

## Re: Low end desktop for EE tasks?

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Jeff Liebermann wrote:

[...]

The most important part to backup is the bloated registry. I suggest ERUNT:  
<<http://www.larshederer.homepage.t-online.de/erunt/>>

Sometimes the challenge is how to un-bloat that without deleting that one entry that was really important.

About 5 weeks ago, one of my customers had their hard disk go bad. It was an old 20GB IBM Deskstar that I should have replaced long ago. No warning with SpeedFan this time. I was recovering from surgery and really didn't need a major project. So, I dragged out the last image backup, which fortunately was only a month old at the time, crammed in a new (Seagate) disk drive, recreated the boot record, updated the BIOS (oops), used Norton Ghost 2003 to restore the image, and was back in full operation in about 4 hours (I was moving kinda slow at the time). All the bookkeeping data was backed up daily to USB flash, so restoring that was trivial. Try doing that with your file by file or incremental backup system.

That's what I do and the USB then goes offsite. Brings up a question: How reliable are those USB sticks?

Western Digital, hmm, that's not good to hear. I have a WDC MyBook LAN drive here and it's purring quietly and reliably for a couple months now. Hopefully it'll continue. They thoroughly botched the USB extender by requiring to connect to some web company they bought, Mionet. Probably some manager had to "justify" that acquisition. <banging head on table>

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Regards, Joerg

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