

REVIEW BACKUP UTILITY

Casper XP 3

Take the hard work out of backups with this easy-to-use disk-cloning tool

Backing up your hard drive is a crucial part of day-to-day PC maintenance. The trouble is, it's also extremely easy to put off – by which point it may already be too late.

The main discouraging factor in creating backups is that it can be a surprisingly complex process. It's easy enough to copy the contents of your My Documents folder onto CD or DVD, but keeping the backup up to date is an entirely different matter. Add other scattered files on your hard drive, program settings and everything else you might want to safeguard to the equation, and it's no wonder that many computer users simply don't bother.

Casper XP 3 takes the hard work out of backing up by enabling you to clone your entire hard drive in a few easy steps. In order to use the program you need to

have two or more hard drives installed, or a single hard drive partitioned into a number of drives. Simply select the drive or partition you want to back up, choose where the backup should be stored and you're done.

You can opt to perform the backup immediately or schedule it for a later time; if you decide to schedule for the end of the day, Casper XP can automatically turn off your computer when the process is complete.

But just creating a backup isn't enough – as you continue to create and edit files on your computer, it's important to keep your backups up to date. This is made even faster thanks to the use of SmartClone technology, which ensures that Casper XP only copies data that's changed or been created since the last backup, dramatically



reducing processing time. These backup updates can be automated using the scheduling option, or you can create a desktop shortcut to perform the update whenever you want.

This is not only a great backup tool, it's ideal if you buy a new hard drive and

don't fancy the ideal of having to reinstall all of your favourite programs. And best of all, there's no chance of forgetting any important files, as everything is backed up for you automatically. ■

Possibly the most easy-to-use automated backup program ever released.

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

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- ◆ Restore a corrupt hard drive
- ◆ Transfer your files and settings to a new drive