

Re: Restoring CompanyWeb

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You're probably using SharePoint 2.0 – you would have had to upgrade to get SharePoint 3.0.

Were you using the built-in SBS backup to do a full system backup? How long has the server been online since you restored it? How much new data has been written to the server? Are you using Exchange?

In your scenario (where you need to do a full system restore to the same hardware), the recommended process to use is to simply re-install the base operating system (stop the install process after the OS is installed and before the integrated SBS setup starts). Then go in to drive management and make sure all of your partitions are created with the same drive letters as you had before. Open NTBackup, catalog your most recent backup file and tell it to restore everything (all drives, Exchange, System State, etc.) being sure to check the option to overwrite files if they already exist. When the restore process finishes and the server reboots, you will normally be back to a full, working install – Exchange, SharePoint, everything.

By completing the SBS integrated setup, you effectively have a new domain and new server (even though the names are the same, the SIDs are different). Honestly, this is going to make it interesting to get your original companyweb back, since the site content database needs to be registered in the SharePoint config database, but the config database is dependant on the server's system state. By fully re-installing the server, you have a new system state, new config database, and new content database.

You've got two options:

1) If you've just restored this server and none of the data has changed since you did the restore, then you could use the process above to do a complete restore of the server (assuming you have a full system backup including System State).

2) If this server has been in production with data changed since the restore was completed, then you'll need to take a look at the SharePoint 2.0 disaster recovery KB article: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/827701>

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"Psychopasta" <Psychopasta@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Hey Chad,

It was the same hardware. I rebuilt the RAID array, installed SBS from the ground up, gave the machine the same computer name and domain as previous, and then installed all the latest service packs and patches. I then restored using NTBACKUP and my last night's backup data.

I'm not sure if its 2 or 3: how would I tell? Its SBS Standard Edition if that helps.

My only backups are via NTBackup: I wasn't aware there are any other backup methods.

– Pasta

"Chad A Gross" wrote:

Ok, how did you restore your server? Was it a full bare-metal restore (e.g. install the base operating system, then use NTBackup to restore all partitions, system state, etc.) – or did you completely re-install SBS then selectively restore data from backup?

Is this SharePoint 2.0 or SharePoint 3.0?

Do you have any native SharePoint backups (using stsadm or smigrate)?

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Hi,

My SBS 2003 Standard machine version suffered a RAID array failure, and

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I
have just reinstalled SBS and restored from backup.
Amazingly, its all
gone
remarkably well, but I made one mistake in re-installing the
server.

When I originally installed SBS I told the installer to load
Sharepoint
into
the H: folder, and when I did my reinstall I forgot, and told it
to use
the
C: folder. As a result, when we open up companyweb, we
see the default
installation, i.e. a brand new blank companyweb, while all
the data,
nicely
restored, is laughing at me on the H drive.

How do I tell SharePoint where to look for the data files?

I really appreciate your help. I am so close to a full restore...

– Pasta.