

Re: SBS External Backup + Schedule

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Sorry, but another SBS question.

The server is set up with 2 x 500 GB drives in RAID 1 formation.

The most important data is on Sage which is backed up to a small USB pend drive each evening and taken off site.

How should I go about getting the server backed up in the event of a disaster, fire etc.

I was thinking of purchasing 2 x 500 GB external USB hard drives and using these.

Setting up the SBS backup to run each morning at around 3am when the system will not be used.

I would back up to 1 of the drives first. Then every other day swap the drives over so that there would be no more than a day's work lost. Would recommend that it is done every day but cannot guarantee the users will do this.

I'd recommend at least 3 drives. That way you can be sure that one of them is offsite when you bring one in to do the swap. The worst case scenario is that you bring a disk in to swap it and then have fire, wiping out your server, your most recent backup and the backup you brought in from offsite. So have at least 3 so you can be certain that one is always off site.

Should I do a full backup each time, or would an incremental be good enough?

Personally I'd always do a full, but I know how long the backup takes will be an issue if it is still running during office hours, so you may find that

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you have to do some form of incremental – again just be sure that if a backup is wiped out that you can still successfully restore.

Any recommendations on if I should do the whole server, or just key files?

Personally I'd do the whole server. This is because I don't want to be in the position of finding that one of the files I needed from the backup wasn't one of those that were regarded as "key". So to be safe, ensure that everything is backed up.

Hope this helps.

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