O&O DiskImage 6: Minimize Downtime and Costs

Setting up servers anew and trying to rebuild lost data costs companies huge amounts of time and money. By continually making images of such crucial information, this risk is avoided. Should a loss occur or an operating system crash, an image means the information can be quickly retrieved and made available again.

Berlin, 25th October, 2011 - O&O DiskImage 6 not only backs up data but the entire computer. By restoring an image, the usual work environment is quickly brought back to life, regardless of whether it happens on the computer on which the image was created or on another computer. Due to popular request from our customers, the previous drive backup (image) function is now supported by a file backup (backup) feature.

O&O DiskImage 6 is available in both Server and Workstation Editions. As with previous versions, central network control of the software is made easy by the O&O Enterprise Management Console. The new version of the console which will be compatible with O&O DiskImage 6 will be available from the middle of December.

New and improved functions

File Backup: In contrast to a drive backup (image), a file backup does not save drive information. A file backup also takes up less space than a regular "security copy".

Imaging without downtime: O&O DiskImage Server Edition includes a mechanism, which ensures that the imaged data corresponds exactly to the moment the imaging process began: changes to the data set by the user or applications will not influence a running imaging process. The existing file system and the application environment have therefore no influence on the process. Only by harnessing this technology can consistent system images be created, while at the same time ensuring that the system runs without interruption, and remains continuously available.

System Restoration with Boot Medium: O&O DiskImage can bring a system back to life immediately, and with no installation required. It does so by way of a Boot Medium (USB Stick or CD/DVD) which is based on Windows Server 2008 R2 and which contains all standard drivers. Additional drivers can be attached after starting up. Thanks to the integrated system rescue tools, original systems can be restored and errors identified.

Restoration onto different hardware (M.I.R.): With the integrated function M.I.R. (machine independent restoration) it is now possible to restore a system onto different hardware. Not only can an image or clone be restored onto servers and desktops with identical hardware, they can also be restored onto machines where the motherboard or processor has been changed, for example. After the image has been restored, the new hardware can be adapted and the system is once again start-capable.

Virtual Hard Disc (VHD): O&O DiskImage can convert images of virtual hard disks from Microsoft (VHD) into O&O DiskImage image files and vice versa. A virtual hard disk can therefore be directly restored.

Visualization of data: The graphical representation of the hard disks and drives – similar to the disk management in Microsoft Windows - allows for an intuitive selection

of the volumes that are to be backed up or restored. Both free and used memory and the size of each partition are displayed, which makes managing the data easier. Integrating data from ISO files: Standard ISO files (ISO 9660) can now be mounted as virtual disks in addition to data image files.

Automation, scripting and reporting: A comprehensively configured time control enables users to comfortably create automated images with O&O DiskImage Server Edition. In addition, O&O DiskImage Server Edition can be controlled completely over script commands. Detailed reports are then compiled, informing users as to the results of every procedure or activity.

E-mail notification of imaging status: Administrators are kept themselves informed on how the image processes are going by e-mail with regular status updates. They are also informed of error messages so that they can quickly identify and resolve errors.

Various imaging methods: For a complete image, users can choose between an image of used sectors and an all-inclusive forensic image for purposes of data recovery. An incremental or differential image will only backup those data areas that have changed since the last image operation, thus saving space.

Prices and availability

O&O DiskImage 6 Server Edition including machine independent restoration (M.I.R.) costs US\$ 99.00. O&O DiskImage 6 Workstation Edition is available at US\$ 29.00. All prices include local taxes where appropriate.

Interested users can get a free trial version of O&O DiskImage 6 Workstation and Server Edition from O&O Customer Support. More information can be found on the O&O Website at <u>http://www.oo-software.com</u>.

About O&O Software

O&O develops solutions for corporate customers that not only support them in their daily activities, but also help substantially reduce their costs. Our products for system optimization, data imaging, data recovery, secure data deletion and company-wide administration are pioneers in the Windows technology sector. Together with our worldwide network of partners, we support corporations, companies, public authorities and private customers in over 140 countries, all from our headquarters in Berlin, Germany.

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