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You need a good backup solution. You can use a tape drive with Veritas / NTBackup. You can use a CDRW with one of the CD writing programs (although that definitely doesn't have the same capacity as tape). Or, if you're only worried about drive corruption, install a nice big second hard drive and back up to that.

It doesn't really matter how you set your drives up this way, as your backup solution will be taking complete snapshots of the system. You can try to cheap out by just backing up the system state, but if you really want protection from malware, you should be backing up your whole system partition and all the data you care about.

Also, document your system configuration (partitions, OS, etc.) because a lot of backup solutions will require you to reinstall the OS, then the backup software, then restore everything.

Yes, I know backups are a pain in the butt, but they're what you've got to do if you really care about your information.

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"bry" <bry@bry.com> wrote in message news:emGWVI5HCHA.2644@tkmsftngp10...

> *I recently downloaded and installed some malicious code which I realized was*

> *not the update I was expecting. I turned off the system and saved most of*

> *everything but have spent a week restoring w2k to previous state. How do*

I

> *minimize this should it happen again. I currently have 3 hard drives.*

Due

> *to past circumstances, my boot drive is 40 Gig drive designated H. I also*

> *have a 16 Gig drive C and 9 Gig D. Is it correct to think that I start*

with

> *correct partitioning and layout? And if so, what is best. This computer*

is

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> *the connecting computer on dsl with two more on LAN.*

> *Thanks*

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