

Re: Linux Backup Administration

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For users of Fedora Core releases <fedora-list@redhat.com> wrote:

- > *I realize that this is off-topic. Hopefully you will forgive*
- > *me for imposing on you like this.*
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- > *I'm new to *nix administration. I've used *nix installations*
- > *for years in various incarnations (Xenix, Solaris, HPUX et al.)*
- > *but not on the admin side. Backup is still something of a*
- > *mystery to me. It seems that there are two schools of thought*
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- > *cpio*
- > *tar*

There are other open source solutions which can be used:

AMANDA (www.amanda.org)

Mondo (<http://www.mondorescue.org/>)

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- > *It also seems that each side thinks the other side is nuts.*
- > *It also seems that using links (soft or otherwise) is not*
- > *well handled by either technique.*
- > *It also seems that everyone agrees that using tape is the*
- > *Way To Go(tm).*
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- > *Can anyone tell me whether my impressions on this matter*
- > *be correct? Is there a good tutorial which can give me*
- > *relative pros and cons of cpio style vs. tar style backup?*
- > *How about which directories actually need backing up?*
- > *How about how does one actually recover when the worst*
- > *happens?*
- > *How about disc upgrades? I suppose that /etc/fstab needs to be*
- > *new, but /etc/hosts needs to be restored. How does one go*
- > *about doing these "partial" restores to get the machine*
- > *back running again?*
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- > *I also don't want to use a tape drive, being (as some are)*
- > *on a restricted budget, both for time to learn new stuff*

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- > *and monetarily, being among the Great Telecom Layoff. There*
- > *are very nice Windows programs which create initial/disaster*
- > *recovery CDs which can completely rebuild a system to the way*
- > *it was when initially created, and then do backups to CD after*
- > *that. *nix seems not to have any such concept.*

If you just want to make ISO's I would recommend using Mondo. You can make an image and restore to CD's and there's also a rescue disk for restoring, etc

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- > *Anyway, thanks for you time.*
- >
- > *Mike*

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