

O&O DiskImage Released: Professional Backup of Your Data

The sudden loss of data can be catastrophic. With O&O DiskImage Professional Edition such disasters are now a thing of the past. This new product from O&O Software creates preventative images of complete disks and partitions for safe keeping. Should disaster strike, O&O DiskImage allows for the simple restoration of those images directly from a CD, DVD or hard drive, resetting the system to its original pre-disaster condition with all of its data intact. No previous installation is required.

Berlin, November 22, 2006 – With O&O DiskImage, O&O Software has developed a new solution in the field of data backup and security in Windows. Building on the worldwide success of products such as O&O Defrag and the O&O RescueBox, the Berlin-based software developer is looking to offer the most technologically advanced backup solution on the market today.

Traditional backup solutions can only backup individual files and folders, leaving out the entire system structure of a Windows PC. For this reason, such backups do not do much good in the event of a total system crash because, despite the backed up data, Windows will still not be able to start up. For this reason, O&O DiskImage goes the extra mile and creates an exact copy, a disk image, of the entire Windows system.

In the event of a system failure or data loss, it is then possible to restore a created image to the original storage volume, letting users get back to work with their entire system completely intact. The newly restored storage volume looks and feels the same, containing exactly the same data as were present at the time of the backup. Such a solution could mean a quick fix in the event of a malfunctioning or crashed Windows operating system. Frank Alperstaedt, Managing Director of O&O Software, elaborates: "These days, repairing Windows systems infected by a virus or dealing with the damage caused by defective hardware or a destructive user can easily take an entire day's worth of toil. However, O&O DiskImage allows users to get back to work on their systems quickly and safely. Of equal importance is the peace of mind users have knowing that the loss of critical data is no longer a threat with the easy creation of backup image files made possible by O&O DiskImage."

One unique specialty of O&O DiskImage is its ability to restore data onto an affected system without any previous installation of the software itself. This O&O BareMetal Technology is available with the CD-ROM-based version of O&O DiskImage. Using a bootable CD based on Windows PE technology, users can comfortably select a stored disk image and restore it to a volume of choice even when the system will not start up.

Security Does Not Need to be Complicated!

Even for PC novices, O&O DiskImage Professional Edition is easy to use, offering a number of useful functions that make the software an invaluable ally in the fight against data loss:

Apart from the creation of entire disk images, the program also includes the option of creating incremental images. This allows for the backing up of only those files that have changed since the last backup was run, saving time and disk space in the process. When creating an entire image of a volume, users can opt to create either a forensic image, which backs up all sectors on the volume including empty ones, or an image that includes only those data segments that contain data. All data imaging takes place in the background, meaning that the user can easily continue their work on the computer even when O&O DiskImage is completing its tasks.

O&O DiskImage also can write imaged data to a writable CD or DVD. This makes it possible to create multiple image versions and store them separately from the PC for added security, or transport them to another PC.

Files can also be compressed by O&O DiskImage during the imaging process, saving valuable disk space. For increased security, this software also makes possible the encryption of imaged data according to guidelines set down by the internationally recognized AES (128 to 256-bit).

Full and incremental images can also be mounted for easy viewing direct from the Windows Explorer. Using this feature, users can then access individual files or folders contained in the backup image, without having to restore the entire image itself.

Important O&O DiskImage Features

- Sector based imaging of all drive data
- Incremental imaging of all drive data
- Support of dynamic drives, GPT disks and RAID
- Compression and encryption (up to 256-bit)
- Easy splitting of image files (automatic or user-defined) for convenient storage on multiple CDs or DVDs
- Images can be mounted as drives
- Context menu support in the Windows Explorer
- Native 64-bit and multi-processor support
- Exclusion of files/file groups and folders possible
- Easy creation and management of custom image profiles
- BareMetal Option available in the CD-based version of O&O DiskImage allowing for use of software with no prior installation

System Requirements and Versions

O&O DiskImage Professional Edition is compatible with Windows 2000 Professional and both Windows XP Home and Professional platforms. The full version is available for 49.90 EUR. The software may be ordered online or from O&O's retail partners. A

packaged version of O&O DiskImage will also be made available, which includes printed documentation and the software on CD-ROM.

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