "Merv Porter [SBS-MVP]"  
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