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■ Casper XP 3.0

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We all know that making regular backups is more than a good thing to do. During these days of security concerns and malware, frequent backups are more necessary than ever to protect our digital data.

Unfortunately, while most of us agree about the importance of backups, few of us do it. Many backup solutions are aimed at business, focusing on backing up data to network drives or making images of hard drives. Neither solution is appropriate for the home user, who may not have the network configuration or spare hardware.

Enter Casper XP. The utility makes it easy to create regular, frequent hard drive backups to protect your data and your Windows configuration, even in the event of a hard drive failure. Designed specifically for Windows 2000/XP, Casper XP specializes in creating backups from hard drive to hard drive. Just designate a second drive as the backup drive, and Casper will perform regular backups according to the schedule you set. That includes a single or multiple partitions and multiboot configurations. You can also use it to migrate to a higher capacity drive. Casper XP copies your entire hard drive and resizes partitions to take advantage of the new drive.

New in version 3.0 is SmartClone technology that makes backups go even faster. SmartClone identifies the files that have changed and copies those files, instead of rewriting the entire drive. Because backups can happen while you use the computer, this greatly reduces the time spent copying. Also new is one-click cloning to create a Desktop shortcut and enhanced scheduling, to eliminate the "I forgot" excuse.