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What is Disaster Recovery

First, why do you need or what is disaster recovery?

Disaster recovery is a plan that allows your servers or computers to have their data and operating system recovered (restored) quickly and effectively in as little time as possible. Conventional data backups do not perform this and would require more lengthy time to get a company back in shape.

For example, say you have a 50 user network and the main server running Windows 2008 crashes for whatever reason. Well a conventional data restore will bring your data back but what about Active Directory, what about all those user profiles, what about the passwords, what about ???

Now there are a lot of vendors out there selling a disaster recovery package and some are well known but expensive. For this article I will mention one of them that I use for my clients and, that is, [Symantec Backup Exec System Recovery Server Edition](#) . This product will not only backup your Windows Server but will also backup your client machines.

To describe the process quickly, the software makes a complete backup (image) of your server on a scheduled basis. If your server crashes (let's say it's because of a non-repairable OS issue) you can quickly recover the complete Domain Structure on this server by simply inserting the boot disk, connect to the last image saved and within an hour or two (it does depend on the size of your hard drive) you'll be back in business. Also, you can recover to dissimilar hardware in case the server was physically destroyed.

There's a lot more on this subject but if your business does not have a disaster recovery plan please contact us @ 1-603-434-5311 or [email me](#) and I can help you determine what is right for your business.

Thank You

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