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O&O DiskImage



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About O&O DiskImage 17

Thank you for choosing O&O DiskImage!

This is something you probably know all too well: how suddenly important data can be lost as a result of a system crash or viral attack. O&O DiskImage is the ideal tool for quickly and easily taking the trouble out of such inconveniences! O&O DiskImage enables the convenient duplication or archiving of entire operating systems and individual disks. It even supports dynamic drives and RAID systems.

Create image files of your drives on a regular basis and you'll be fully protected against data loss!

You can customize the imaging methods to suit your own individual needs. Even a 1:1 image of your system or userdefined images are possible. O&O DiskImage features many other options for creating and restoring images exactly the way you'd like. As a result of the special O&O DiskImage program settings, a substantial amount of computer performance is saved, allowing you to continue working on your PC parallel to the imaging!

The following chapters will explain how you can get started and obtain the optimum usage from O&O DiskImage. We hope you enjoy our product and that it saves you valuable time, both at work and at home!

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Differences between the various Editions

O&O DiskImage is available for both desktop PCs and servers. In addition, there are specially-priced volume license packages (Combi Packs) available. For further information, please contact our sales team: sales@oo-software.com or an O&O Partner.

The Professional Edition is intended for imaging a desktop computer or individual drives. It cannot be used on a server operating system.

The Server Edition can be used on both servers and desktop computers.

Installation, licensing and uninstall

Installation

Installing O&O DiskImage is very straight forward. Please follow the steps below:

1. Start the computer on which you would like to install O&O DiskImage.
2. Login as local administrator or as a user possessing comparable permissions.
3. Start the installation file for O&O DiskImage, which you have either downloaded from our Server or have on your personal CD ROM.
4. After the setup program has been successfully initialized, please follow the installation dialog.
5. When prompted, restart your computer.

Note: Please make sure that no other backup or imaging software is installed on your computer when installing or working with O&O DiskImage. This can lead to complications with the filter driver, especially when different software is working simultaneously on multiple drives.

Enter license

Note:

In order to activate the product after installation or to gain access to the Full Version at a later time, you must possess a valid license key. This license key is also called a registration code, serial number, or product ID.

The dialog for registration always appears automatically at the start to guide you if you are using an unregistered version or have entered the registration code incorrectly.

The registration wizard allows for a simple registration process.

When you select the option **I want to enter my license**, a dialog box will appear where you can enter the registration code you received when purchasing the software.

- If you have purchased the **download version** of the software, please enter the license information ("Name", "Company" and License key), just as they are written in the confirmation E-Mail you received.
 - If you have purchased the **box version** of the software, please enter the license key as it is written on the license card included. In addition, please enter your name and if needed your company.
1. Please make sure that you do not confuse the digit "1" with "l" or enter any empty spaces where they don't belong.
 2. Press **Next** to save the registration data or **Cancel** to leave the dialog window without saving the data.

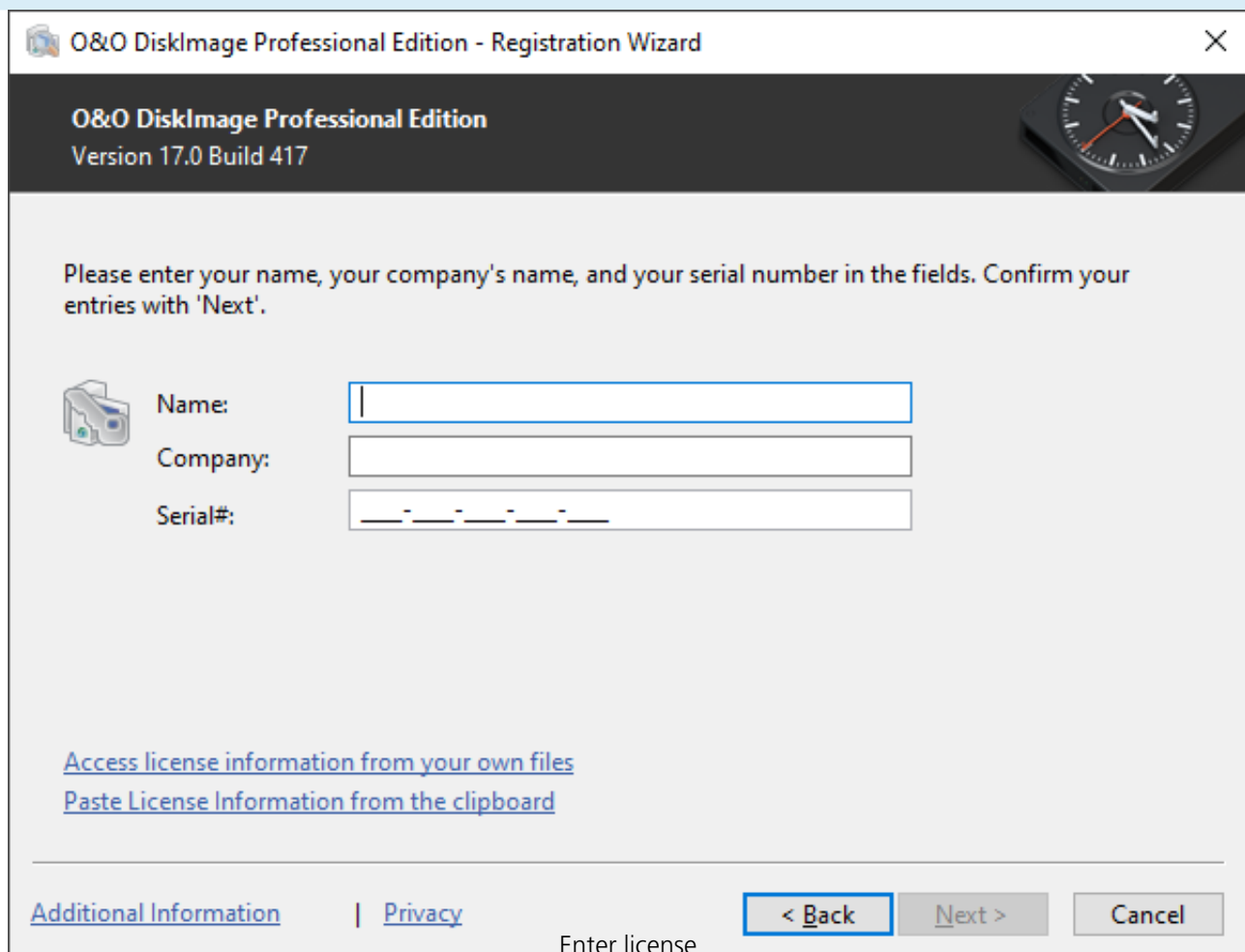
3. When you have correctly entered the license code you will receive a confirmation in the dialog window.

Should you run into any problems when entering your registration code, please contact our Support Team.

Information about licensing

You can test O&O DiskImage for 30 days free of charge and with no obligation. The remaining trial period will be displayed each time you start the program.

If you would like to implement O&O DiskImage in your company or as a technician for your customers, then please contact our resellers or distributors.

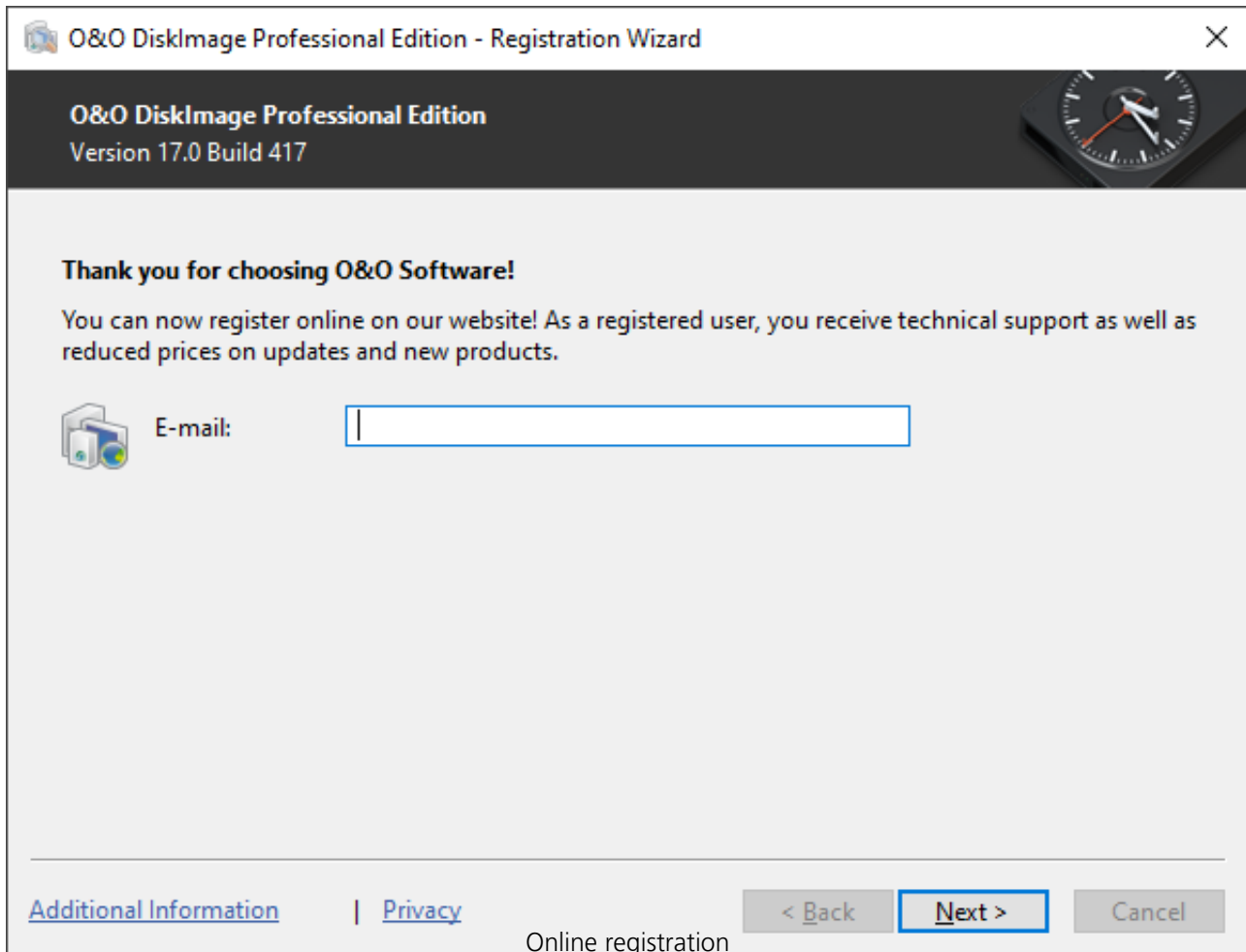


The screenshot shows the 'O&O DiskImage Professional Edition - Registration Wizard' window. The title bar includes the application icon and the text 'O&O DiskImage Professional Edition - Registration Wizard'. The window has a dark header bar with the text 'O&O DiskImage Professional Edition' and 'Version 17.0 Build 417'. Below the header, there is a clock icon in the top right corner. The main area contains the instruction: 'Please enter your name, your company's name, and your serial number in the fields. Confirm your entries with 'Next''. There are three input fields: 'Name:', 'Company:', and 'Serial#:', each with a corresponding icon (a folder for Name, a company icon for Company, and a serial number icon for Serial#). Below the input fields, there are two links: 'Access license information from your own files' and 'Paste License Information from the clipboard'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'. The '< Back' button is highlighted. The text 'Enter license' is visible at the bottom center of the window.

Online registration

To register O&O DiskImage online, you'll need the license key you received when you purchased the program.

To register online, start O&O DiskImage. The questions related to online registration always appear at the start, provided you haven't registered online.



O&O DiskImage Professional Edition - Registration Wizard

O&O DiskImage Professional Edition
Version 17.0 Build 417

Thank you for choosing O&O Software!

You can now register online on our website! As a registered user, you receive technical support as well as reduced prices on updates and new products.

E-mail:

[Additional Information](#) | [Privacy](#) < Back **Next >** Cancel

Online registration

What are the advantages of online registration?

Online registration gives you the benefit of having your customer data kept safely in our files, which means we can provide you with even better service. If, for example, you accidentally lose your license key, we can quickly resend it to you without any problem. The license key is needed for using the full version of a program, getting updates, and for reinstalling the program when you make a new setup of your computer.

Further advantages will let you:

- Be supplied with the latest information about our products
- Make free updates on new versions of purchased items (minor updates)
- Upgrade to a new version at a special discount price (major update)
- Obtain support from our customer service

How do I register online?

If O&O DiskImage was purchased on our Online Shop, you've automatically registered with us. If

O&O DiskImage purchased at a retailer, you will be asked if you want to register while entering the license information. You then have the option of either registering immediately or at another time. All you'll need is a functioning Internet connection and a valid license key.

You may also complete the registration form right here: <http://www.oo-software.com/en/register>

Just return the completed online form by clicking "Send" and you'll be eligible to take full advantage of our O&O Customer Service.

Uninstall

To remove O&O DiskImage from your computer, please follow the instructions below:

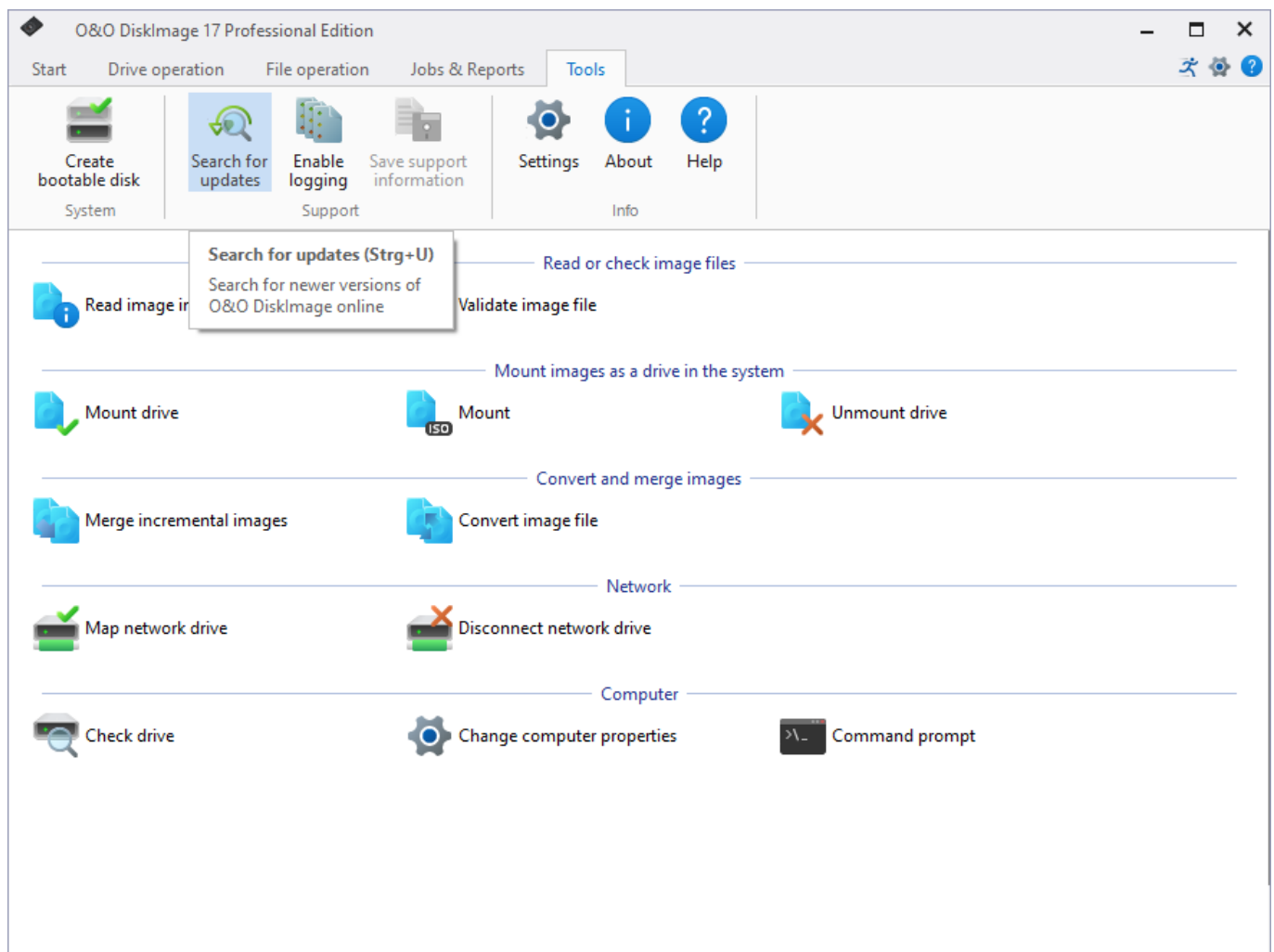
1. Open the **Control Panel** from the **Start menu** and select **Software**.
2. Select **O&O DiskImage** from the list of installed software programs and then click **Change**.
3. In the InstallShield Wizard click **Next**.
4. In the next dialog select the option **Remove program**.
5. Select **Remove the O&O DiskImage user data**, if you want to remove this together with the uninstallation.
6. Confirm the uninstallation of O&O DiskImage with **Remove**. You'll receive a confirmation notice when uninstallation is completed.
7. After a successful uninstallation, you'll need to restart the computer when prompted in order to apply all settings.

Updates

O&O DiskImage automatically checks if your program version is a current one or if a newer version is available.

Tip:

Under **Tools/About O&O DiskImage** you can see your license data and the number of your program version.



Check for Updates

So-called "Minor Updates" (Version 17.0 to 17.1, 17.2, etc.), where smaller changes in the program have been made, are free. "Major-Updates", such as from version 17 to 18, must generally be purchased.

Important!

If you are using O&O DiskImage from a network and performing a major update, you will need to copy the password file if you want to use the automatic authentication. After a full installation and the restart, you will need to place the password file in the O&O DiskImage default folder. After restarting, the password management has to be started and the password has to be entered for the password file. As a result, the required initializations will be run and automatic authentication can continue to be possible.

System requirements

- The system requirement of each operating system has to be fulfilled
- Supports 64-bit operating systems
- Windows® 8 till Windows® 11 (all editions):

	Professional Edition/Special Edition	Server edition
Windows® 11	yes	yes
Windows® 10	yes	yes
Windows® 8/8.1	yes	yes
Windows® Server 2012	no	yes
Windows® Server 2012 R2	no	yes
Windows® Server 2016	no	yes
Windows® Server 2019	no	yes

Note:

A minimum of 4GB RAM is required for booting with an O&O DiskImage bootable medium.

Note:

When using O&O DiskImage, please make sure that the disk drivers needed by your operating system are all the most current versions available. If you're unsure about this, refresh the driver(s).

Note:

Dynamic disks are only supported for those features available under Microsoft Windows. Given that Microsoft Windows does not always support dynamic disk bootability, we cannot guarantee system cloning and restoration will be successful when using dynamic disks.

Access permissions

In order to install and register O&O DiskImage you must be a member of a local administrator group or possess an equivalent level of permissions. Domain administrators normally already possess these permissions.

General Terms and Definitions

To simplify working with O&O DiskImage, certain terms will be explained in the following chapters:

Drive/Partition

A drive is a reserved area of the hard disk. Multiple drives can be found on a hard disk. In the following text, the term "drive" will be used to depict (single) partitions as well as logical drives in extended partitions and volumes.

Drives are used, for example, to separate documents from programs. A division in two partitions has become generally accepted:

- Drive C: for operating systems and programs
- Drive D: for documents, e.g. photos, Office documents, music, etc.

This, for example, makes it easier to separate data and system images with O&O DiskImage.

Image

An image is a "mirror" of your drive (partitions). This "copy" contains all information taken from the original. A special feature of an image is that the file format is specially compressed and takes up much less disk space than the original. The more often you create images of your drive, the less you need worry about data loss. Should data on the original drive be lost or damaged, you can restore your last image with all its data onto your computer. With just a few mouse clicks, you can recover the original status of your drive before the last imaging.

An image can be made up of multiple image files (*.omg). For example if one disk is not sufficient to store the image and more are needed, e.g. CD/DVDs.

The term image is also used in a wide sense for file backups.

Difference File backup and Drive image

Files are backedup directly in the form of data. This type of image includes only file information, no drive information is imaged. The file format is OBK (*.obk).

A drive image stores all used or all sectors of a drive. This automatically also creates an image of the file system and all files and folders. The file format is OMG (*.omg).

Image file

An image can be made up of one or more image files (*.omg). If, for example, the disk where you want to save the image isn't large enough, you can split the image onto multiple disks. When you split your image onto several disks, a new image file will be created on each disk and together, these image files will be parts of one entire image. It's important to number the disks (CD/DVD/Blu-ray) in case you want to later restore a drive using the image, or use it as a base for an incremental imaging.

File formats

O&O DiskImage creates its own file formats when imaging but is also able to process other file formats.

File format OMG

O&O DiskImage generates the file extension (*.OMG) for the image files it creates when imaging your entire computer or single drives. This file type can be used for further activities by O&O DiskImage, such as restoration, validation or conversion.

File format OBK

While creating a file backup using O&O DiskImage, the files and folder are compressed and stored as OBK file (*.obk).

File format VHD

O&O DiskImage is able to create and edit file formats for virtual computers (VPC/VM-Ware). This allows you to also mount a drive from an image as a virtual drive in the VPC or your VM-Ware.

File format VHDX

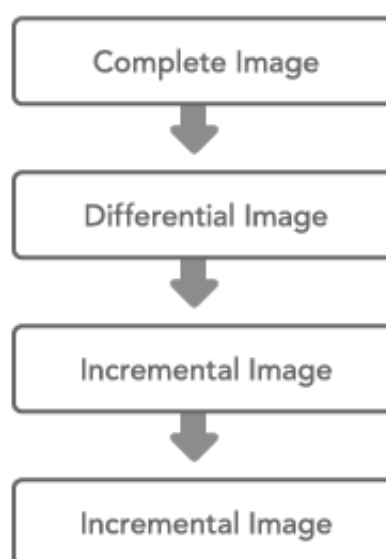
This further enhances the options for virtual environments. The main advantage of VHDX is its increased storage capacity of 64 TB (terabytes), instead of VHD's standard storage limit of 2 TB. Another advantage of VHDX is the file corruption protection.

Complete image

Using the Complete image method, the data selected for imaging will be imaged all over again and stored in a folder on the target disk. Complete images can be created using the "Used sector", "Forensic", or "Direct forensic" methods.

Differentiation: Image of the changes

If you only want to image changes of your hard disk or drives, you will need to have created at least one complete image previously. Changes made can then be saved as differential and incremental images.



O&O DiskImage: Connection between image types

Base image

A base image is an image that serves as a basis for any further image of the changes. Differential images require a complete image as a base image. Incremental images can usually be made using the last image of the changes as their base image. It's possible, for example, to use a differential image as a base image for an incremental image. In this way, an incremental image can also serve as base image for further incremental images. Also see picture in chapter Image of the changes.

Incremental images

Incremental images only save the changes made since the last base image. As a rule, data is compared using checksums in O&O DiskImage, so that the incremental image does not require a complete image as base image. The last incremental or differential image is enough for doing this. To restore an incremental image, you need the last complete image as well as all the following images recording any changes.

Differential images

Differential images compare present data with the last complete image and store only the changes. The first "successive" image after the complete image is always a differential image. To restore a differential image, you will need both the complete image and the differential image.

Supported File Systems

O&O DiskImage supports the following file systems: FAT, FAT32, NTFS and as of O&O DiskImage 12, exFAT as well.

Note:

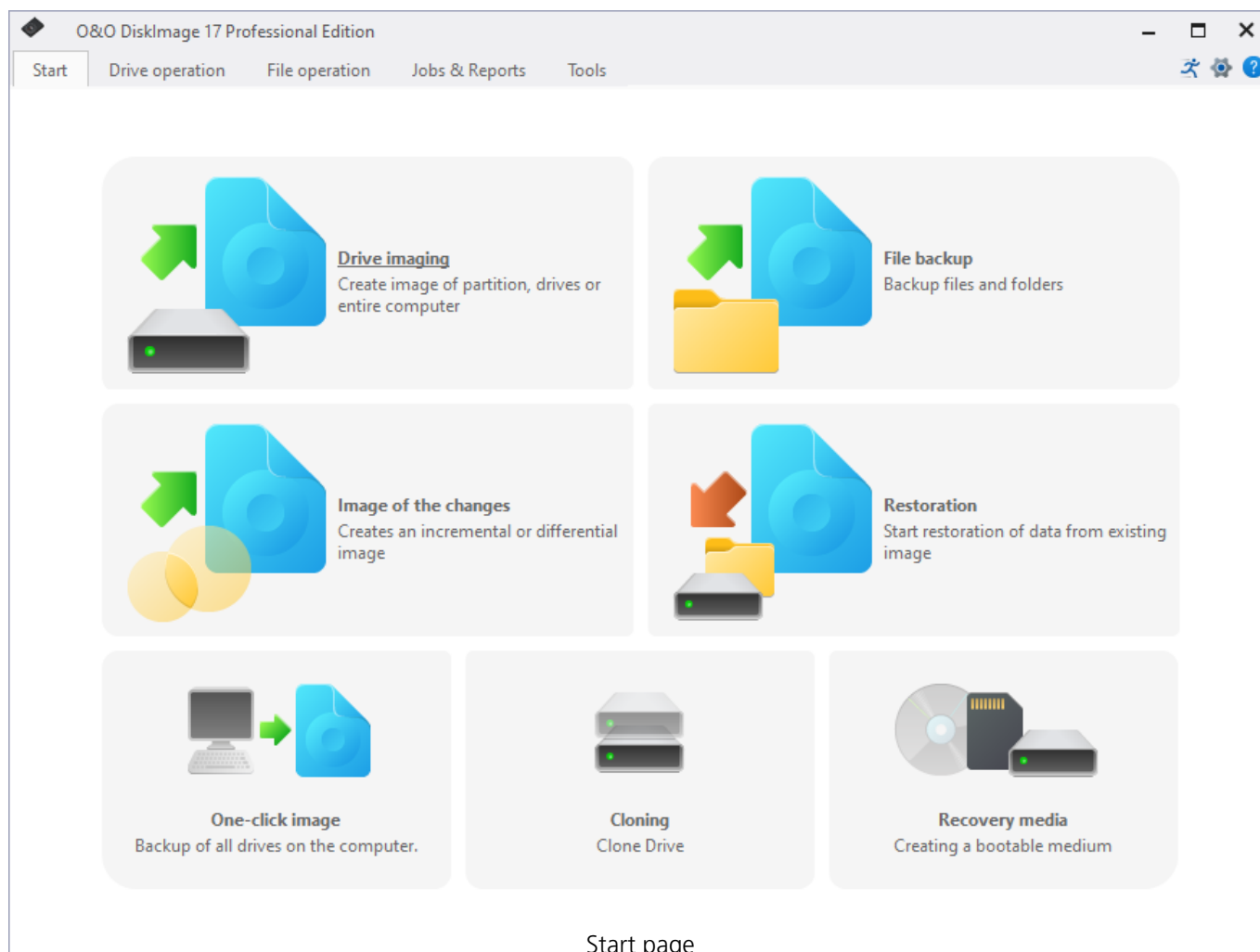
With O&O DiskImage you can backup the used sectors of all file systems that it supports. Whenever a volume or partition is found with an unknown file system, O&O DiskImage will automatically create a forensic image, i.e., an image of all sectors. If you wish to make an image like this manually, you'll need to switch from image all used sectors to forensic imaging in

imagingoptions.

File System	Explanation
exFAT	Starting from O&O DiskImage 12, the exFAT-file system is supported. This was designed especially by Microsoft in regard to flash drives, and delivers better performance than FAT. It is also much better against structural damage to the file system and protected against data loss.
FAT	FAT is the oldest data system, the roots of which go back to MS DOS. It is supported by Windows. O&O DiskImage can be used without any problem on FAT drives.
FAT32	FAT32 is the native file system of Windows 95b/98/Me. It offers some advantages compared to the older FAT. FAT32 drives are Windows-supported by default and can be defragmented without any problem using O&O DiskImage.
NTFS	The NT file system was developed completely new for the Windows NT family. It offers the option of security restrictions on the file level, increases the security against data errors, and achieves higher performance. It is supported by Windows.

Quick Start

In this section we will explain how, after successfully installing O&O DiskImage, you can take images of drives or your entire computer and restore them back to your computer.



Start O&O DiskImage

- Start O&O DiskImage via the Desktop shortcut or via the Windows menu **Start/All Programs/O&O Software/O&O DiskImage/O&O DiskImage**.
- For the simplified view select **O&O DiskImage Express**(Express View).
- **O&O DiskImage Tray** starts the TrayIcon, which is shown in the info area in the task bar and informs you on the activity status of O&O DiskImage.

You can access the program help by clicking on **Help** in the menu bar in the tab Help or by pushing **F1**.

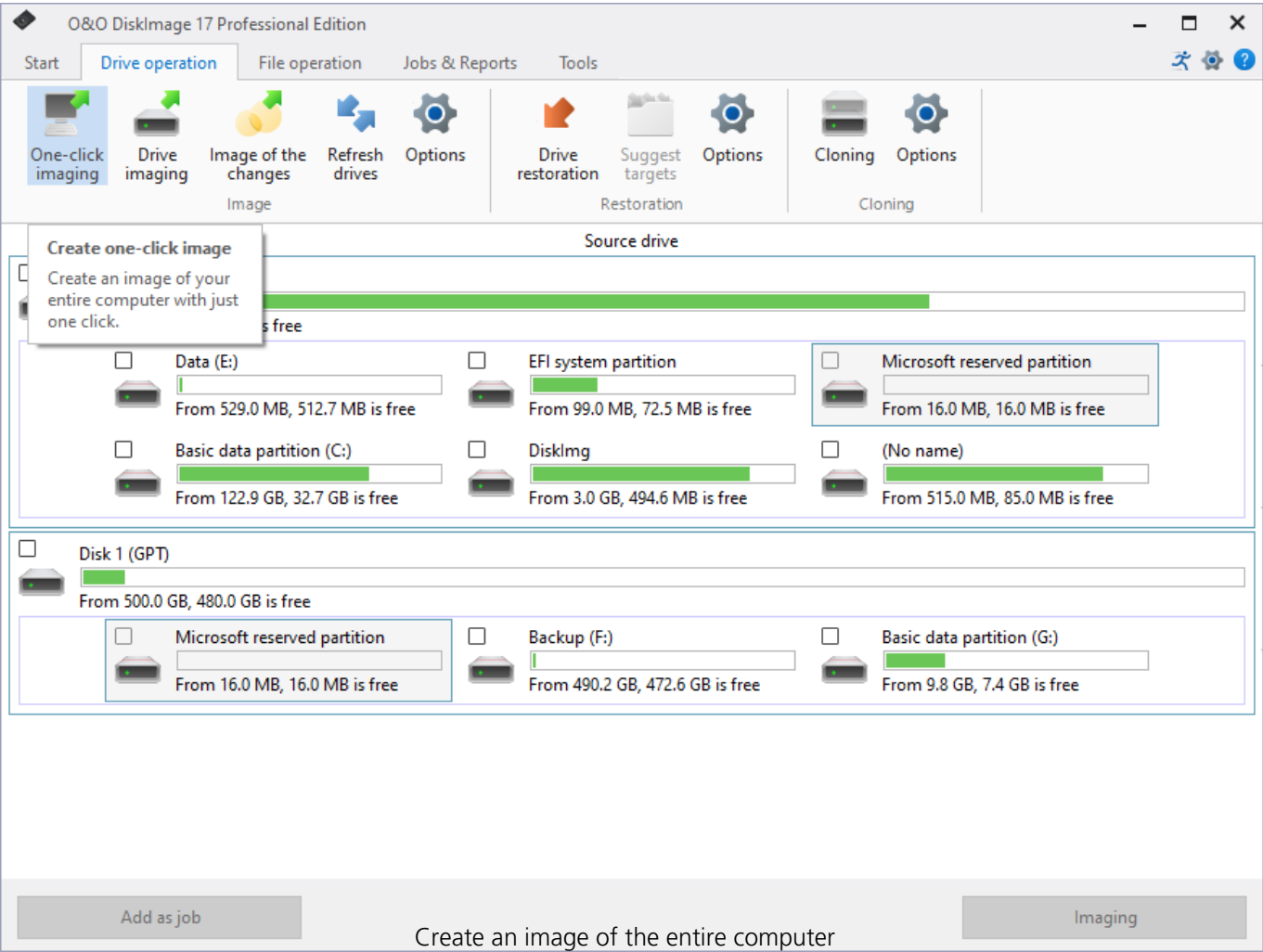
Create an image of the entire computer

One-click imaging is the fastest and easiest way to create a complete image of all your data and settings. One-click imaging is especially useful if you are using O&O DiskImage for the first time, or have not yet created an image of your computer. Your entire computer including the system partition can be imaged with just one click. The compression method (LZNT1) and the imaging method (imaging used sectors) are set as default.

Note:

We recommend using an external storage medium, e.g. a USB hard disk or a network drive, as target folder for One-click imaging.

1. Start O&O DiskImage and select **Drive imaging** on the Start page.
2. Now click the symbol **Create one-click image** in the activity bar.
3. Check to make sure the target path is set to your desired storage location. The [...] button allows you to navigate to any folder.
4. The image is automatically named after the creation date. You can however enter a name manually.
5. Click **Start** to begin the imaging process. The imaging process can take some time depending on the size of the hard disk(s).



Restore drives

To restore one or more drives from an image, proceed as follows:

1. If you want to restore one or more drives from an existing image, click **Drive restoration** on the O&O DiskImage start page.
2. Select the image you want to restore in the DropDown list of **Select image**. If the proposed images (*.obk) are not the ones you want to restore, check your drives and enter the path to the image file.
3. Select the image file (*.omg, *.vhd or *.vhdx) from the browser and click on **Open**.
4. All drives contained in the image will then be displayed.
5. Click the drive that you want to restore ("play back").
6. Then, select the target drive for restoration by checking the box next to it. You can either replace an existing drive or create a new one: for example, in an empty sector.
7. Optionally, you can specify further settings for the restoration under **Restoration options**.
8. Whenever you have specified all settings, click on **Start drive restoration** to start the restoration.

Important:

During restoration, the image overwrites your selected drive with the data of the drive contained within the image. All data saved on the target drive is thereby lost and replaced by that of the image.

Note:

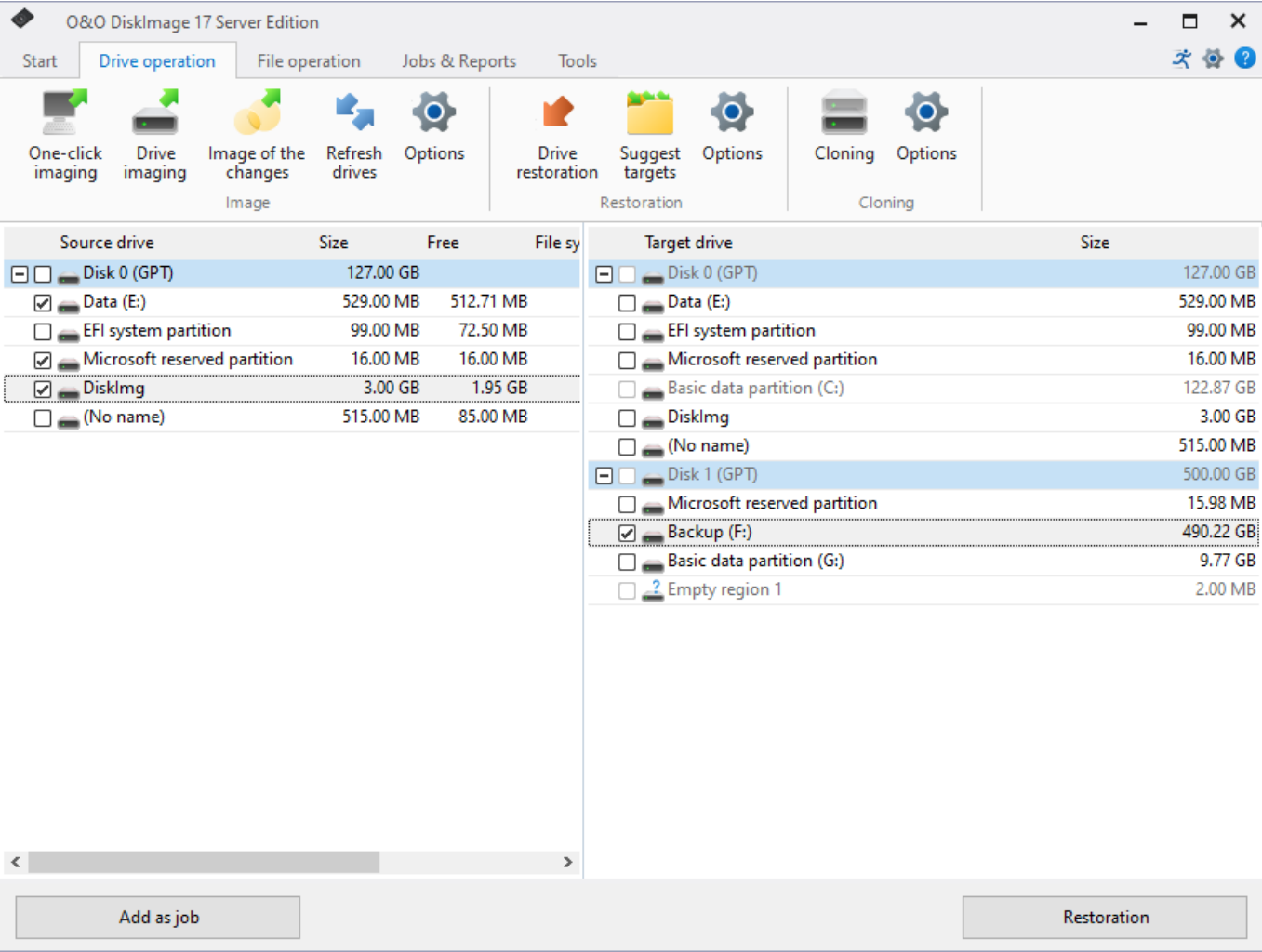
If your image is split among various disks, all these disks will be required for a restoration. If you have created an incremental image, all images - from the last complete image to the last incremental image - will be needed.

Note:

If you have imaged an entire hard disk and the restoration is run on a different hard disks, then the new hard disk must possess at least as much space capacity as the source hard disk.

Note:

If you want to restore an entire system or system partition, you'll need to start your computer with the O&O DiskImage bootable medium and perform the restoration from there, see [Start directly from the bootable disk](#). If you should run a restoration of the system partition to different hardware, read [chapter: Restoration on different hardware](#).



Restore drives

O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition

O&O DiskImage saves the recovery environment on the computer itself, so that in the event of system failure the system can be started directly from there. - including, of course, the last system image.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20XdhlTpZVI>

Thanks to the integration into the system, the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition can be accessed immediately so that the last system image can be restored directly. If the Windows operating system does not start or faulty drivers must be uninstalled, with the integrated recovery environment, all O&O tools are available to get the system up and running again as easily as possible.

More information can be found here: [Create a new O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition](#)

Restore entire computer

Restore entire computer

In order to restore your entire computer or system partition, you need to start O&O DiskImage from a bootable medium under Windows PE. Please proceed as described in chapter Start directly from bootable disk .

Tip:

For the restoration of an image onto a computer with hardware different than the source computer, please consult the notes in chapter **Machine independent restoration (M.I.R.)**.

1. Start O&O DiskImage directly from the bootable medium.
2. Select **Drive restoration** in the start page of O&O DiskImage.
3. Click **Select image** in the form field or navigate to the storage location of the image in the browser button.
4. Select the image containing the system partition i.e. all drives of your computer and click **Open**.
5. All drives included in the image will be shown in the drive list.
6. Check the drives you want to restore from the image. If you want to restore your entire computer, check all drives.
7. Then select the target drive or disk that should be overwritten with data from the image.*
8. Click the Start drive restoration symbol to start the restoration process.
9. After restoration is successful, you can restart your computer.

*Note:

Keep in mind when selecting the target drive that in Windows PE as of Windows Vista, drive letters are different: Drive C: (normaly containing the non-active operating system) will be assigned another letter (for example D).

Image individual drives

O&O DiskImage will let you image individual drives (partitions/volumes). This enables you to image system and data drives separately from each other. In case of data loss, it then only becomes necessary to restore the data drive. You don't need to restore your entire computer.

To create an image of one or more drives, please follow the instructions below:

1. In the start page select **Drive imaging**.
2. Select one or more drives from the drive list. Enable the check next to the drive you want to select.
3. Optionally, you can specify further settings under **Imaging options** or add the selected activity as **Job**.
4. To start the imaging process click on **Start drive imaging**.
5. Enter the target path of the drive on which you want to save the image. You can either accept the suggested default path or select another location. Under **Program settings**, you can also select individual default paths.
6. The image is automatically named after the date of creation. You can, however, enter a name manually. All information from the image will be saved and can later be accessed through Image Information.
7. Select **Start**. The image file will now be created.

Note:

If there is not enough space to store the entire image, you will be prompted to enter a new target path during the imaging process.

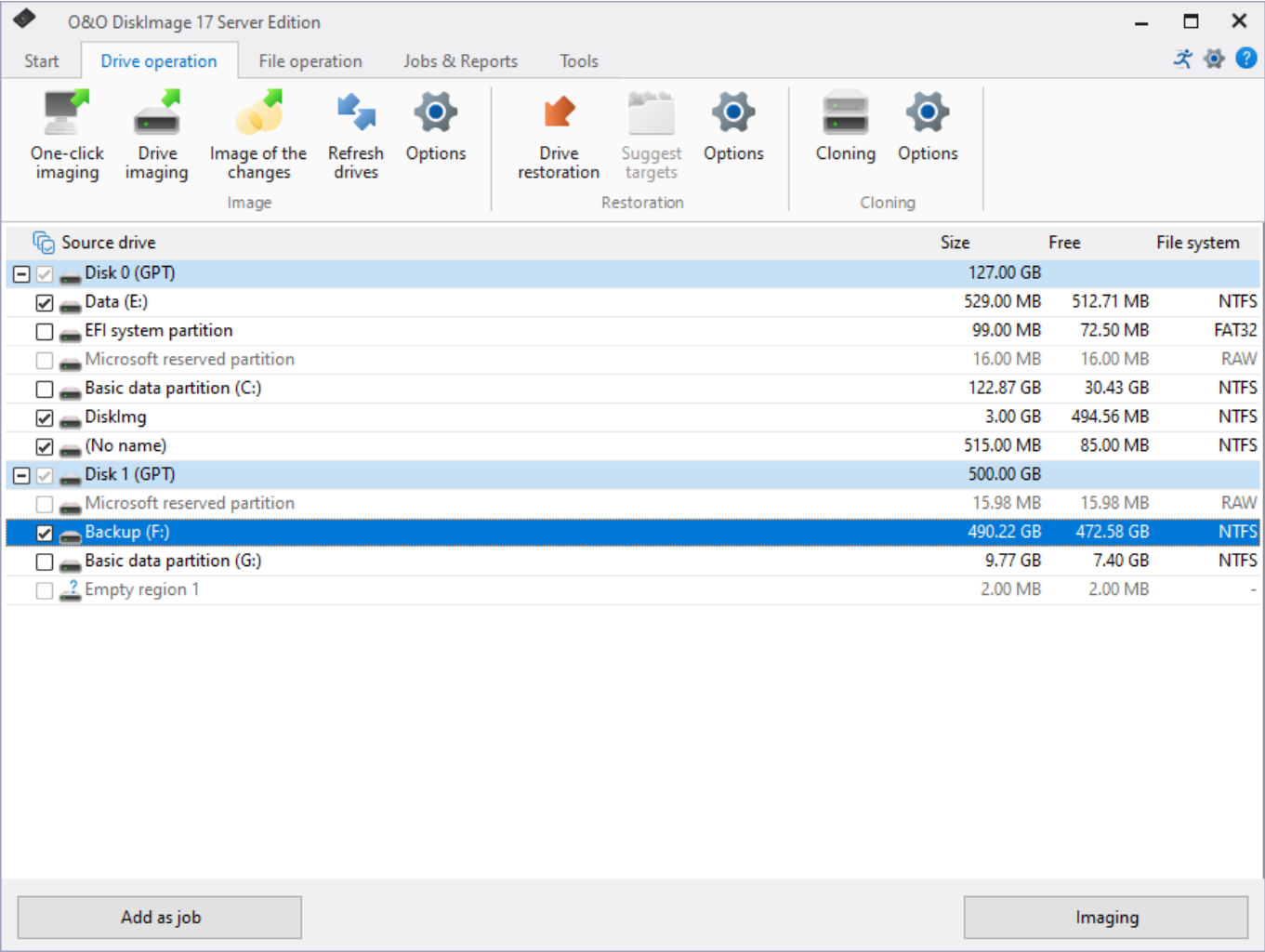


Image drives (Server Edition)

Drive lists

Although the drive list in the Professional Edition appears somewhat different than the one seen in the Server Edition, this is only a question of presentation: the functionality of both Editions is here identical.

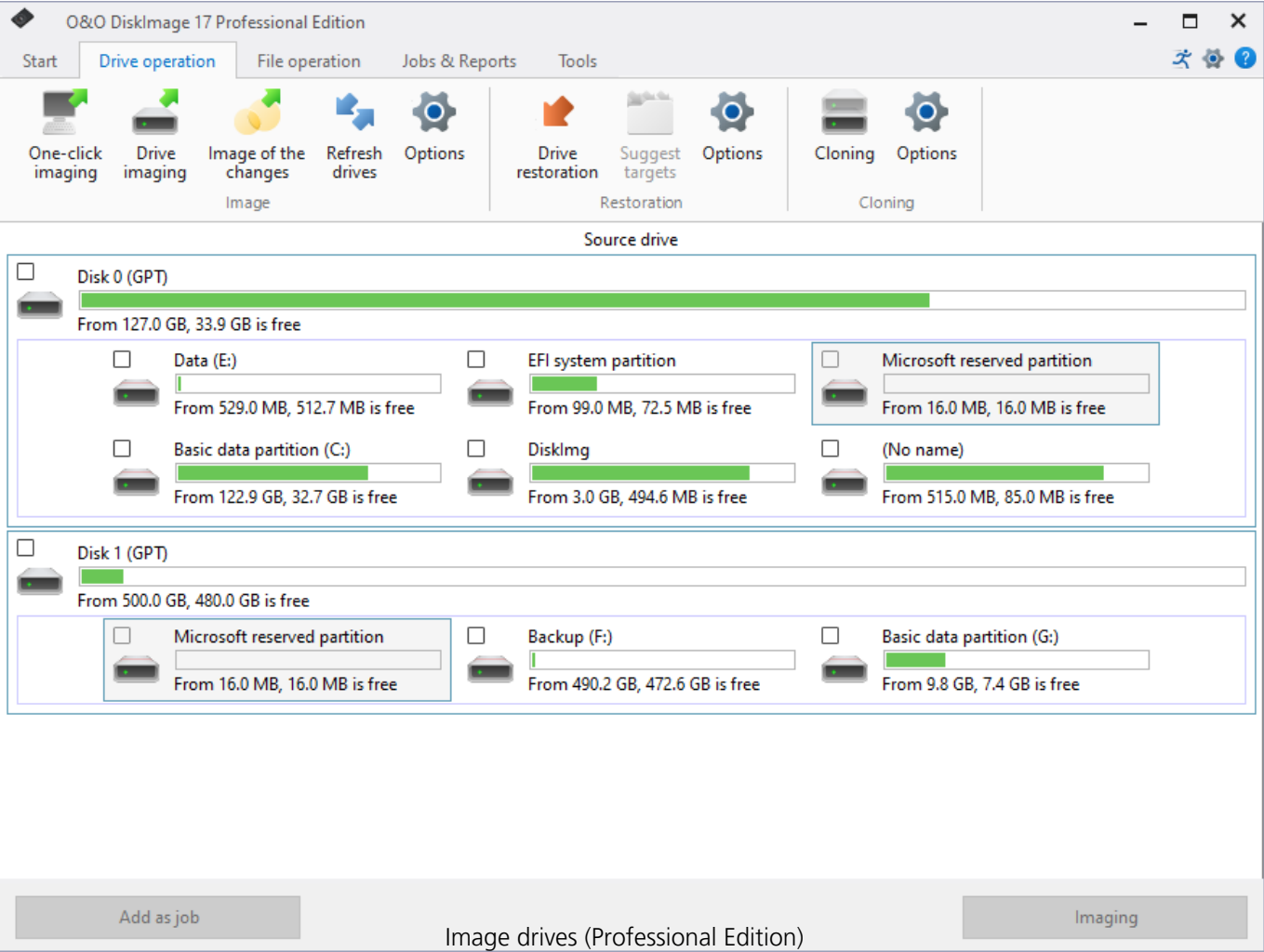


Image of the changes

If you only want to store the changes since the last image, you can create an **Image of the change**.

To create an image of the changes, you need to have created at least one complete image of the drives or folders involved.

Differential/incremental imaging

As a base image you can use either the complete image created using the “Used sector imaging”, “Forensic imaging” or “Direct forensic imaging”, or by using a previously created [incremental image/differential image](#).

Follow the instructions below:

1. Please make sure that the drive containing the base image is connected to your computer.
2. Start O&O DiskImage and select **Image of the changes** on the start page.
3. Select your base image in the explorer window and click **Open**.
4. Now you can either select the recommended target folder for saving the image, or enter a new target path. For the sake of clarity, we recommend saving the base image and any subsequent images in one folder. The image is automatically named after the creation date. You can however enter a name manually.
5. Now click **More options** (if you want to specify further settings) or on **Start** to initiate the imaging process.

Note:

When creating an image of the changes, O&O DiskImage compares each sector of the existing image with the corresponding sector of the (source) disk being imaged. This might require more time than a complete image. The image of the changes, however, takes up much less space than a complete image.

Note:

The option **Compare data with checksums** is set by default. The last incremental image is all you'll need as a base image for creating a new incremental image. **Use checksums to administer unchanged data** is not set, you will need the last base image and all the incremental images previously created, because all of them must be accessed for creating the new image.

Backup changes in a file

A complete image or a previously created image of the changes can be used as base image.

Follow the instructions below:

1. Please make sure that the drive containing the base image is connected to your computer.
2. Start O&O DiskImage and select **Start File backup** on the start page. Now select **File backup of the changes**.
3. Select your base image in the explorer window and click **Open**.
4. Now you can either select the recommended target folder for saving the image or enter a new target path. For the sake of clarity, we recommend saving the base image and its subsequent images in one folder. The image is automatically named after the creation date. You can however enter a name manually.
5. Now click **More options** (if you want to specify further settings) or **Start** to initiate the imaging process.

Cloning

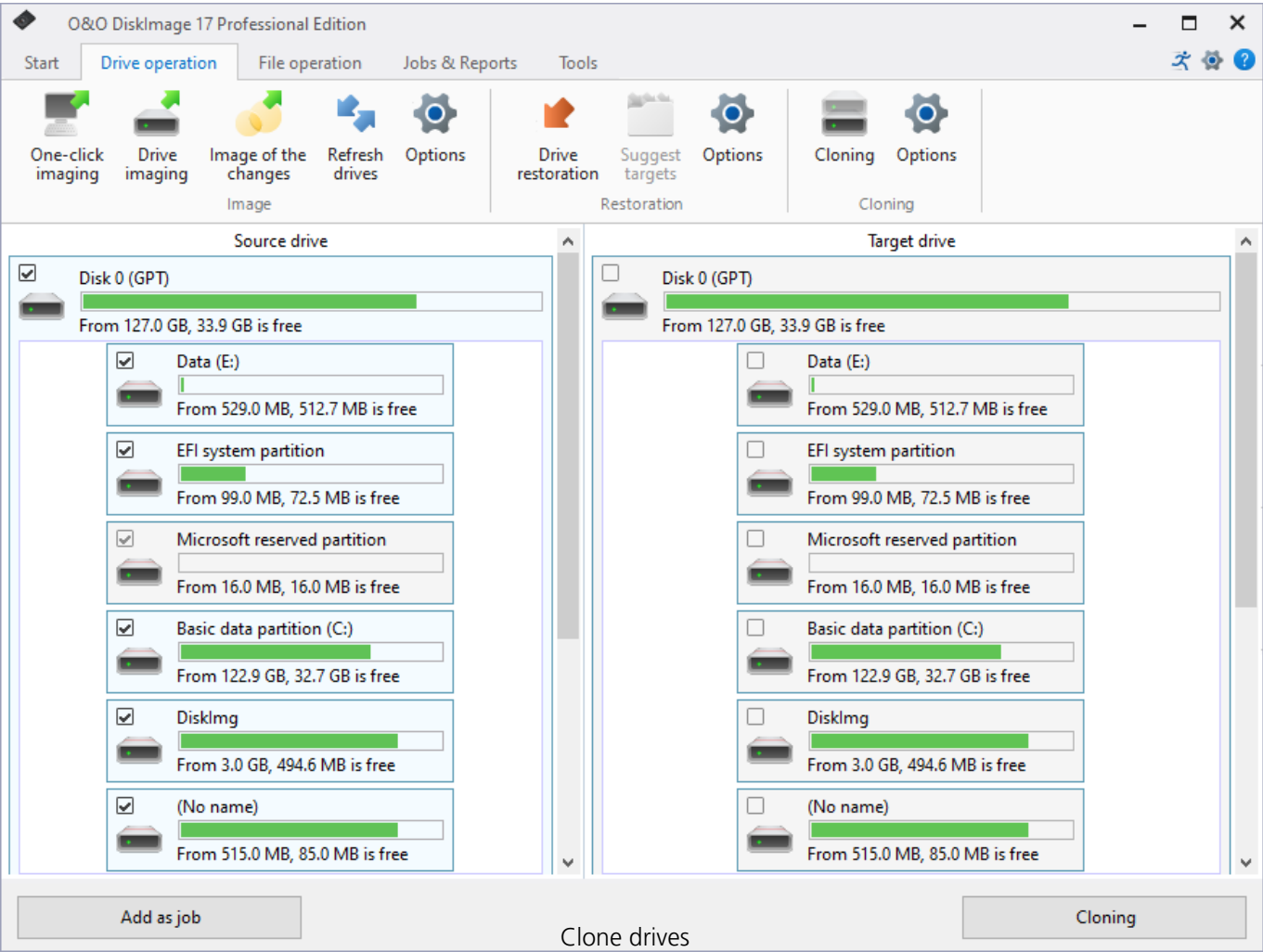
Cloning is recommended if you wish to replace one disk with a new one. This process combines imaging and restoration in one step. Cloning can be performed file-based or forensically. File-based cloning transfers all recognized data onto the target and this method is fully adequate in most scenarios.

We recommend forensic cloning for scenarios where the disk being cloned has a file system not supported by O&O DiskImage or you need to recover data. This will involve transferring every sector of the source onto the target. Forensic cloning can take some time and does place demands on computer performance.

Entire storage volumes or individual drives can be cloned, which in turn can be used instead of the originals. This function allows you to clone a drive and all its saved data without creating image files. The source disks/drives will be reproduced without any changes.

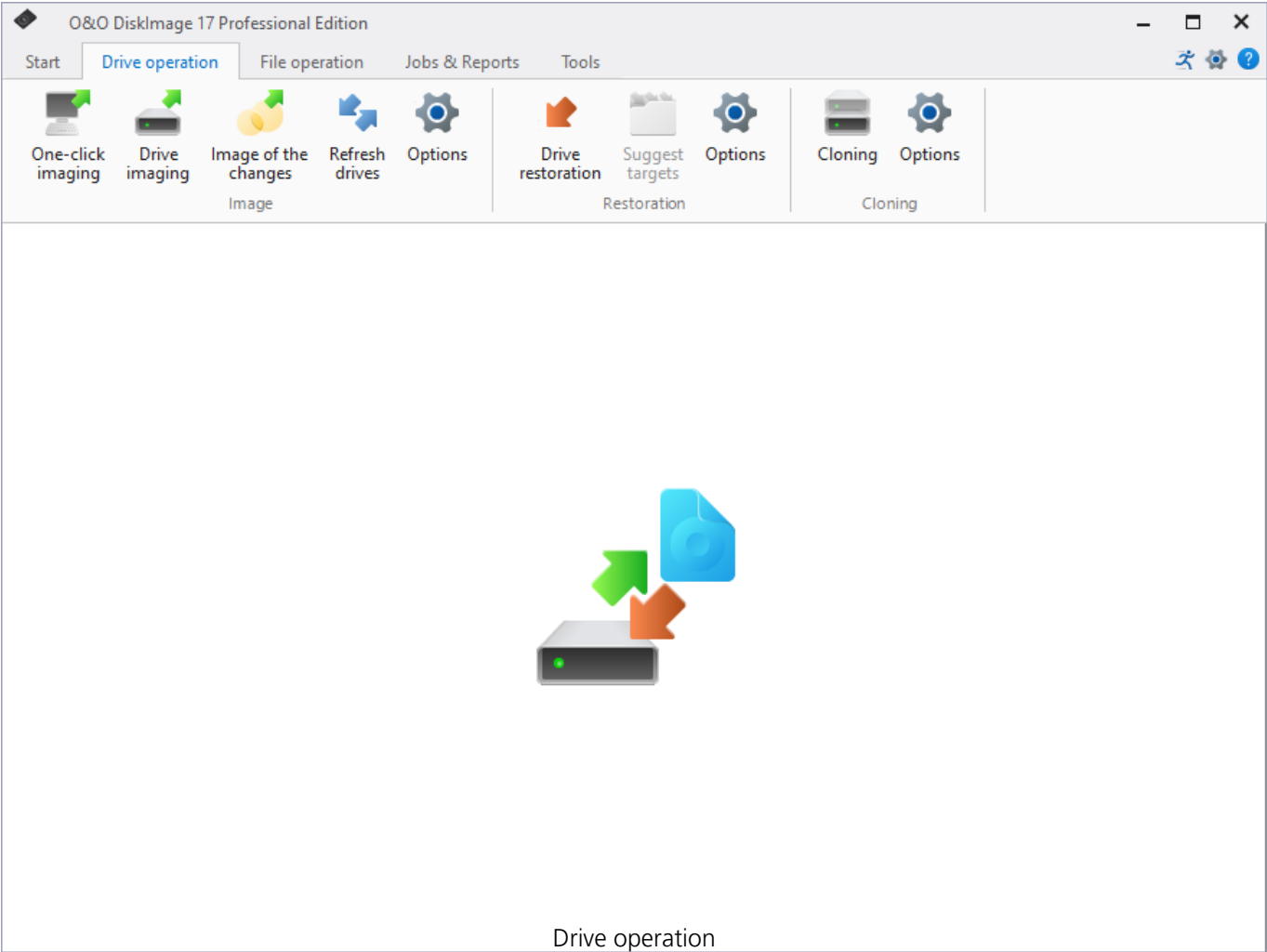
Please keep in mind that a clone requires much more free space than an image.

Unlike images, there are **no** incremental or differential clones possible for reducing the data volume of successive "Clone drives" clones. In addition, a clone **cannot** be compressed or encrypted compared to an image.



Drive imaging

All available features involving backup/imaging, cloning, or restoration can be found under **driveoperations**.



Image

O&O DiskImage offers two different types of imaging; complete imaging and imaging of the changes. Any image, regardless of the type, can be created either file-based or forensically.

A file-based complete image, such as one for partition D, contains all data found on the partition. The size of the image corresponds approximately to the used space plus the space needed for metadata. Sector-based imaging is enabled by default and is fully adequate for most user scenarios.

The size of a forensic image of a partition corresponds to the size of the disk, regardless of how the current space is allocated. All clusters of the disk will be backed up according to their current status. You can enable forensic imaging if you experience data loss and need the exact status of that disk in order to recover data, but still have to use the system. In cases like this, we recommend using the O&O DiskImage bootable disk. Doing so helps prevent O&O DiskImage from overwriting the lost data. Further information about this can be found under [Create bootable disk](#)

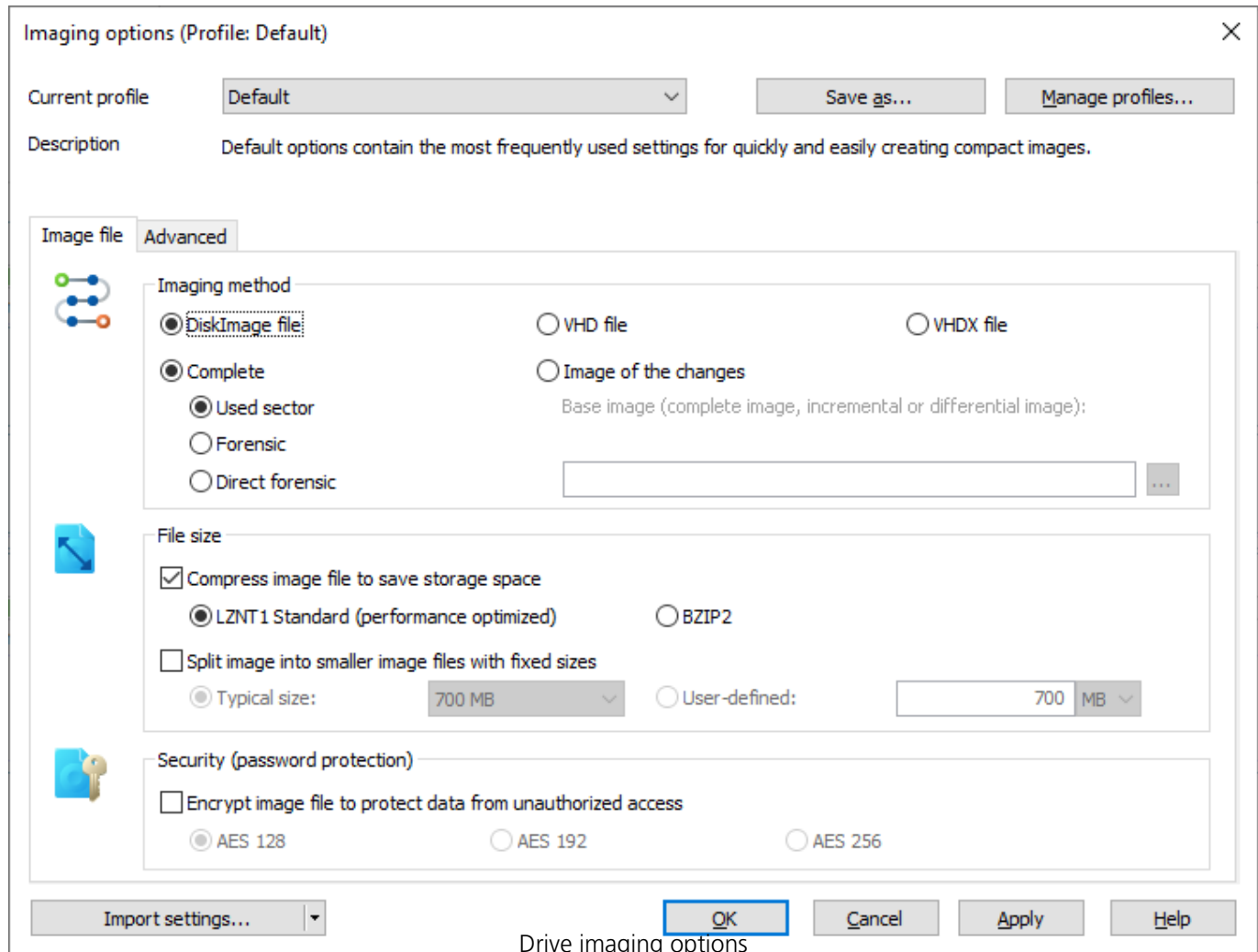
An image of the changes requires either a complete image or another image of the changes as a starting point. A check will be made to see if any data has been added, removed, or changed. These changes will then be saved in the new image. This type of imaging is especially useful for saving space. The image will be the size of the changed data plus any metadata.

Note:

For security reasons, we recommend a limit of five to ten images of the changes for every complete image. For optimal protection, create one complete image and then five images of the changes. After that, you can create a new complete image that can be used as the base for another five to ten images of the changes.

Imaging options

Under the menu heading Drive operation, you can specify settings and set them as default for every new image by clicking **Drive operation/Imaging options**.



Select imaging method

Under **Drive operation/Imaging options/Image file** you can specify which imaging method should be applied as standard to every new image. In most cases, the default option **Used sector** is recommended.

Used sector imaging

Using this imaging method will limit the imaging process to only used sectors on a drive. This method will let you save time, computer performance, and disk space. Used sector imaging is set in the program by default.

Image of the changes

If you only want to save changes made since the last imaging, select **Image of the changes** as method under Imaging options. This will allow you to create an image that saves only those changes that have occurred since the last [base image](#).

While creating an image of the changes, O&O DiskImage compares each sector of the existing image with the corresponding sector of the disk(source)being imaged. This might require more time than a complete image. An image of the changes, however, takes up much less space than a complete image.

Note:

If you want to create an image of the changes, you must have created at least one complete image of each drive that can then serve as a base image. Afterwards, the image of the changes you've created can also serve as a new base image.

Note:

The option **Use checksums to administer unchanged data** is always set by default. The last incremental/differential image created is enough to serve as the base image when creating an **Image of the changes**. If **Use checksums to administer unchanged data** is not set, you will need the last base image and all existing incremental images because these must be accessed as part of the imaging process.

Forensic imaging

This imaging method is especially useful when creating images of non-supported file systems or when, for example, you would like to recover deleted data from a source drive using special data recovery software. With this method, an exact sector-level copy of the source drive is made. By saving all sectors of a partition or drive, the unoccupied and deleted portions of file systems can be imaged in their entirety.

Direct forensic

Note:

Please note that direct forensic imaging of an active operating system is only possible if our snapshot driver is installed. It will otherwise not be possible to create a consistent image.

Direct forensic imaging is a special case. The difference, however, lies in data being read over deep system interfaces. As with regular forensic imaging, a complete copy of a source drive will be created. This makes it possible to, among other things, image an encrypted hard disk using encryption software.

Please note that direct forensic imaging is intended for imaging encrypted disks using encrypted data. This data remains encrypted even after the image is restored. If the source drive being used is an encrypted drive, only sector-based restoration is possible. The file-based restoration or browsing of such an image is not possible. In addition, spanned volumes (stripped/spanned) are also excluded from this, since the logical link here between the regions is taken over by the operating system. Direct forensic imaging makes no sense if the drives are not encrypted. Here we recommend forensic imaging because all sectors of the drive, including the sectors marked as free, will be included in the image.

Specify the size of an image file

An image can be split into multiple image files. If a disk doesn't have enough space to contain a full image of your selected drives, you will automatically be requested to enter another target location. It is also possible to manually set the maximum size of an image file before creating the image. If the image being created is larger than the entered file size, additional image files will be created.

This function is especially useful when you plan to burn your image onto a CD/DVD at a later time. Sometimes a CD/DVD is not large enough to contain the entire image file. We recommend your limiting image files to the size of the blank CD/DVD onto which you will be writing your images.

The image file can also be split at a later time using the **Convert image file** function. It is, however, recommended to split images at the time they are created to avoid any confusion that may arise.

Under **Drive operation/Imaging options/File size/Split image into smaller files with fixed sizes** you can specify the size of individual image files.

Encryption

Your data can be securely encrypted using the recognized AES method. This permits O&O DiskImage to provide your image with an extremely high level of security with a key length of up to 256 bits.

You can select the encryption level for your files under **Drive operation/Imaging options/Image file/Security**. If you then start the imaging process (**Drive imagings**), enter a password when being prompted.

A belated encryption of the image is possible under **Convert image file**.

Compress image

Under **Drive operation/Imaging options/Image file** you find the settings **Compress image file to save storage space**. You can choose from the LZNT1 Standard or theBZIP2 process.

LZNT1:This is a compression type based on the Lempel-Ziv algorithm, which is laid out on a real time application. Speed is preferred over the rate of data compression.

BZIP2: is a block type compression process. Compression rate is preferred over velocity.

You can also compress the image after creation under **Convert image file** in the Tools menu.

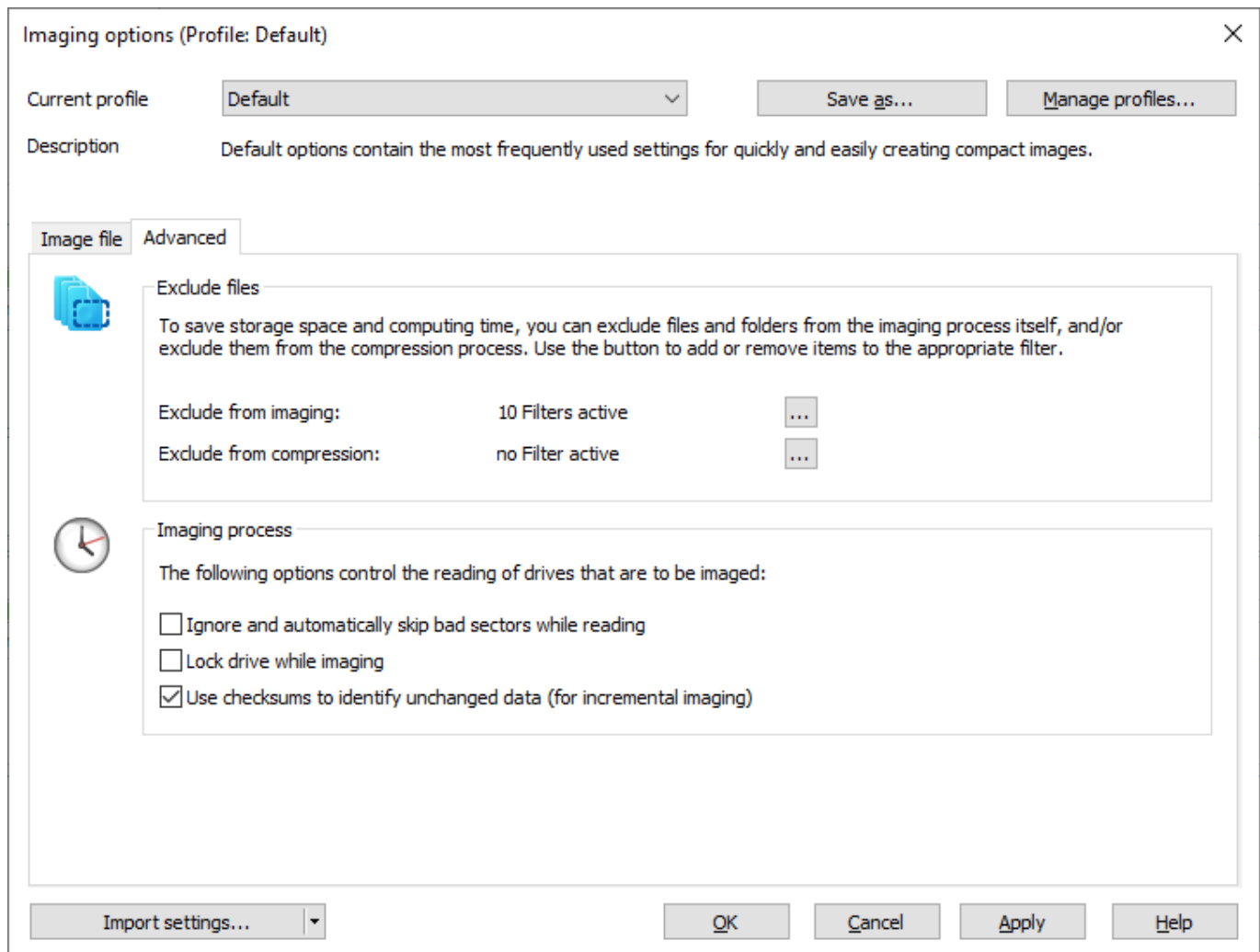
Note:

Compression increases the time required to create an image file. However, the file then requires less space on the disk.

Exclude files from an image

Note:

Several minutes may be needed for excluding files, depending on the amount of data on the hard disk.



Exclude files from an image

When using the imaging method **Used Sector Imaging** you have the option of excluding data from the image or compression. Please follow these instructions for excluding data:

1. Enable the check next to the drive to be imaged under **Drive operation**.
2. Make sure you have selected the method **Complete/only used sectors** under **Imaging options**.
3. In the **Imaging options** click on **Advanced** and open the dialogue to exclude files in **Exclude from imaging**.
4. In the right hand window select the files and folders you wish to exclude from the imaging and confirm this with **Add**. Only the data on your selected drives will be excluded.

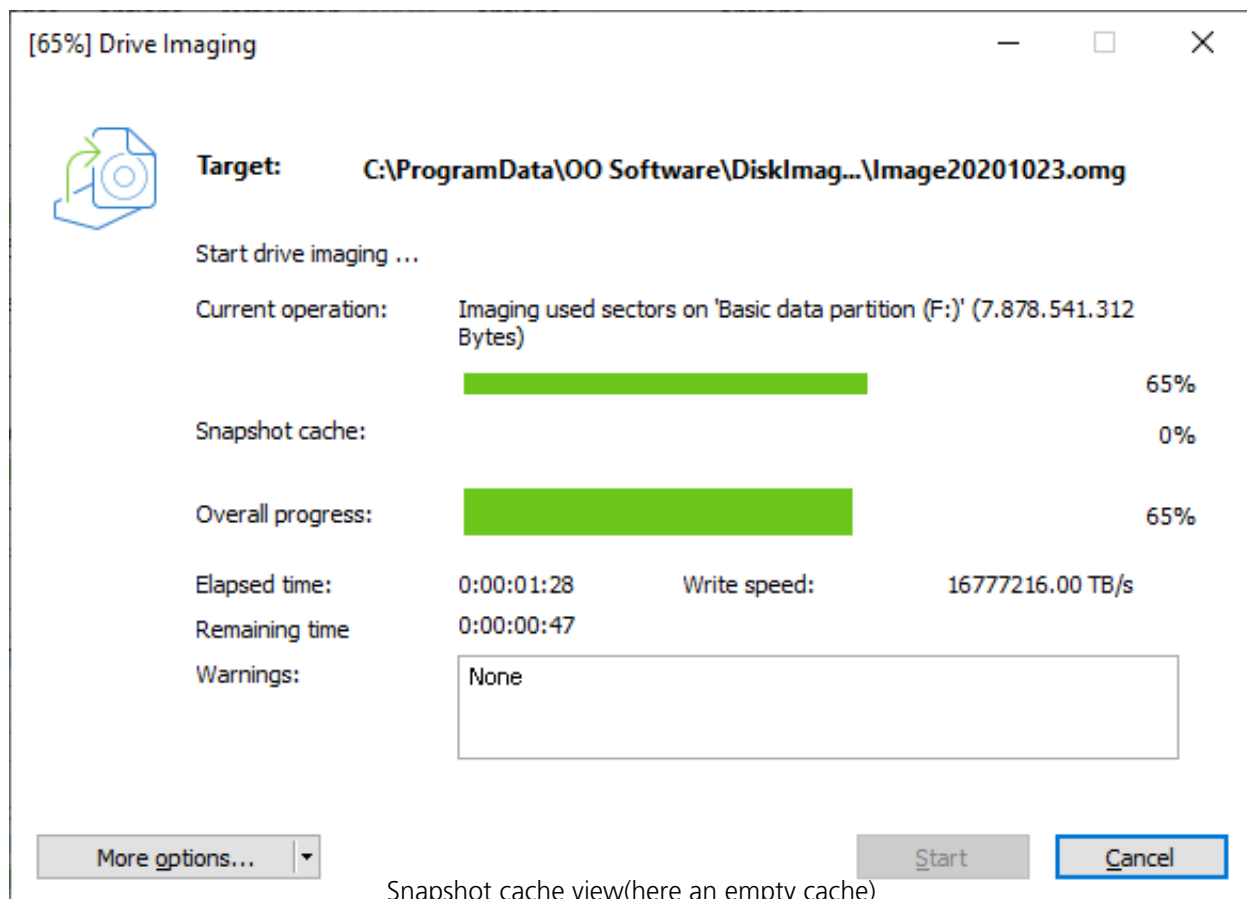
5. You can close the window after your settings are made. The changes you made will then be applied.

Exclude data from compression

Data that is already compressed, e.g. *.rar or *.zip files, will not be compressed any further during the imaging process and so may be excluded from compression. To exclude data from compression, please follow the procedure laid down in [Exclude files from an image](#).

Lock a drive

You can lock the drive you wish to image during the imaging process. This prevents any changes being made to the drive while the image is being created. The drive will no longer be displayed in Explorer and all applications will be closed. The drive is not locked by default.



To lock a drive, under **Drive operation/Imaging options/Advanced** select **Imaging procedure/Lock drive during imaging**.

If you leave a drive unlocked during an imaging because, for instance, you want to continue working on the drive, the original status will be "cached", i.e. stored in the working memory buffer. The working memory buffer space is, however, limited. You can see how much space is available by looking at the memory buffer display.

Note:

It is not possible to lock a system partition. If you want to prevent temporary files from being written onto a particular drive, enter the entry NoSnapshotTmpFiles in the Registry. More information can be found in the chapter Explanation of registry entries.

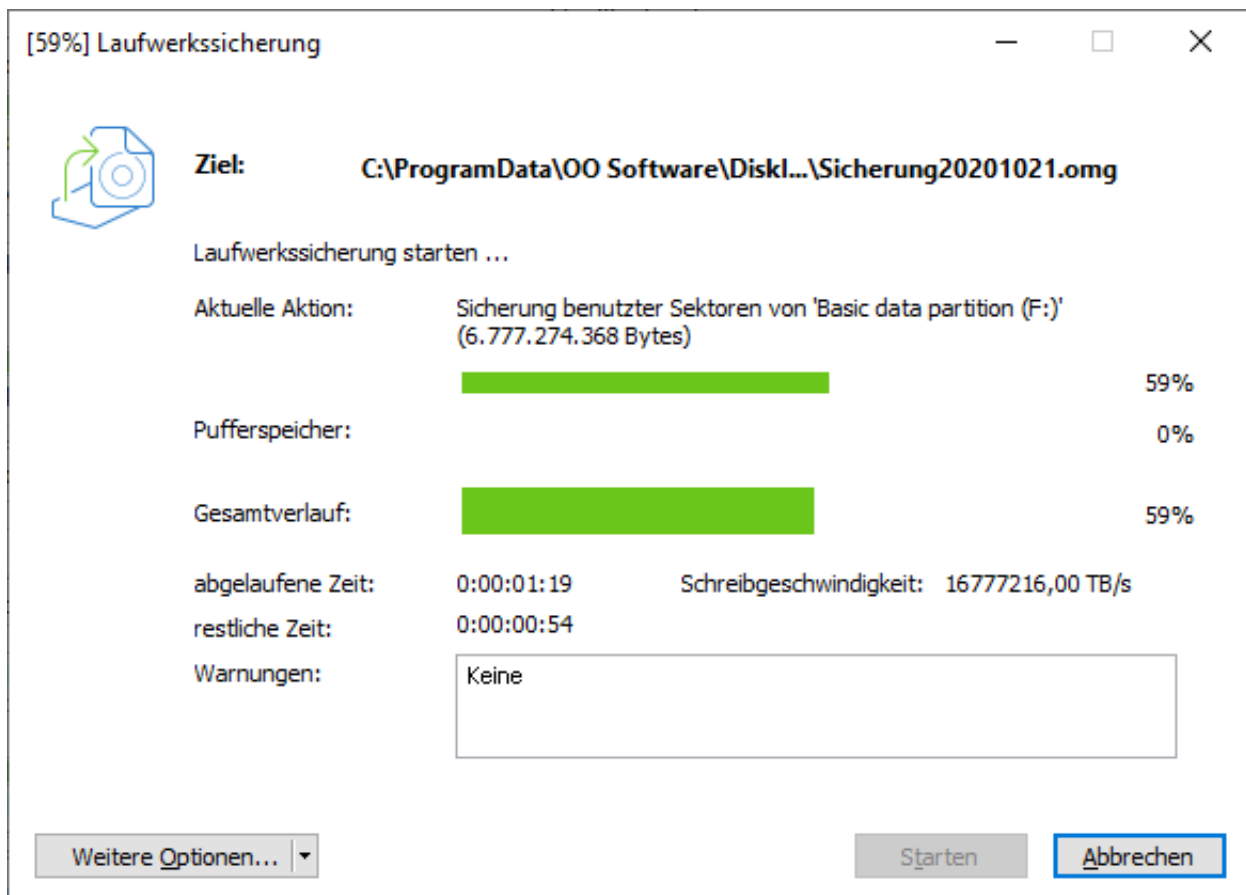
Please note:

If you exceed the available working memory, original data sectors will no longer be saved and

included in the image. This makes the image inconsistent and may render it unusable. In this case, after imaging, you should mount the image (Mount the image as a drive) and check its accuracy.

Note:

To avoid overloading the memory buffer, close or stop all write procedures on the source drive: for example, running a defragmentation.



Pufferspeicher (Snapshot-Cache-Anzeige, hier ein leerer Cache)

Ignore bad sectors

You can specify under **Drive operation/Imaging options/Advanced** whether the read process should be aborted or continued in case of error. If continued, the bad sector will be saved in the image as an unused sector. The remaining data that is still readable will then be available in the image.

- Enable the check for **Ignore and automatically skip bad sectors while reading**.

Data comparison with checksums

Unchanged data resulting from incremental images is saved using checksums by default. Such a file will be slightly larger. That's why it's enough, when creating the next incremental image, to use an existing incremental image (with checksums) as the base image. This function is activated by default. If you save all images in a single folder, you can deactivate this function. Your images will then take up less space on disk.

- Please make sure that the function **Use checksums to administer unchanged data** under **Drive operation/Imaging options/Advanced** is enabled.

Use profiles for drive imaging

Under **Drive operation/Imaging options/Current profile** you can reset current settings to **Default**, or select an already existing profile.

Under **Current profile** you can select a preset Multimedia or Archive profile. The Multimedia profile automatically excludes already compressed music and video data (i.e. *.avi, *.mp3, *.mpeg) from the compression. The Archive Profile excludes other compressed data such as *.zip or *.rar.

If you would like to save your user-defined settings, please follow these instructions:

1. Enable your settings under **Drive operation/Imaging options**.
2. Select under **Save as....**
3. Give your newly created profile a name in the dialog window and confirm.
4. Under **Manage profiles** you can change or delete an existing profile.

Image of the changes

If you only want to store the changes since the last image, you can create an **Image of the change**.

To create an image of the changes, you need to have created at least one complete image of the drives or folders involved.

Differential/incremental imaging

As a base image you can use either the complete image created using the "Used sector imaging", "Forensic imaging" or "Direct forensic imaging", or by using a previously created [incremental image/differential image](#).

Follow the instructions below:

1. Please make sure that the drive containing the base image is connected to your computer.
2. Start O&O DiskImage and select **Image of the changes** on the start page.
3. Select your base image in the explorer window and click **Open**.
4. Now you can either select the recommended target folder for saving the image, or enter a new target path. For the sake of clarity, we recommend saving the base image and any subsequent images in one folder. The image is automatically named after the creation date. You can however enter a name manually.
5. Now click **More options** (if you want to specify further settings) or on **Start** to initiate the imaging process.

Note:

When creating an image of the changes, O&O DiskImage compares each sector of the existing image with the corresponding sector of the (source) disk being imaged. This might require more time than a complete image. The image of the changes, however, takes up much less space than a complete image.

Note:

The option **Compare data with checksums** is set by default. The last incremental image is all you'll need as a base image for creating a new incremental image. **Use checksums to administer unchanged data** is not set, you will need the last base image and all the incremental images previously created, because all of them must be accessed for creating the new image.

Drive imaging

O&O DiskImage will let you image individual drives (partitions/volumes). This enables you to image system and data drives separately from each other. In case of data loss, it then only becomes necessary to restore the data drive. You don't need to restore your entire computer.

To create an image of one or more drives, please follow the instructions below:

1. In the start page select **Drive imaging**.
2. Select one or more drives from the drive list. Enable the check next to the drive you want to select.
3. Optionally, you can specify further settings under **Imaging options** or add the selected activity as **Job**.
4. To start the imaging process click on **Start drive imaging**.
5. Enter the target path of the drive on which you want to save the image. You can either accept the suggested default path or select another location. Under **Program settings**, you can also select individual default paths.
6. The image is automatically named after the date of creation. You can, however, enter a name manually. All information from the image will be saved and can later be accessed through Image Information.
7. Select **Start**. The image file will now be created.

Note:

If there is not enough space to store the entire image, you will be prompted to enter a new target path during the imaging process.

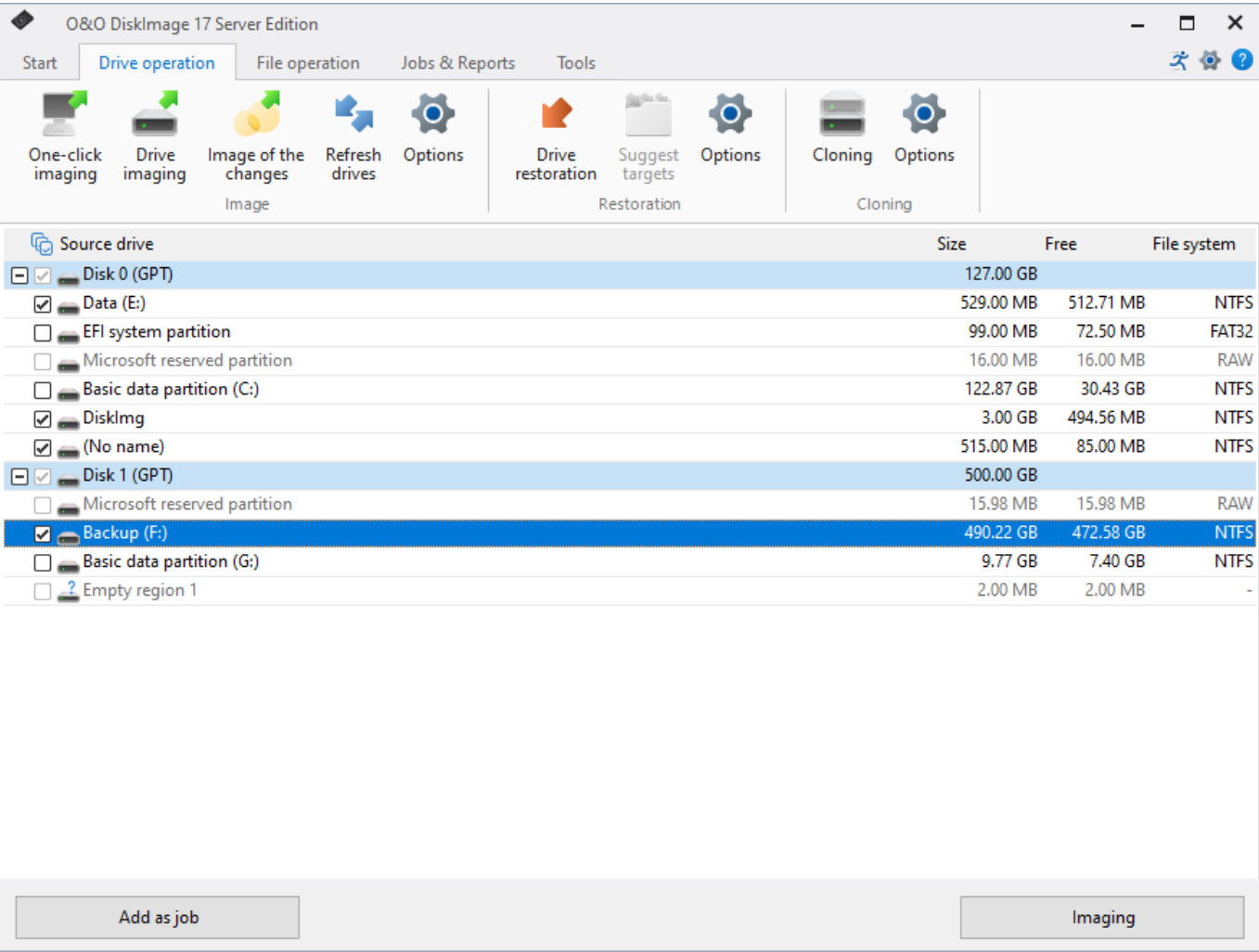
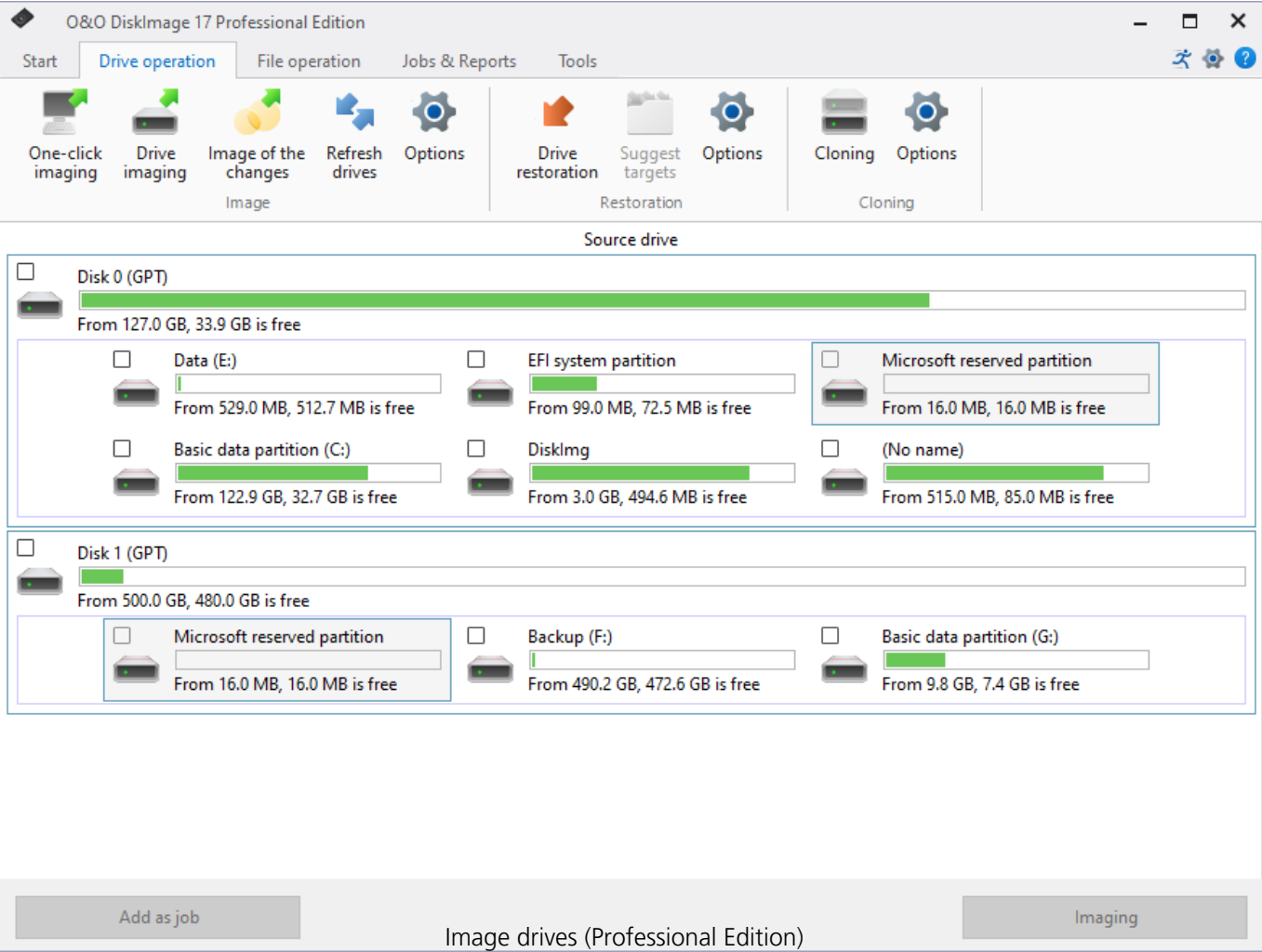


Image drives (Server Edition)

DiskView

The interactive graphical display gives you an overview of all the hard disks. You'll be able to see used space, as well as the size of the partitions. You can select a drive for imaging.



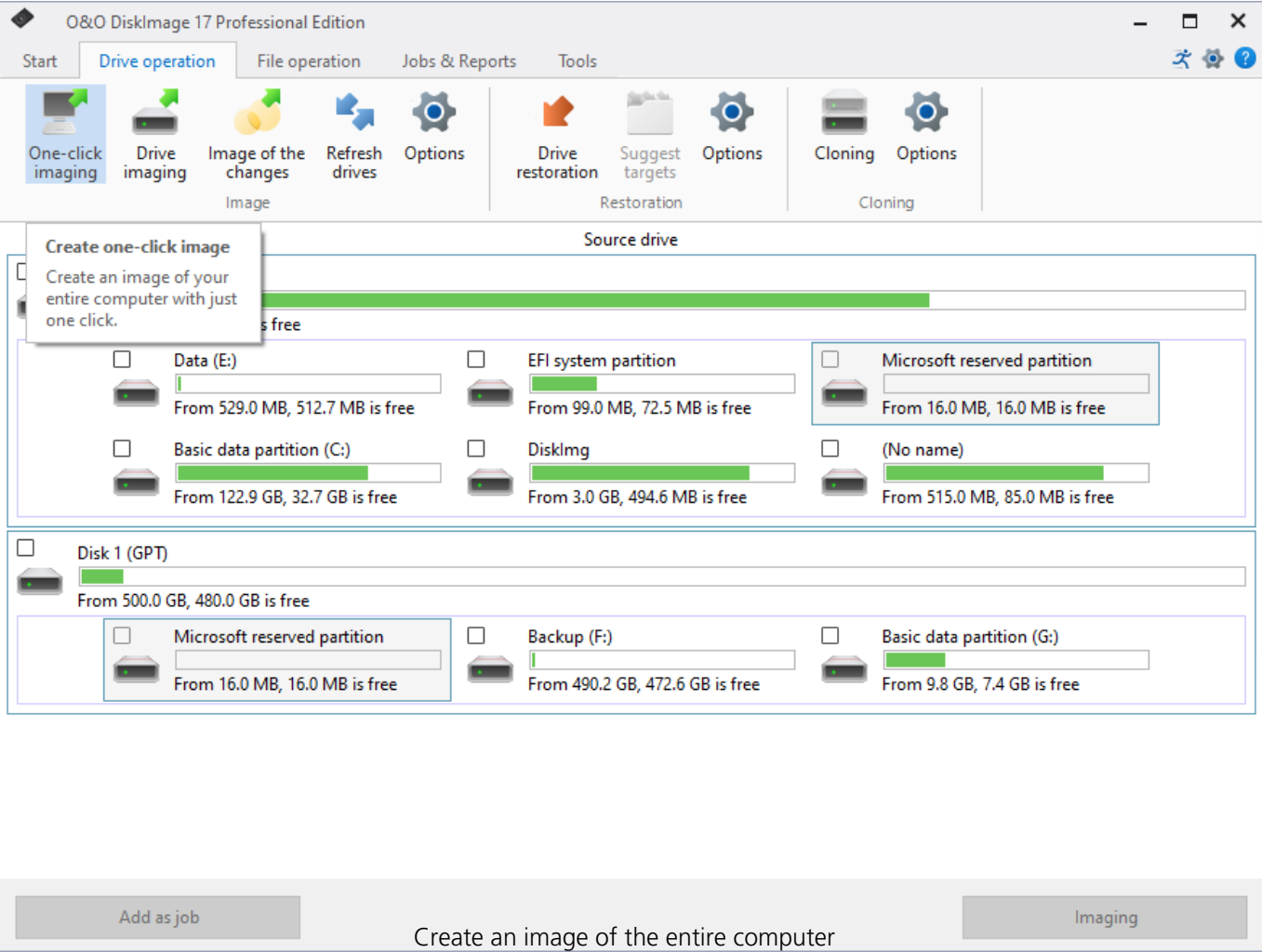
One-click image

One-click imaging is the fastest and easiest way to create a complete image of all your data and settings. One-click imaging is especially useful if you are using O&O DiskImage for the first time, or have not yet created an image of your computer. Your entire computer including the system partition can be imaged with just one click. The compression method (LZNT1) and the imaging method (imaging used sectors) are set as default.

Note:

We recommend using an external storage medium, e.g. a USB hard disk or a network drive, as target folder for One-click imaging.

1. Start O&O DiskImage and select **Drive imaging** on the Start page.
2. Now click the symbol **Create one-click image** in the activity bar.
3. Check to make sure the target path is set to your desired storage location. The [...] button allows you to navigate to any folder.
4. The image is automatically named after the creation date. You can however enter a name manually.
5. Click **Start** to begin the imaging process. The imaging process can take some time depending on the size of the hard disk(s).



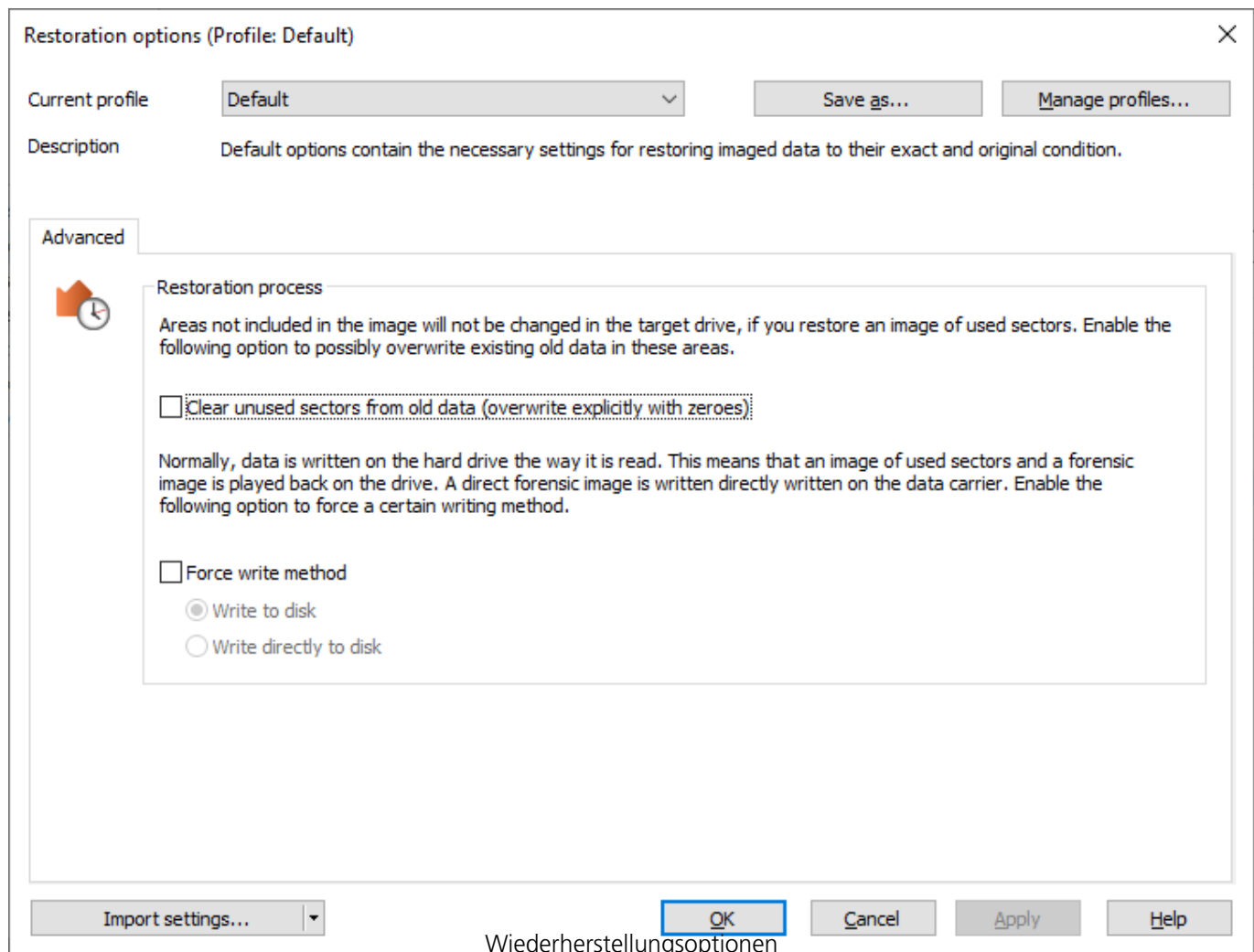
Restoration

Restoration will be optimized according to the type of imaging. In most instances there's no need to make any changes to the settings.

If you want to restore an image of the changes, enter the image that contains the time frame or database you want. Please note, however, that all previous images of the changes as well as the corresponding complete image must be available!

Restoration options

Under **Drive restoration/Restoration options** you can specify additional settings for the restoration of drives from an image.



Create a restoration profile

Under **Drive restoration/Restoration options** you can return the current settings for an imaging back to their default settings or select an already created profile.

Under **Current profile** you can choose between **Default** and **User-defined**.

If you want to save your user-defined settings, do the following:

1. Enable your settings under Restoration Options
2. Select **Save as**
3. Give your newly created profile a name in the dialog window and confirm.

Under **Manage profiles** you can change or delete an existing profile.

Force writing method

Under **Drive restoration/Restoration options/Advanced** you can force a writing method.

"Write to drive" is the default writing method used during restoration of images created with the "Used sector" or "Forensic" methods. "Write directly to disk" is the only writing method used during "Direct Forensic" cloning. You can, however, force a user-defined writing method.

Enable **Force writing method** and select the respective method.

Using the option **Write to drive**, data will be written to the drive with help from the operating system, and not from the offset to the disk.

With the option **Write directly to disk**, you can decide whether a restoration should be written directly to a disk, bypassing the file system driver. This function applies especially to encrypted disks and is required for restoring any disks that have been imaged using the direct forensic method.

Overwrite unused sectors

Under Drive **restoration/Restoration** options you can overwrite unused sectors explicitly with zeros: Data that has been stored in these areas cannot be restored - not even with specialized data recovery software.

Drive restoration

To restore one or more drives from an image, proceed as follows:

1. If you want to restore one or more drives from an existing image, click **Drive restoration** on the O&O DiskImage start page.
2. Select the image you want to restore in the DropDown list of **Select image**. If the proposed images (*.obk) are not the ones you want to restore, check your drives and enter the path to the image file.
3. Select the image file (*.omg, *.vhd or *.vhdx) from the browser and click on **Open**.
4. All drives contained in the image will then be displayed.
5. Click the drive that you want to restore ("play back").
6. Then, select the target drive for restoration by checking the box next to it. You can either replace an existing drive or create a new one: for example, in an empty sector.
7. Optionally, you can specify further settings for the restoration under **Restoration options**.
8. Whenever you have specified all settings, click on **Start drive restoration** to start the restoration.

Important:

During restoration, the image overwrites your selected drive with the data of the drive contained within the image. All data saved on the target drive is thereby lost and replaced by that of the image.

Note:

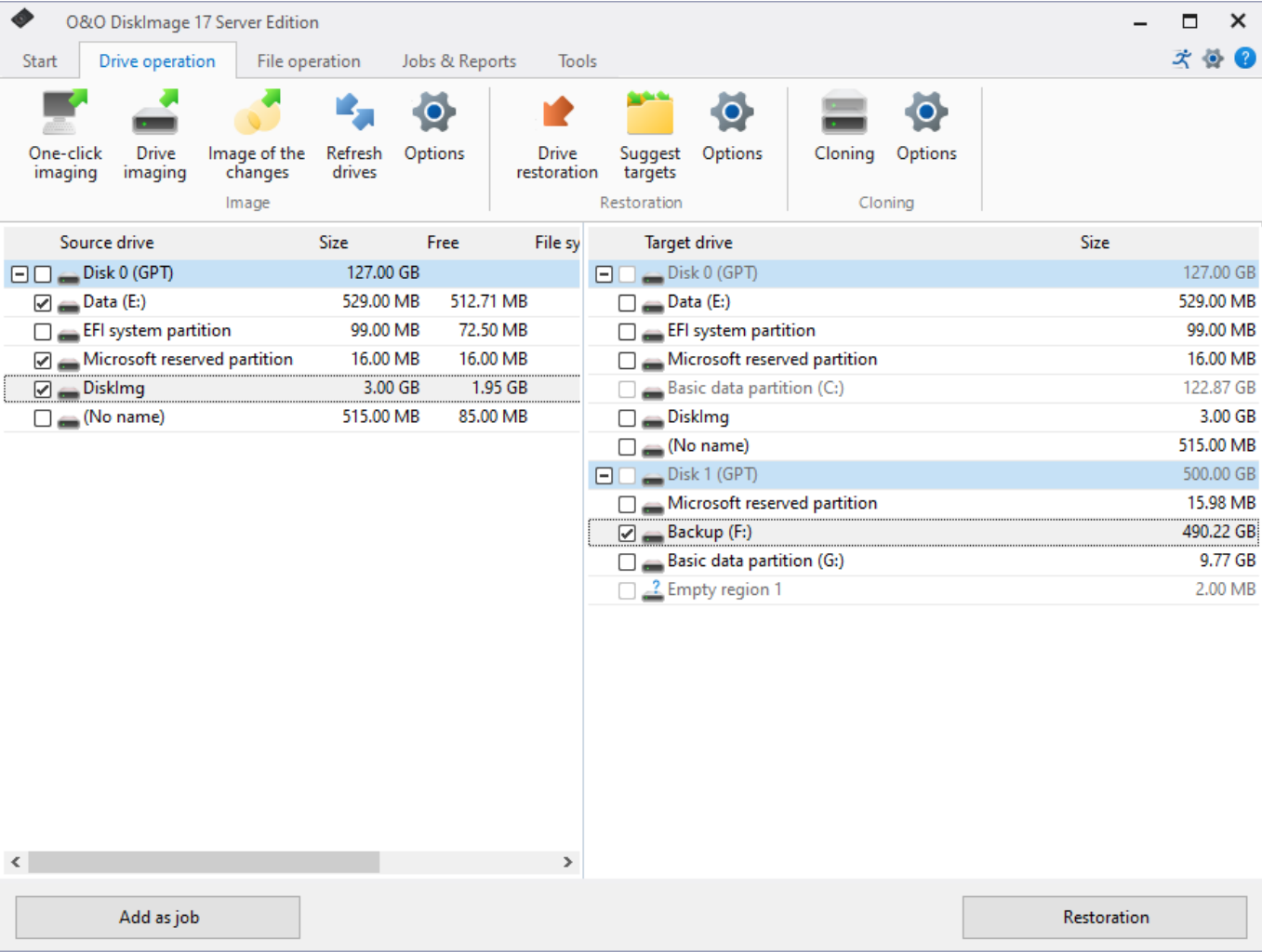
If your image is split among various disks, all these disks will be required for a restoration. If you have created an incremental image, all images - from the last complete image to the last incremental image - will be needed.

Note:

If you have imaged an entire hard disk and the restoration is run on a different hard disks, then the new hard disk must possess at least as much space capacity as the source hard disk.

Note:

If you want to restore an entire system or system partition, you'll need to start your computer with the O&O DiskImage bootable medium and perform the restoration from there, see Start directly from the bootable disk. If you should run a restoration of the system partition to different hardware, read chapter: Restoration on different hardware.



Restore drives

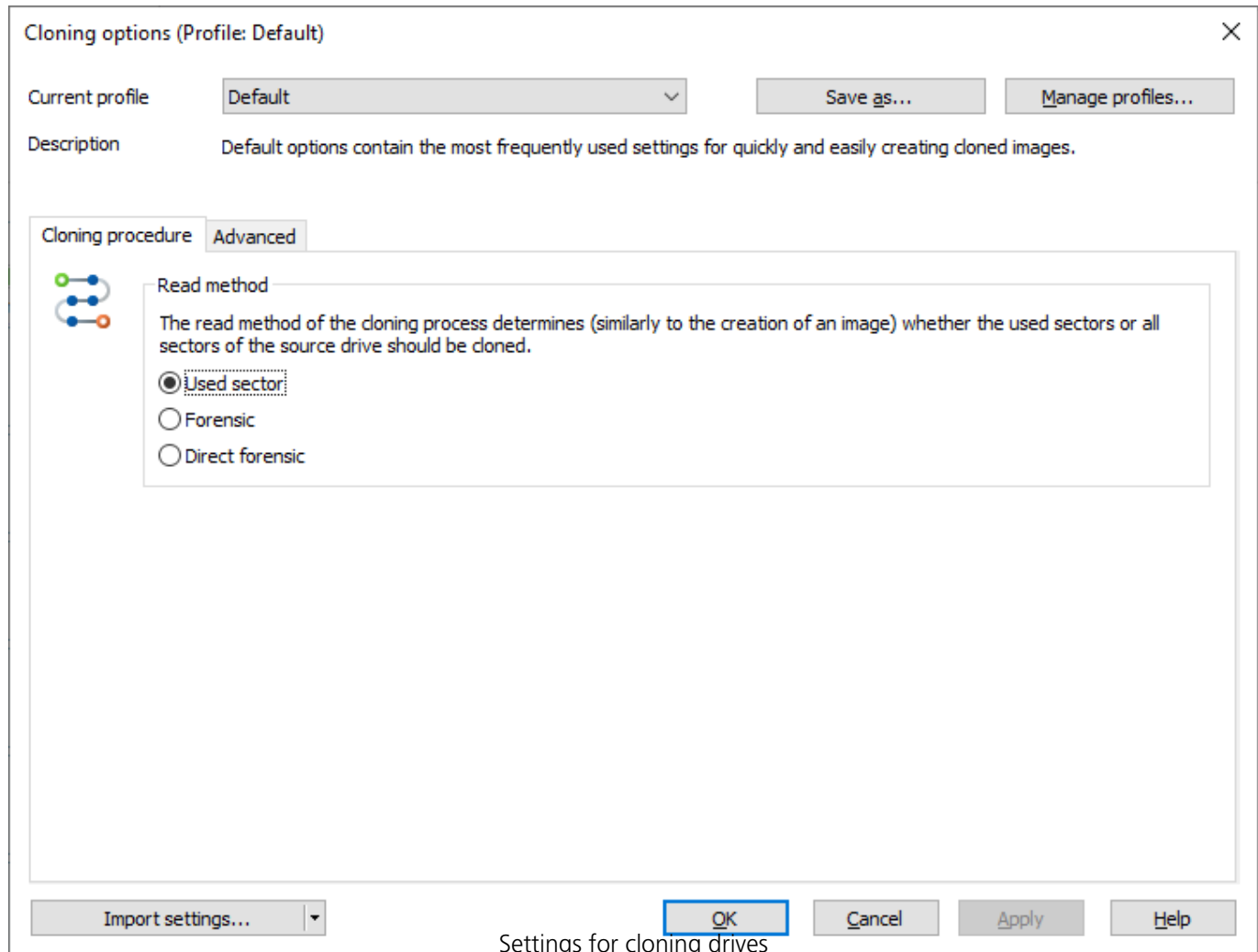
Cloning

Cloning is recommended if you wish to replace one disk with a new one. This process combines imaging and restoration in one step. Cloning can be performed file-based or forensically. File-based cloning transfers all recognized data onto the target and this method is fully adequate in most scenarios.

We recommend forensic cloning for scenarios where the disk being cloned has a file system not supported by O&O DiskImage or you need to recover data. This will involve transferring every sector of the source onto the target. Forensic cloning can take some time and does place demands on computer performance.

Cloning options

Under **Clone drive/Cloning options** you can specify further settings to clone drives. To specify the settings, you need to open the Cloning options window.



Set read method

Under **Clone drive/Cloning options**, you can set your individual read method just as you can when creating an image. (Cloning method). The cloning methods are constructed in a way similar to the imaging methods.

It's possible to choose from "Used sector", "Forensic" or "Direct forensic" methods. You can read more about this under Select imaging method.

Lock a drive

You can lock the drive you want to clone during the cloning process. This prevents interim changes to the drive being made during creation. The drive will no longer be displayed in Explorer and all applications will be closed. The drive is not locked by default.

1. To lock a drive, enable it under **Clone drive/Cloning options /Advanced/Read procedure**
2. If you leave a drive unlocked during cloning, because, for instance, you want to continue working on the drive, the original status will be "cached", i.e. stored in the working memory buffer. The working memory buffer is however restricted. You can see how much is available in the Memory buffer display.

Note:

Locking a system partition is not possible. If you want to prevent temporary files from being written on a particular drive, make the entry NoSnapshotTmpFiles in the registry. More information can be found in the chapter **Explanation of registry entries**.

Please note:

Should you exceed the available working memory, the current changes will be written directly to the target drive. This makes the image inconsistent and may render it unusable.

Note:

To avoid overloading the memory buffer, close or stop all write procedures on the source drive, for example, running a defragmentation.

Ignoring bad sectors

You can specify under Clone **drive/Cloning options/Advanced** whether the read process should be aborted or continued in case of error. If continued, the bad sector will be saved in the copy as an unused sector. The remaining data that are still readable will be present in the image.

Write over unused sectors

You can specify that unused sectors of the source drive be overwritten with zeros under **Clone drive/Cloning options/Advanced/Clear unused sectors from old data**. By enabling this function, you will not be able to restore data of the empty areas from the drive clone.

This function will be run during the next clone activity of the selected drive.

Tip:

If you delete data normally under Windows, it still remains intact on the hard disk. The data will no longer be accessed by the operating system and remains invisible for the user. The space is declared as free area by Windows. This data can still be restored using special software. To make sure that nobody can restore data from the drive clone, enable the function **Clear unused sectors from old data**. After overwriting, not even specialized data recovery software will be able to restore this deleted data.

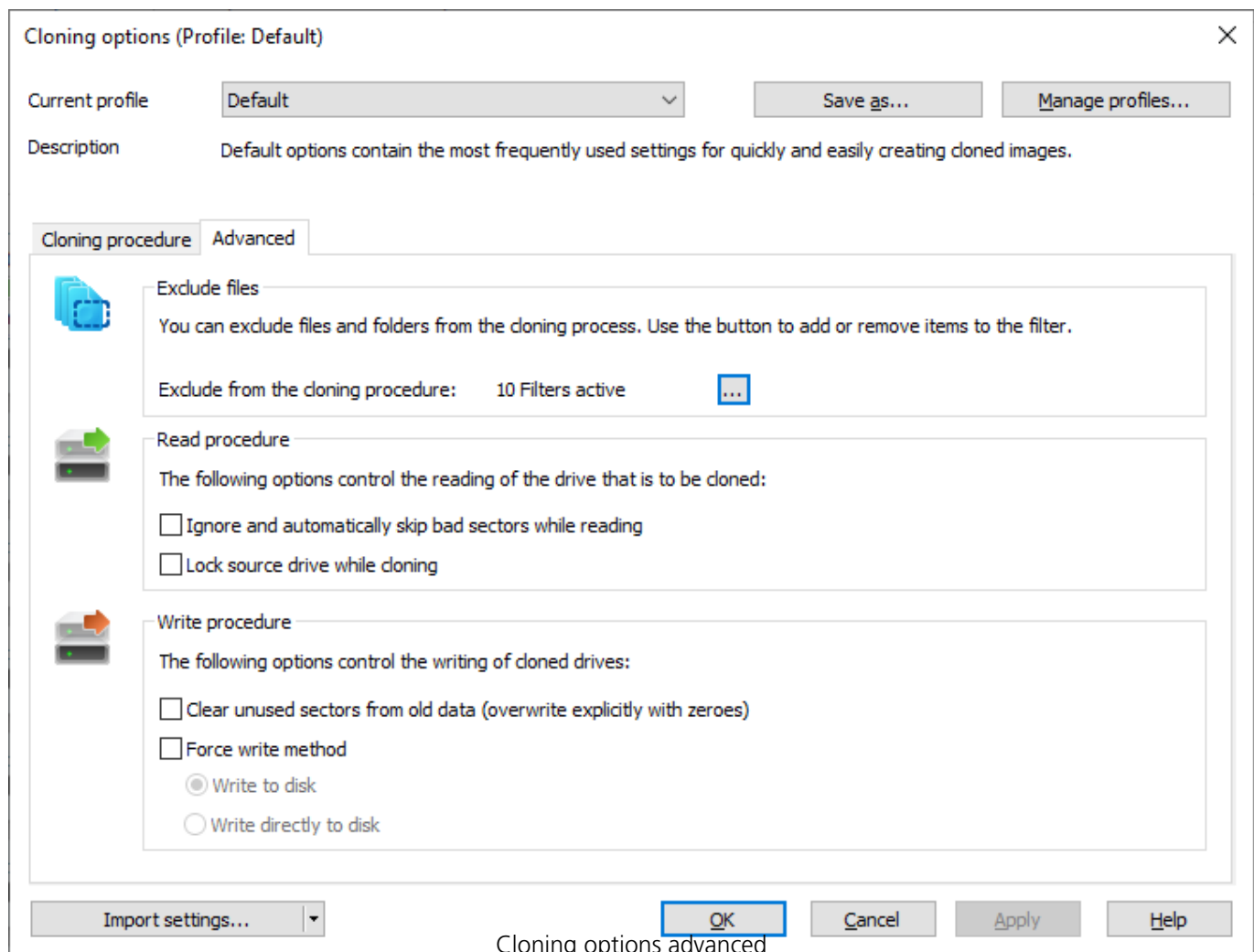
Force writing method

Under **Clone drive/Cloning options/Advanced** you can force the writing method. "Write to drive" is the default writing method used for the "Used sector" and "Forensic" cloning methods. "Write directly to disk" is the only writing method used during "Direct Forensic" cloning. You can, however, force a user-defined writing method.

Enable **Force writing method** and select the respective method.

Using the option **Write to drive**, data will be written to the drive with help from the operating system, and not from the offset to the disk.

With the option **Write directly to disk**, you can decide whether a restoration should be written directly to a disk, bypassing the file system driver. This function applies especially to encrypted disks and is required for restoring any disks that have been imaged using the direct forensic method.



Create a profile for cloning

Under **Clone drive/Cloning options**, you can reset the default settings for cloning or select an existing profile.

Under **Current profile** you can choose between **Default** or **User-defined**. If you wish to save your user-defined settings for cloning, please follow the instructions below:

- Select **Save as** and enter a name for the new profile.
- Under **Manage profiles** you can change or delete an existing profile.

Clone drives

Entire storage volumes or individual drives can be cloned, which in turn can be used instead of the originals. This function allows you to clone a drive and all its saved data without creating image files. The source disks/drives will be reproduced without any changes.

Please keep in mind that a clone requires much more free space than an image.

Unlike images, there are **no** incremental or differential clones possible for reducing the data volume of successive "Clone drives" clones. In addition, a clone **cannot** be compressed or encrypted compared to an image.

1. Select **Clone drive** in the Quickaccess bar.
2. Select the drive which you want to clone by enabling the check next to each drive or the entire disk.
3. You can set additional settings for cloning under Cloning options.
4. You can then specify the target drive. Simply enable the check next to the drive or the disk.
5. In the following dialog under **Advanced**, you can specify whether certain functions should be executed when cloning is completed. These functions are disabled by default.
6. Once you've enabled all your settings, click **Start cloning**, to begin the cloning process.
7. You can also "recopy" your clone in exactly the same fashion - to put it back on your computer/driver.

Important!

When cloning your drive (source drive), the selected target drive, will be overwritten. All data stored on it will be deleted and replaced by the clone! You should therefore save the clone on something like an external hard disk chosen for this purpose.

Note:

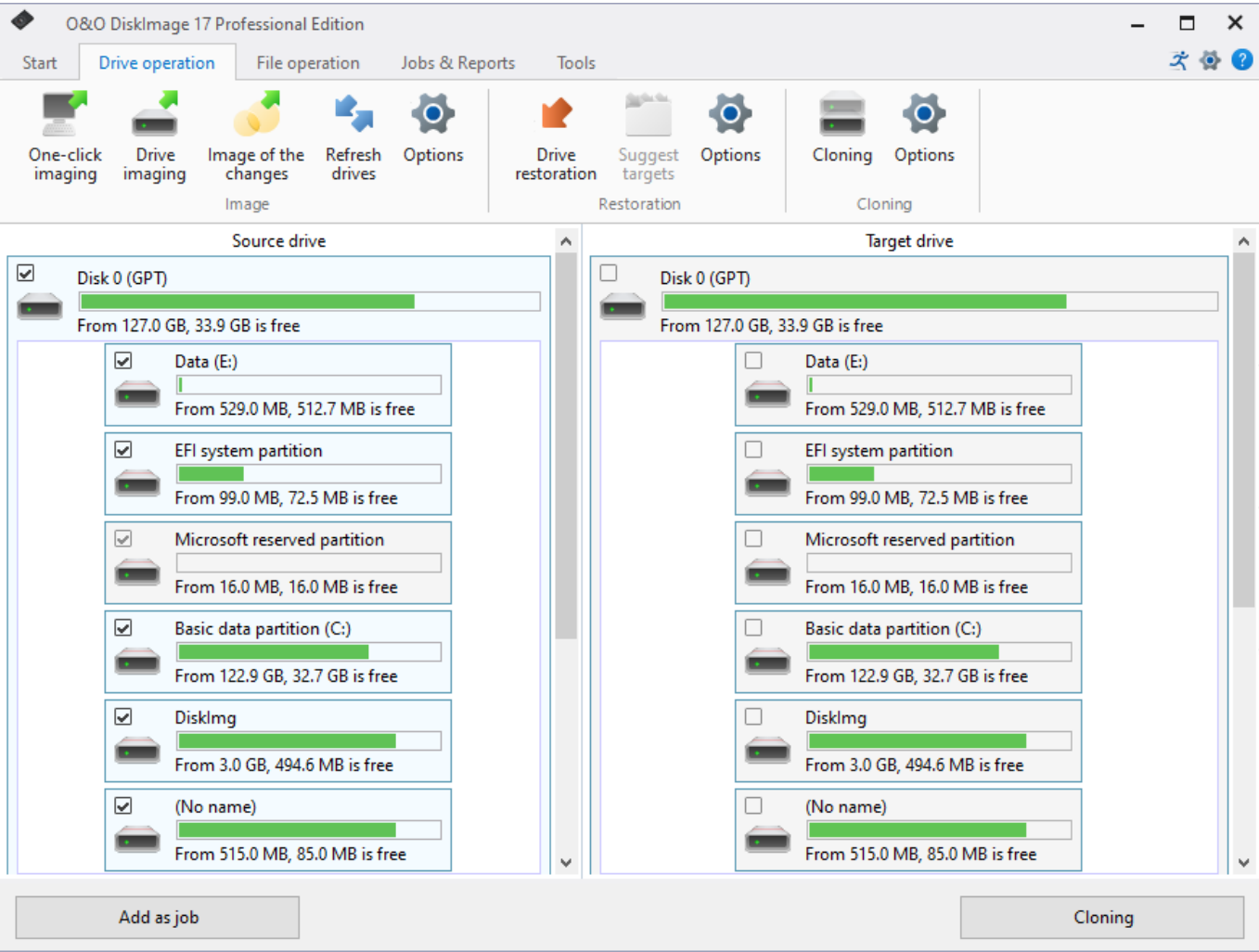
When cloning a drive, you should adjust the properties of the target drive for future application. Make sure, for example, that the system partitions of the clone will also be able to boot.

Note:

If you're using a second hard disk as a target, O&O DiskImage will change its signature. This will guarantee that there are no two hard disks with the same signature connected to your computer. There might otherwise be complications during cloning or even a possible system crash. With simple hard disk structures (basic disk), all partitions in the operating system will be recognized by a link from hard disk signature and partition offset. During cloning, the registry entries of the drive letters, including the letters, will be adapted to the target system.

Note:

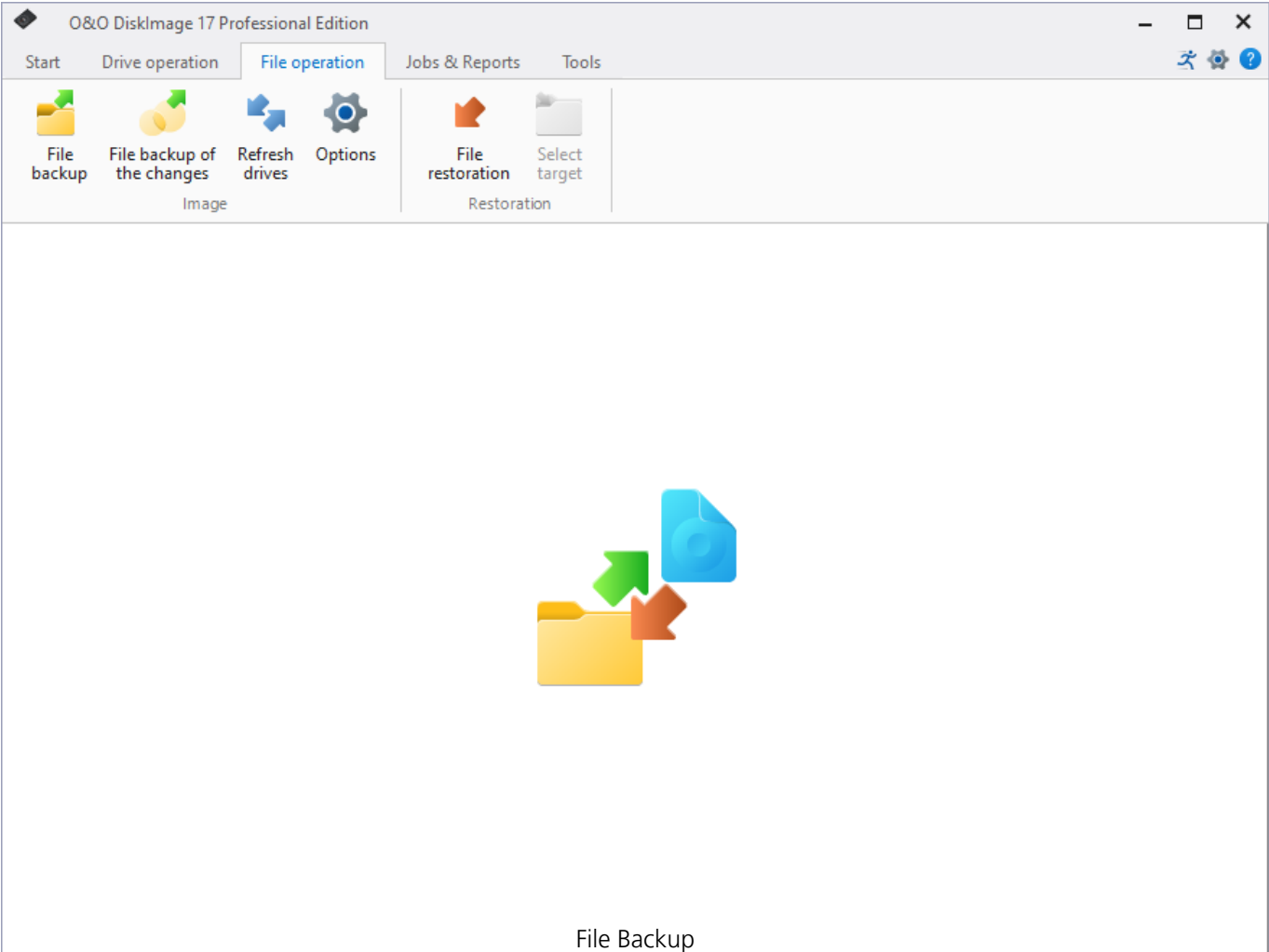
If you want to restore the clone of a system partition onto a PC with different hardware, please bear in mind the notes in chapter Restoring on different hardware (M.I.R.).



Clone drives

File Backup

We strongly recommend backing up entire partitions or disks because doing so protects you from not including important data in the backup by mistake. There are some cases, however, where it may be useful to backup only certain files or folders. All features for backing up files and folders can be found under File operations.

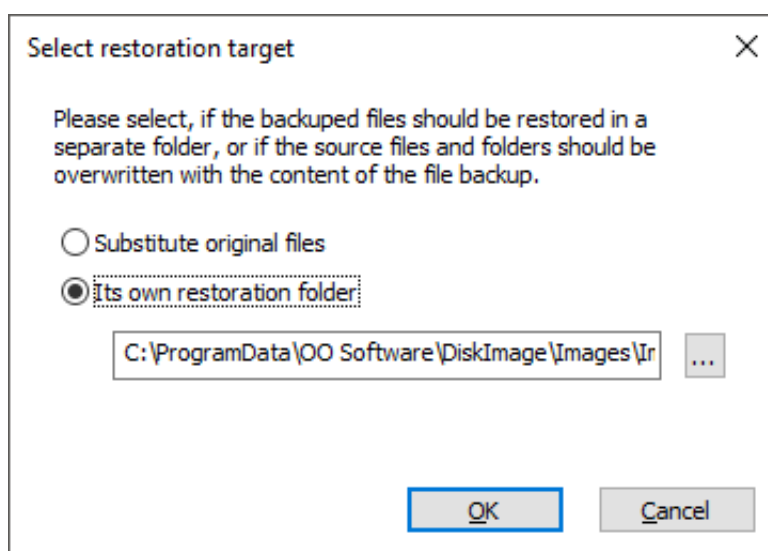


Restoration

File restoration

If you want to restore files or folders from already existing images, proceed as follows. The first thing to do is make sure you are able to access the image (*.obk).

1. In the Quick Access bar click **File restoration**.
2. Select the image you want to restore in the DropDown list of **Select image**. If the proposed images (*.obk) are not the ones you want to restore, check your drives and enter the path to the image file.
3. Now click the symbol **Select target folder**.
4. You can now restore data from the image in a new folder, or replace current data with that from the image.
5. Once you've done that, start restoration.



File restoration

Image

A file backup can be created as a full backup or a backup of the changes. A full backup contains all the selected data. A backup of the changes contains only the data that has been added, changed, or deleted from the base. The base can be either a full backup or a backup of the changes.

File backup

Do you want to backup individual folders or files instead of an entire drive? You can now do so with a file backup. Files are backed up directly during file backup. Compared to imaging a drive, file backup only includes the file information. No drive information is saved.

1. On the start page of O&O DiskImage click **File backup**.
2. Navigate to the folder you want to backup.
3. Check the box next to those folders you want to backup. Multiple selections are also possible. You can also select an entire drive. All files located on the drive will be imaged.
4. Then click the symbol **Start file backup**.
5. If you don't want to use the default target path shown in the following dialog, please enter a new target.
6. Click **Start** to continue with the file backup.
7. A compressed file will then be created with the file extension OBK (*.obk).

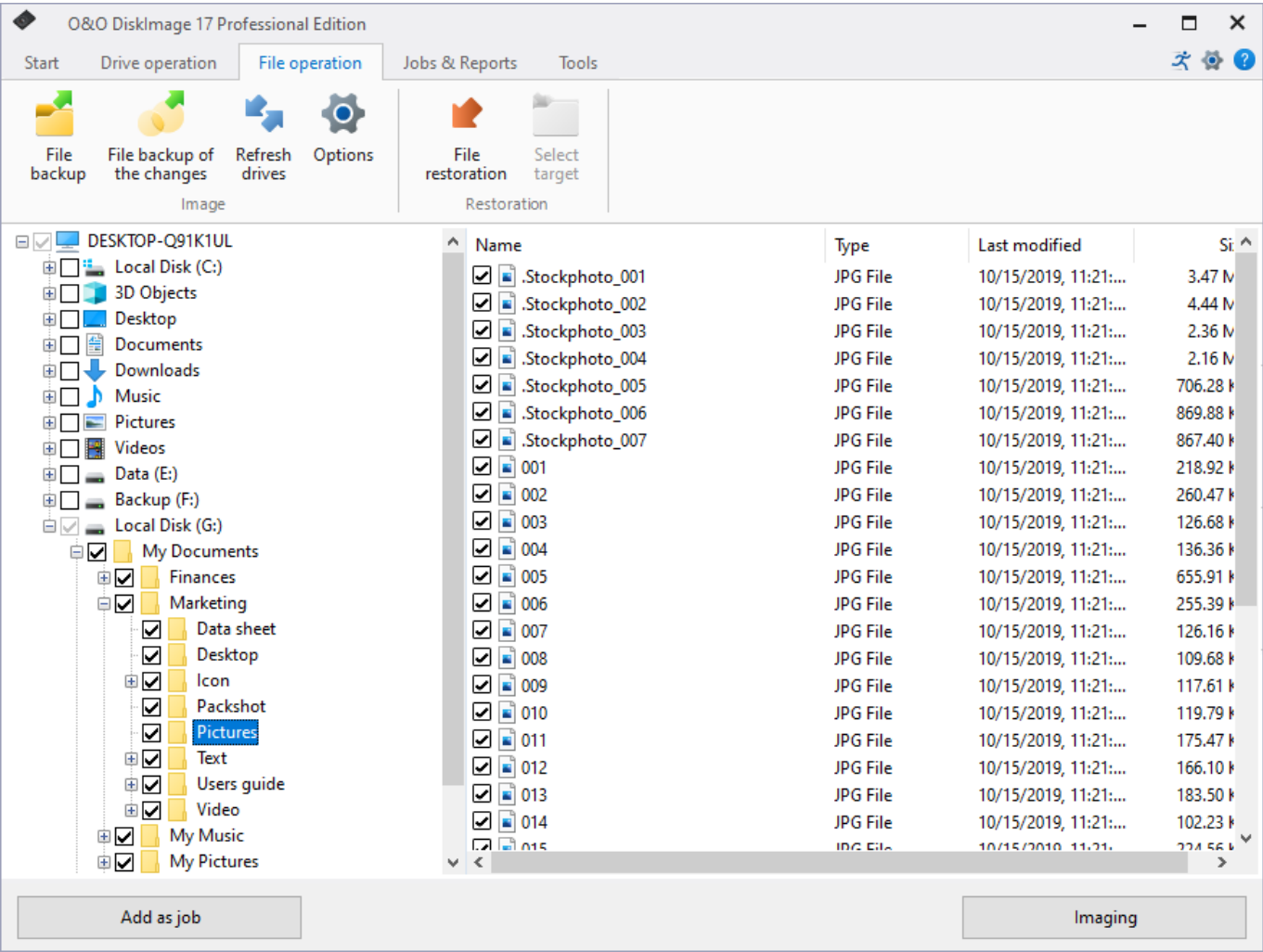
Selection criteria

Before starting file backup, there's an option for selecting files or file types in the folder that you want to have included or excluded from the backup.

In the dialog, click Criteria and specify the settings you want.

Tip:

You can specify further settings by clicking the icon File backup options. If you want to repeat the file backup at a later time, you can create a job for it. To do this, click the icon Add as job.



Backup Files and Folders

File backup of the changes

Backup changes in a file

A complete image or a previously created image of the changes can be used as base image.

Follow the instructions below:

1. Please make sure that the drive containing the base image is connected to your computer.
2. Start O&O DiskImage and select **Start File backup** on the start page. Now select **File backup of the changes**.
3. Select your base image in the explorer window and click **Open**.
4. Now you can either select the recommended target folder for saving the image or enter a new target path. For the sake of clarity, we recommend saving the base image and its subsequent images in one folder. The image is automatically named after the creation date. You can however enter a name manually.
5. Now click **More options** (if you want to specify further settings) or **Start** to initiate the imaging process.

File backup options

Under **File operation /File backup options** you can specify further settings that should be applied by default for the current or every new backup.

Imaging options (Profile: Default) ✕

Current profile: Default Save as... Manage profiles...

Description: The default options are composed of the most commonly used settings to conveniently create file backups fast and compact.

File backup Advanced

File backup method

☒ Complete ☐ Image of the changes

Base image (complete image, incremental or differential image): ...

File size

☒ Compress image file to save storage space

☒ LZNT1 Standard (performance optimized) ☐ BZIP2

☐ Split image into smaller image files with fixed sizes

☒ Typical size: 700 MB ☐ User-defined: 700 MB

Security (password protection)

☐ Encrypt image file to protect data from unauthorized access

☒ AES 128 ☐ AES 192 ☐ AES 256

Import settings... OK Cancel Apply Help

File backup options

Apply profiles for file backups

Under **File operation/File backup options/Current profile** you can reset the current settings to **default** for the image or select a wide ranging user-defined profile.

If you would like to save your user-defined settings, please follow these instructions:

1. Enable your settings under **Drive imaging/Imaging options**.
2. Select under Imaging options **Save as....**
3. Give your newly created profile a name in the dialogue window and confirm.
4. Under **Manage profiles** you can change or delete an existing profile.

Regulate the size of a file backup

A file backup can be split into multiple backup files. If one disk is not enough for storing a complete backup, you will automatically be asked to indicate a different storage location. It is also possible to manually set the maximum size of an file before. If the image being created is larger than the entered file size, additional image files will be created.

This function is especially useful when you plan to burn your image onto a CD/DVD at a later time. Sometimes a CD/DVD is not large enough to contain the entire image file. We recommend limiting image files to the size of the blank CD/DVD onto which you will be writing your images.

The image file can also be split at a later time using the [Convert image file](#) function. It is, however, recommended to split images at the time they are created to avoid any confusion that may arise.

- Under **File operation/File backup options/File size/Split image into smaller image files with fixed sizes** you can specify the size of individual image files.

Encrypt file backup

Your data can be securely encrypted using the recognized AES method . This permits O&O DiskImage to support extremely high security levels with a key length of up to 256 bits.

- You can select the level of encryption for your files under **File operation/File backup options/Security**.
- If you then start the imaging process (**Start file backup**), enter a password when being prompted.

You also have the option of encrypting the image after it's been created under Convert image file.

File backup advanced settings

You can specify further settings under **Advanced** in the File backup options.

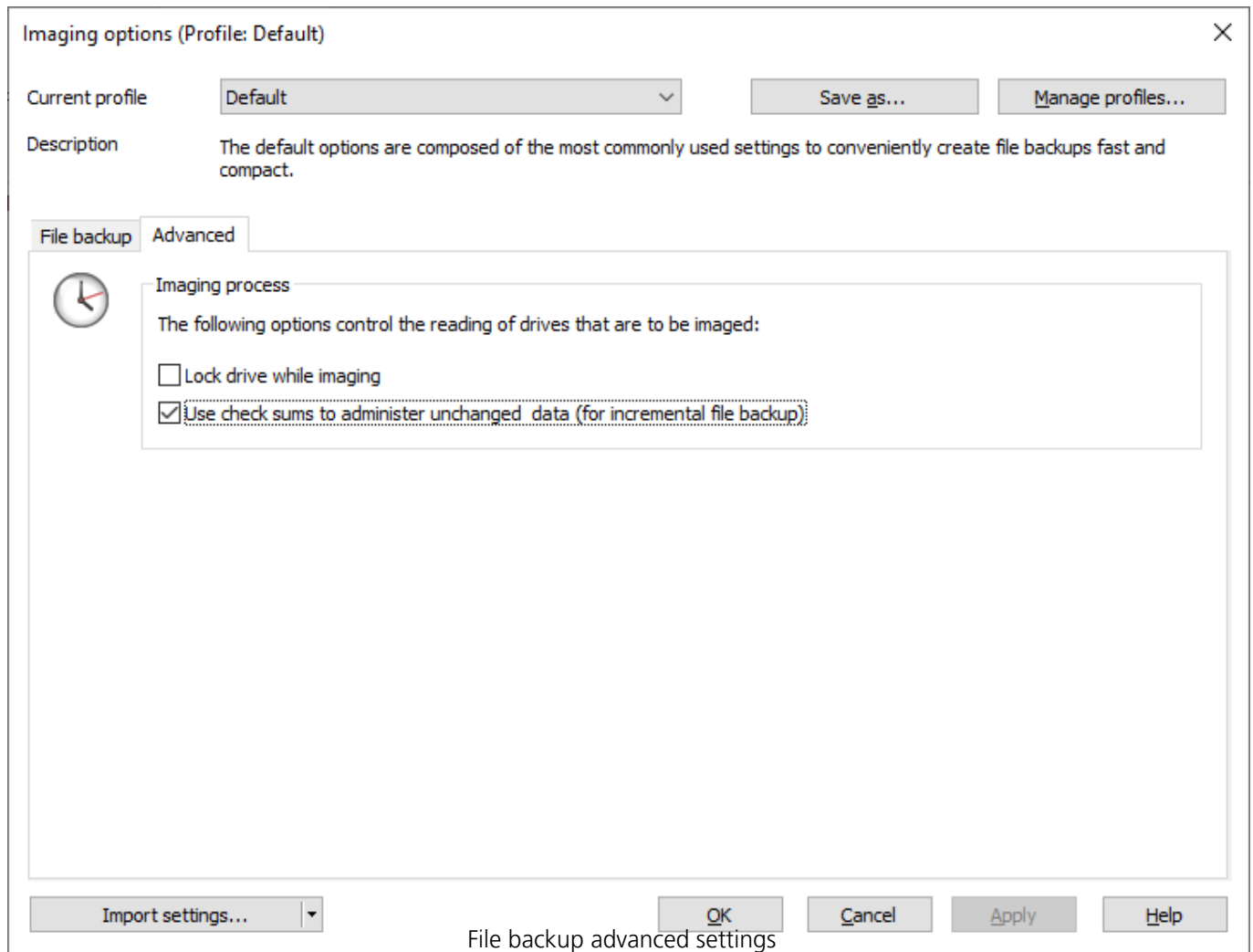
Lock drive while imaging

While processing a file backup, you can lock the drive where the folders/files being backed up are located. This prevents any changes from being made to the drive while the backup is being created. The drive will no longer be displayed in Explorer and all applications will be closed. The drive is not locked by default. If the drive is not locked, changes will be buffered either in the snapshot cache (if installed) or over the volume shadow copy service of Windows so that these changes won't influence the backup.

Use check sums to administer unchanged data (for incremental file backup)

Unchanged data is saved by default using checksums by the method **Image of the changes**. The file is slightly larger. It's therefore enough if you enter an existing image of the changes as source image for the next **Image of the changes**(with checksums). This function is enabled by default. If you save all images in a single folder, you can also disable this function. Your images will then take up less space on the disk.

- Make sure that the option **Use checksums to administer unchanged data** under **File operation/File backup options/Advanced** is enabled.



Imaging method for file backup

Under **File operation/File backup options/File backup /File backup method** you can specify which method should be preset for every file backup.

The options are:

- Complete
- Image of the changes

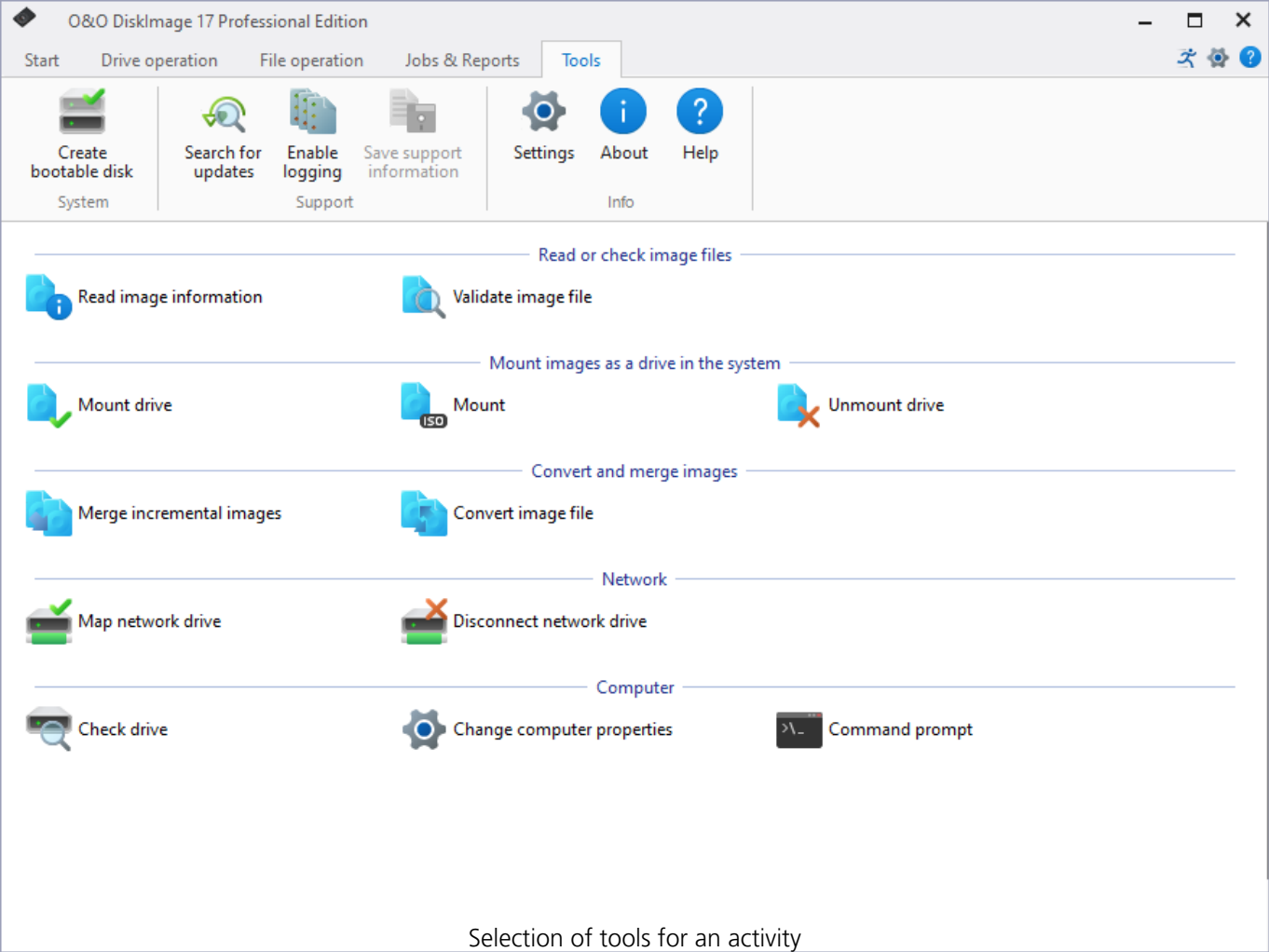
For normal use, we recommend the **Complete** method which is already set by default.

If you've already made one or more back ups of a folder or individual files, you can select the method **Image of the changes**. Only changes made since the last base image will be saved.

When creating an image of the changes, O&O DiskImage compares the data of the existing image with corresponding data from the current folder. That's why this backup method might require more time than the creation of a complete image. On the other hand, an image of the changes normally requires much less disk space than a complete image.

Tools

The tools menu includes options for processing images and further activities.



Read image information

Select Read image information to access information on existing image files (*.omg/*.obk). After you've selected an image file in the browser window, you'll see information such as the imaging method, date of creation and image contents displayed.

Image files

All tools that can be used for managing image files can be found in the program window under Tools. They can be used on existing image files of every type.

Validate image file

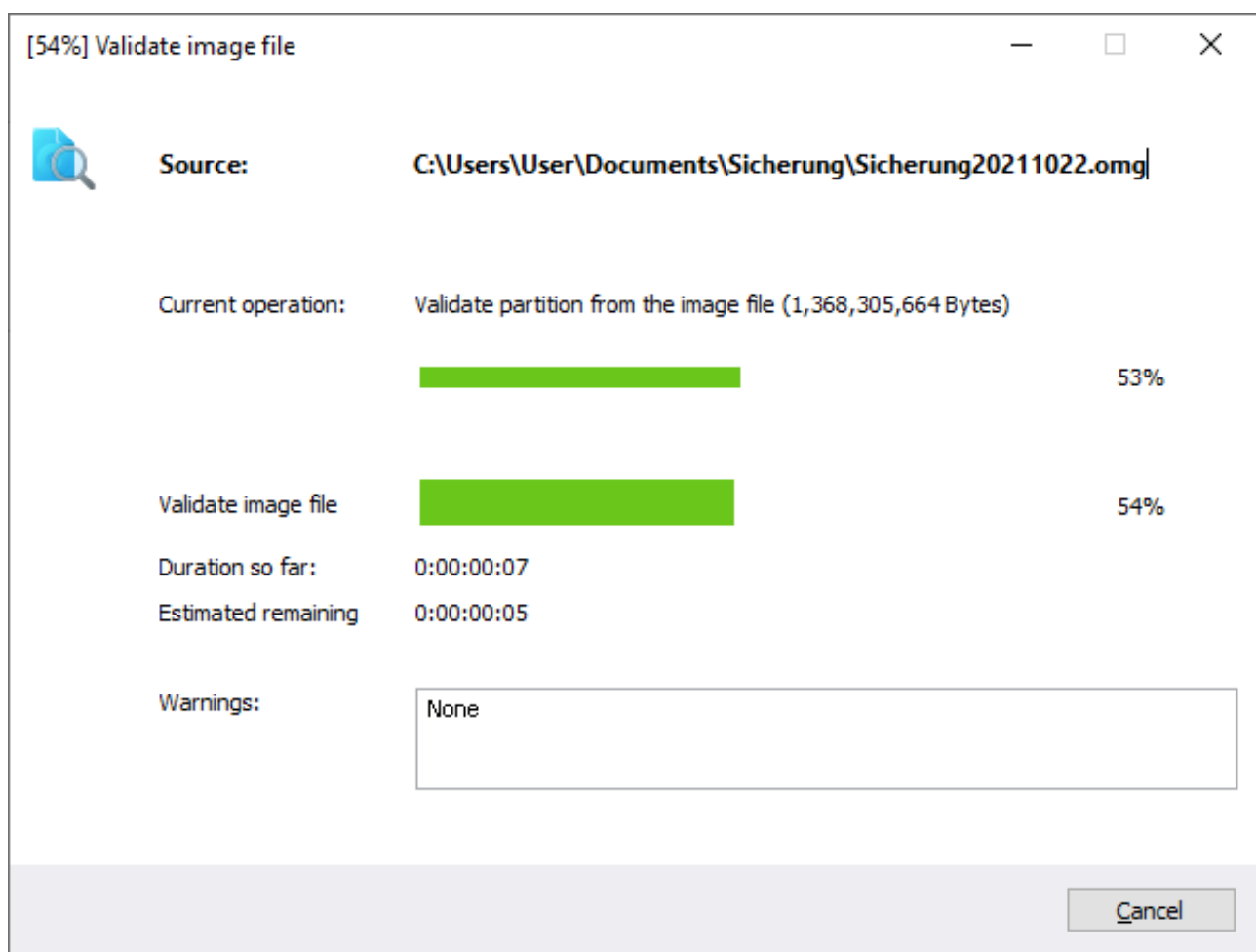
Under **Tools** is a function called **Validate image file**. This function checks the structural integrity of an image file. It determines whether the logical structure is intact. Damage can be caused by virus attacks or defective hardware. In addition, encrypted and/or compressed images will be checked to determine if decryption or decompression is possible without error.

Reasons for an abortive validation:

- Encryption and decryption are not functioning
- Compression and decompression are not functioning (Windows API/System interfaces)
- The user has changed the image file
- Image has been changed by a program driver (e.g. anti-virus software)
- Image is stored on a defective volume

Note:

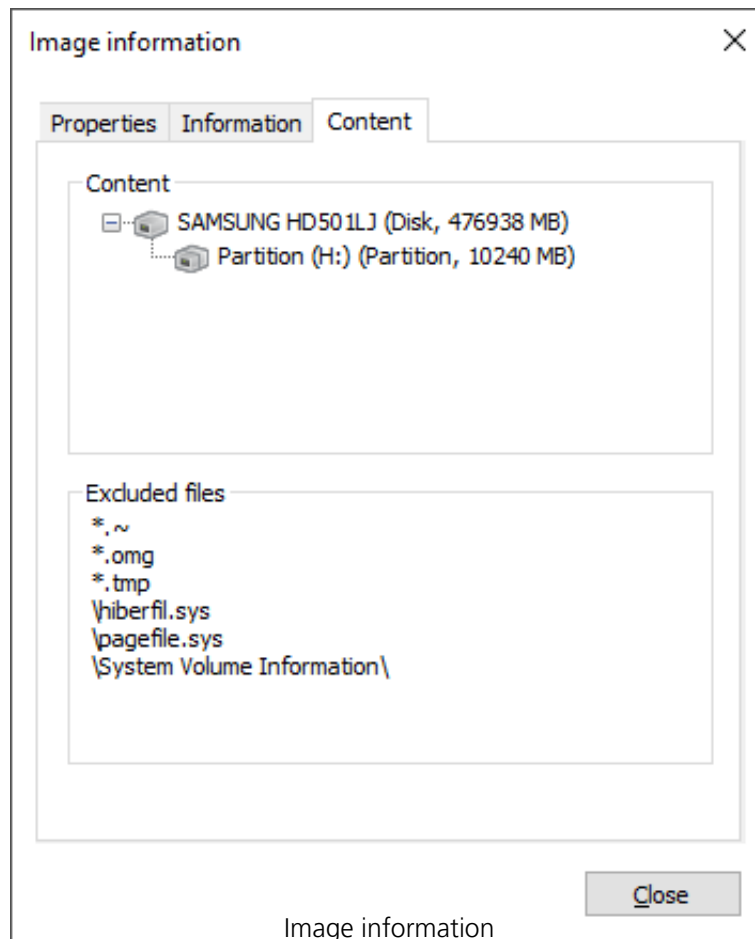
To make sure your image is created or restored without error, keep the validation process running until the imaging or restoration is completed. If you choose to "Skip" or "Abort", there's no guarantee that your image will be created or restored intact.



Validate image file

Image information

Select **Read image information** to access information on existing image files (*.omg/*.obk). After you've selected an image file in the browser window, you'll see information such as the imaging method, date of creation and image contents displayed.



Virtual Drives

Virtual drives can often be very helpful which is why O&O DiskImage has the option for mounting them from images. Thanks to virtual drives, images don't have to be restored if you only want to use individual files from the backup. Images can instead be mounted and used while the system's running.

Note:

A special driver from O&O DiskImage will often be needed for mounting images. The program will inform you if this driver is needed and prompts you to install it.

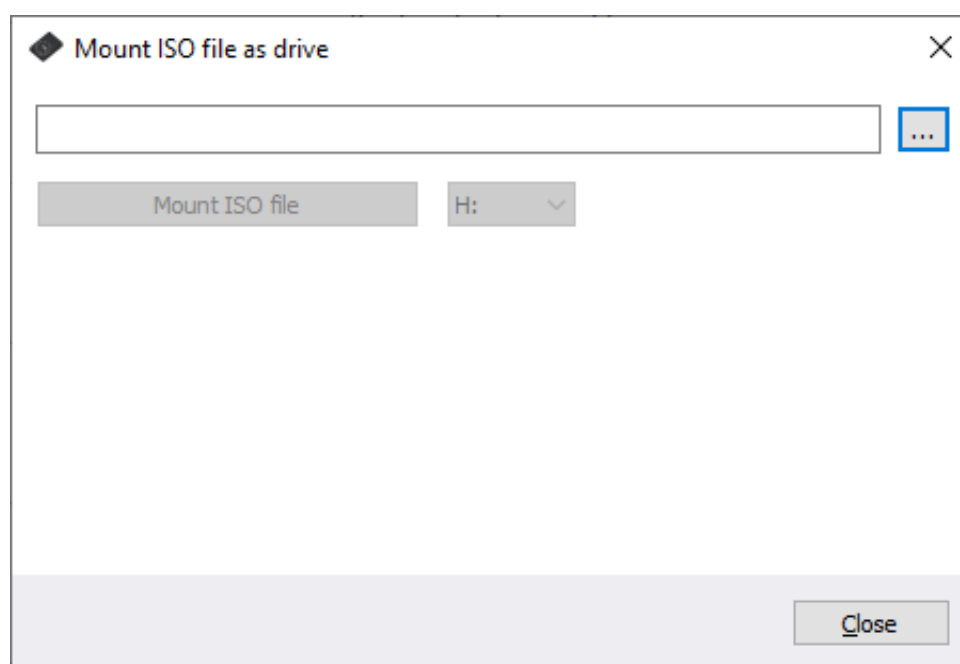
Mount ISO file

If you have saved data as an ISO file, you can mount this ISO file as drive and view the files it contains. This allows you to copy individual files and folders from the ISO file onto existing drives. It is, however, not possible to make changes (such as deleting or adding files) to the virtual hard disk mounted from the ISO file.

1. Open **Tools** in the menu bar and select the option **Mount ISO file as drive**.
2. Select the ISO file (*.iso), whose content you want to mount as a drive.
3. After selecting the ISO file, click **Mount ISO file**. If you want to label it with a certain letter, you can select another letter from the list.
4. Refreshing can take a few moments.
5. The virtual drive from the ISO file will then be visible as a regular drive in the Windows Explorer.

Tip:

If you want the virtual drive to also be visible in the O&O DiskImage drive list, make sure to check **Include CD and DVD drives** under **Program settings/General** and click **Show drives not able to be imaged** under **View**.



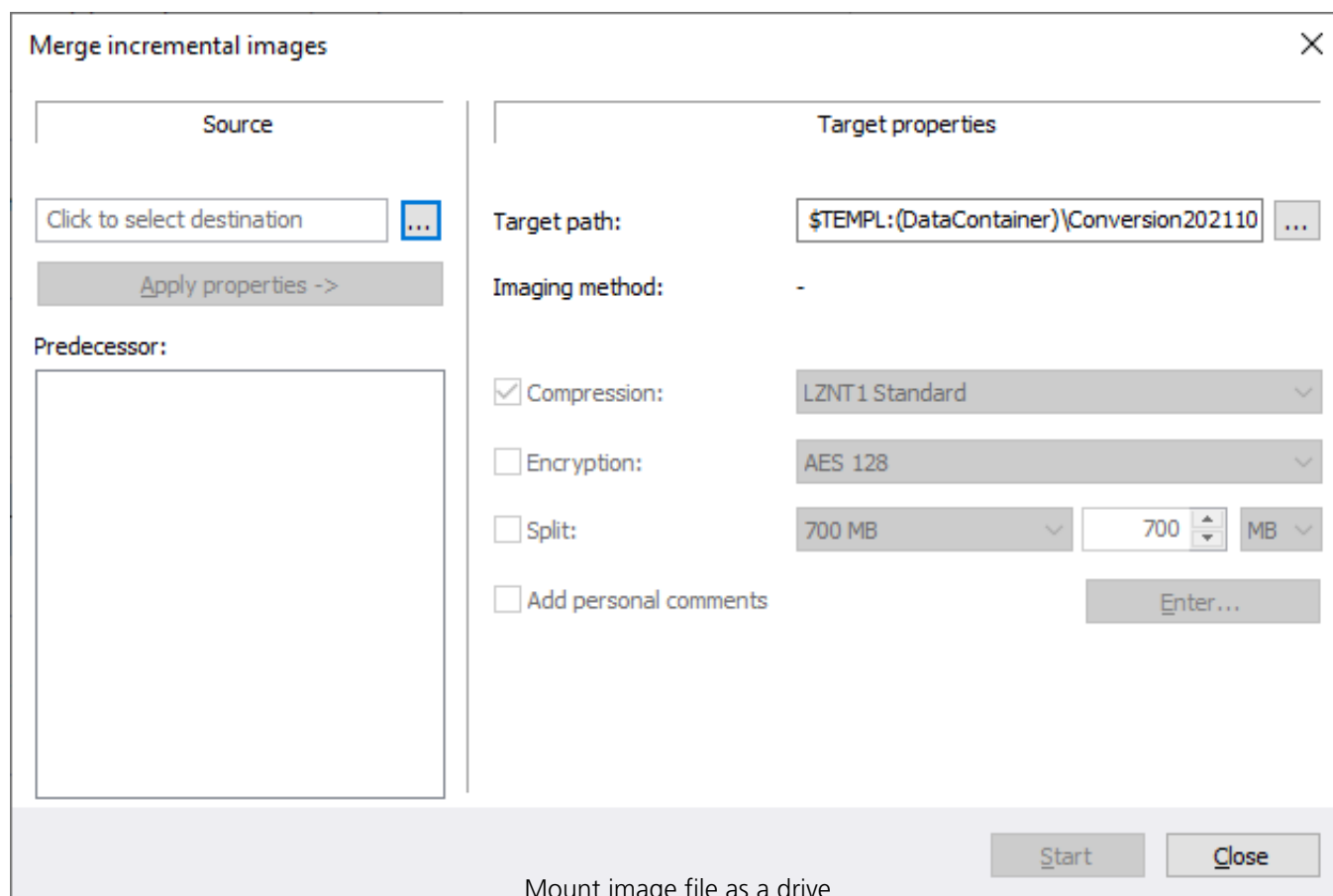
Select ISO file


Note:

After restarting from Windows, the virtual drive is removed automatically from the drive list.

Mount drive

You can have your created image file displayed in Windows Explorer as a virtual drive. This allows you to copy files or directories from the image file onto existing hard disks. It is, however, not possible to make changes (such as deleting or adding files) to the virtual hard disk mounted from the image file.



1. Open **Tools** in the menu bar and select the option **Mount drive** . Or use ctrl+M.
2. In the dialog window, select the image file (*.omg) from which you want to mount the drive. If you are not sure, you can look up the details of the image under **Image information**.
3. After selecting the image file, all drives included in the image will be listed in the program window.
4. Select the displayed drive from the image.
5. Afterwards, you can select any name from the drive list (e.g. G:) for the drive from the image.
6. Then, click **Mount drive**. The virtual drive from the image will then be visible as a regular drive in the Windows Explorer.

Please note that you may only access sectors which contain image files. Refreshing can take a few

moments.

Note:

Please keep in mind that drives can only be mounted from an image if the image is available locally. You cannot mount a drive from an image located in the network.

Enable mounting disk:

If you create an image of one or more partitions/volumes, the image contains additional information about the disk (or hard disk) along with the imaged data. This information will concern the hard disk's structure as well as its corresponding system areas such as the master boot record, possibly existing extended boot records, the LDM (logical disk management) database or the GUID partition table. With the function **Enable mounting entire disk**, you can load this information or use it for acquainting the hard disk to the operating system based on the disk's original information. We recommend using this function when you want to restore deleted or destroyed data from a forensic image.

Note:

Creating a virtual disk out of an entire hard disk can result in recognition problems for the virtual disk when the following applies to the hard disk being imaged:

- defective or invalid partition tables
- partitioning process not supported by your operating system (e.g. GPT)
- dynamic hard disks containing volumes that are spanned, striped, mirrored or RAID5 when not all the hard disks being used were imaged
- encrypted hard disk

Technical limitations

- Windows refresh problem: if you're working with a remote desktop connection, a new login will be needed for displaying the mounted drives.
- Mounting images larger than 2TB is not supported by Windows XP (32-bit).

Note:

After restarting from Windows, the virtual drive is removed automatically from the drive list.

Unmount drive

Remove mounted drive

If you no longer wish to see a virtual drive that you mounted from an ISO or imaging file, under **Tools** click **Remove** and remove the drive in the program window.

Tip:

The virtual drive will be automatically removed from the drive list after you restart Windows.

Convert

We recommend that you always create images in O&O DiskImage's own format. This will allow you to work easily with the image in the future and use all the program's features on it. If you do wish to use a different format, please use conversion. This feature will allow you, for example, to change the format of your O&O DiskImage file into a virtual hard disk.

You can also combine the images of changes into one complete image. This can be helpful when, for example, you want to save older image files and improve the clarity of your archive.

Convert image file

The tool **Convert image file** allows you to change the properties and content of existing images (OMG). It creates a copy of the image file (OMG), so that the original image remains intact.

Further settings like compression, encryption or splitting images into several image files with a certain size are possible.

Merge images

In Tools under **Convert image file/Add** you can select the drives for merging.

This enables separate image files to be merged together. Only image files of similar types can be merged: that means only forensic, direct forensic or used sector images can be combined.

Simply add the drive from the list.

Handling virtual hard disks (VHD/VHDX)

To simplify working with Microsoft Virtual PCs (VPC), you can now convert image files into virtual drives (VHD/VHDX). The converted image can be integrated as a virtual drive in the VPC, without having to install O&O DiskImage there.

1. To convert an image to a virtual drive file (VHD/VHDX), click **Convert image file** in the Tools menu.
2. Select **Image file (OMG)** as source in the Convert image file dialog and attach the desired image file.
3. Enter **Virtual hard disk (VHD/VHDX)** as target and click **Start**.

Note:

The following options **cannot** be selected for a VHD/VHDX: Compression, Encryption, and Split. In addition, only the following imaging methods are available "Only used sectors" or "Forensic".

Convert image file

Source

Image files (OMG)

Add

Remove

Target

Target type:

Image file (OMG)

Virtual hard disk (VHD)

Virtual hard disk (VHDX)

Target path:

\$TEMPL:(DataContainer)\Conversion20211

...

Convert only sources with the following imaging type:

Used sector

Compression:

Encryption:

Split:

Add personal comments

LZNT1 Standard

AES 128

700 MB

700

MB

Enter...

Start

Close

Convert image file into a virtual hard disk

Merge incremental images

If you have already created several incremental images, you can combine them to form a new base image. The newly created base image is now a "complete" image. Older images that contained only changes can be deleted once the combining has been completed.

1. Make sure your computer will be able to access all drives where the base and incremental images are located.
2. In the menu bar under **Tools** click **Merge incremental images**.
3. A program window will appear where you can select and merge the existing image files.

Note:

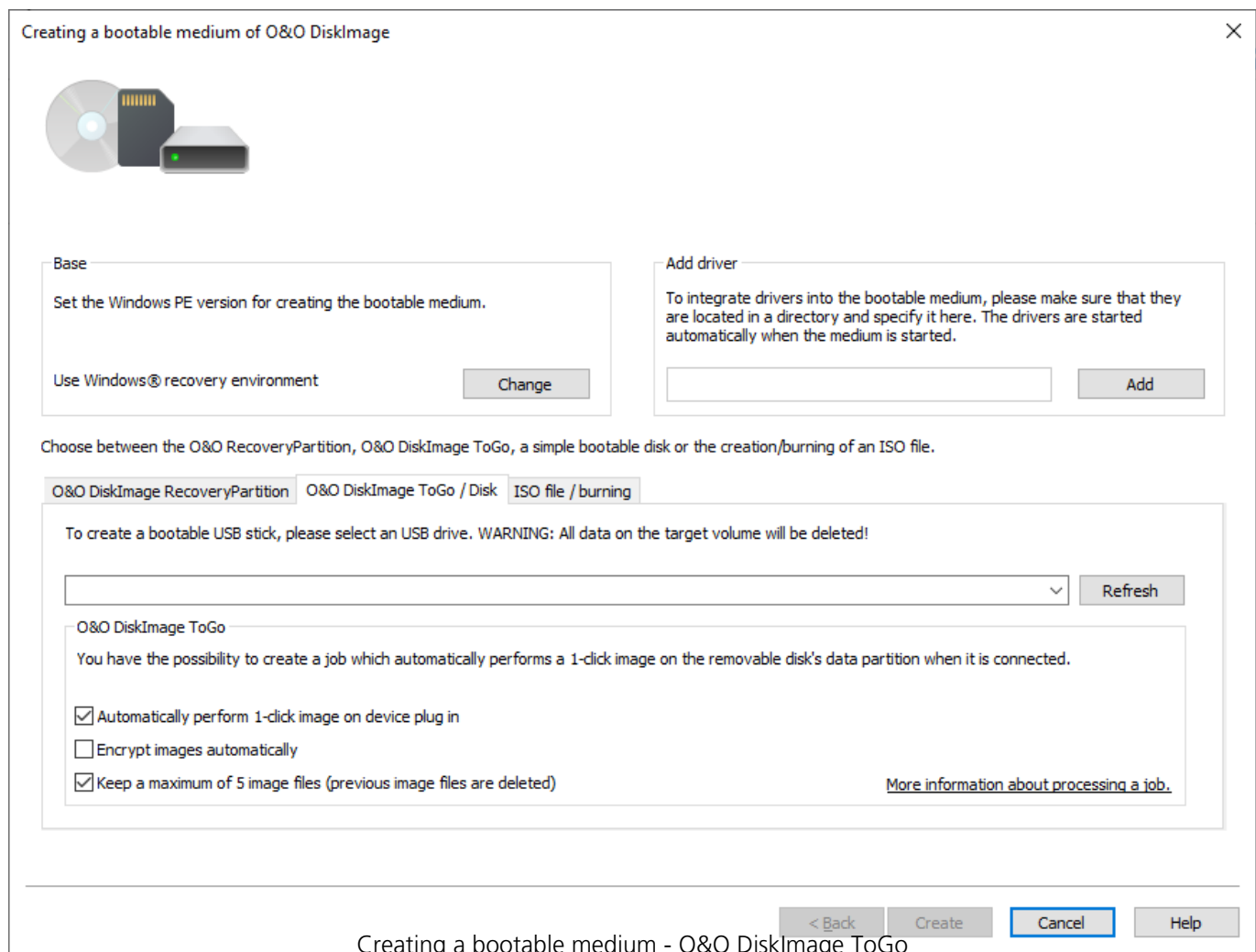
Only consecutive image files (Image of the changes) with the same base image may be merged. By clicking **Image information** and the corresponding **Drive information** you will find all details about the image(s).

System

Along with specific features for imaging, O&O DiskImage offers a selection of additional tools. You can, for example, use the **check drive** feature to estimate your drive's health. O&O DiskImage also provides options for **Command prompt** and **Change computer properties**.

It's advisable to create an O&O DiskImage bootable medium, either as a simple disk or ToGo. Using the simple disk, you can boot the computer from it whenever needed and start restoration. The O&O DiskImage ToGo option is a bootable medium that can also be used as a storage device for your images. If you haven't yet made a boot medium for your images, we recommend using O&O DiskImage ToGo.

O&O DiskImage ToGo

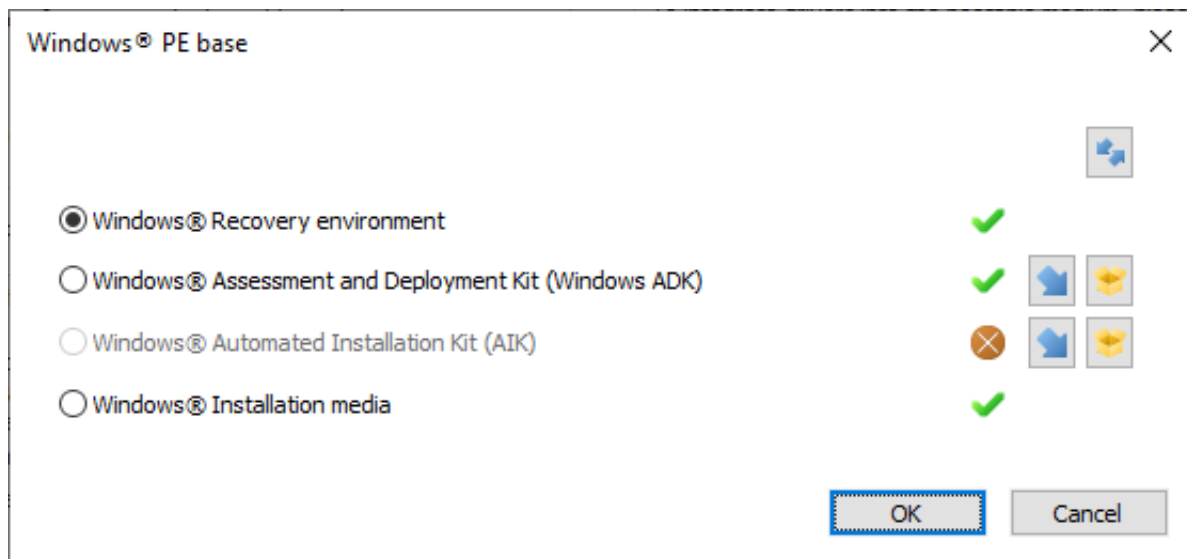


O&O DiskImage ToGo function automatically turns an external hard drive that you select to store an image on (or USB flash drive with enough storage space) into an O&O DiskImage boot medium, and marks this disk as the preferred storage medium for future system backups. As soon as you connect this external USB hard disk to your computer, O&O DiskImage automatically creates an image of all internal drives and the data partition onto it.

This makes it easy to create a recent backup. And, if something really happens to your computer or you want to transfer your system and all your data to a new computer, then with the O&O DiskImage boot medium you can restore the image stored on it with just one touch of a button, without the hassle of searching for the boot medium and the external hard drive with the backup.

Creating a bootable disk with O&O DiskImage is possible by going to the menu item **Tools** -> **Create bootable disk**. This feature detects those options available for creating a bootable disk within the system. It will then copy all the files that are required for doing this. To begin the process, click **Create**. Once this step is successfully completed, click **Finish**.

Change Windows PE version



Choose Windows PE base

The current options available for creating will be identified with a green check . Those options not available, because their components are either not installed or not recognized, will be displayed with a red cross .

When enabled, automatic prioritization guarantees that the best option for creating will be selected automatically. Select "Disable the automatic setting" if you wish to use another option. Once this is done, the various options available for creating will be displayed for selection.



Open the respective Microsoft Download page for the ADK or AIK. The Windows ADK/AIK is rather large, taking up between 1.7 – 3.4 GB. The download can therefore take up to a few hours, depending on download speed.



Open the respective installation file (ADK/AIK) and start it.

The program will first try creating a bootable disk using the Windows® recovery environment. When this isn't possible, it will use the "Windows Assessment and Deployment Kit (ADK) for Windows®". The Kit contains a combination of tools that can be used for personalizing, evaluating, and preparing Windows operating systems for use on new computers.

Windows 11

If you're using Windows 11, install ADK for Windows 11. You can download the installation file on the following page, it is necessary to download and install both the "Windows ADK"

Windows 10

and the "WinPE add-on for the Windows ADK":
<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-gb/en-des/windows/hardware/dn913721.aspx>

If you're using Windows 10, install ADK10. You can download the installation file on the following page:

<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-gb/en-des/windows/hardware/dn913721.aspx>

Windows 8.1

If you're using Windows 8.1, install ADK8.1. You can download the installation file on the following page:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/download/details.aspx?id=39982>

Windows 8

If you're using Windows 8, install ADK8.0. You can download the installation file on the following page:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/download/details.aspx?id=30652>

As a last option, you can use the Windows® installation disk to create a bootable disk. If this option is selected, the Windows® installation disk itself will need to be directly inserted.

Change removable medium

Select an external hard drive to store an image on (or USB flash drive with enough storage space).

Note:

On account of the limitations placed on creating Windows bootable disks, O&O DiskImage can only use 2TB for making a bootable medium. If your disk is larger than 2 TB, the remaining space cannot be used.

Warning:

All data on the target volume will be deleted.

Command prompt

O&O DiskImage also has a command line version available. You can use it from the Windows command prompt (cmd). The O&O DiskImage command line makes it possible to manage disks, partitions/volumes, and images by use of commands.

Please start the command prompt (**Tools -> Command prompt**). The graphical user interface of O&O DiskImage will not be shown during a start from the command line. First, navigate in the command line (cmd) to the installation folder of O&O DiskImage. You will then be able to use the parameters listed in the chart.\

Example:

```
C:\Program Files\OO Software\DiskImage>oodicmdc.exe (/create image /source S: /destination E:\Sample.org)
```

Note

Please note that when entering the parameter in the command line, **no** manual line break may be included in the command sequence. Otherwise, the command will not be executed as intended. The line breaks in the examples are caused by the document's formatting.

Structure of a command

"Command" |Subcommand| "Parameter"

Example: /Help /?

Example:

Creating an image of Drive "S".

```
oodicmdc.exe /create image /source S: /destination E:\Sample.omg
```

Validating the image "E:Sample.omg".

```
oodicmdc.exe /validate /source E:Sample.omg
```

Restoring the image of drive "S" onto drive "T". All data on drive "T" can be overwritten/deleted.

```
oodicmdc.exe /restore image /image E:\Sample.omg /source S: /destination T: /OverwriteTargetData
```

The command line interpreter from O&O DiskImage can process the following commands and parameters:

Note

Values can be additionally defined by the use of " and '.

Example:

```
/format "O&O DiskImage"
```

The command line interpreter from O&O DiskImage can process the following commands and parameters:

O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition

Create a new O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition


System requirements

- Required free space: 3GB
- Required free space if the recovery partition is being used by default: at least 10% of the hard disk size but no less than 25 GB 25GB
- Used with MBR layout: maximum 3 primary partitions
- Dynamic disks are not supported

Create O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition

The O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition contains a bootable image and, if wanted, your backups. If ever your operating system is no longer able to start, the O&O DiskImage boot environment will start automatically. Here you'll be able to restore backups from your O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition or from an external disk.

Creating a bootable medium of O&O DiskImage



Base

Set the Windows PE version for creating the bootable medium.

Use Windows® recovery environment

Change

Add driver

To integrate drivers into the bootable medium, please make sure that they are located in a directory and specify it here. The drivers are started automatically when the medium is started.

Add

Choose between the O&O RecoveryPartition, O&O DiskImage ToGo, a simple bootable disk or the creation/burning of an ISO file.

O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition


O&O DiskImage ToGo / Disk

ISO file / burning

The O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition is a protected partition on which the bootable image and optional image files are stored. You can create a new O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition or select an existing partition and have it set up as an O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition. Please note that external storage media are not suitable.

If you want to set up an external disk as a bootable medium, please switch to the tab 'O&O DiskImage ToGo/Disk'.

An existing O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition is shown below and can be deleted if desired.



From 3.0 GB, 494.6 MB is free

Refresh

Delete

Manage files

< Back

Create

Cancel

Help

O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition

To create this kind of partition, please do as follows:

1. Open O&O DiskImage and click **Recovery media**.
2. If you already created an empty partition, select **Choose**.
3. Or you can have O&O DiskImage create the partition for you by clicking **Create**.
4. In the open dialog, select the drive from the dropdown menu where you want the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition to be created. If you want to use a partition you already created, select it from the drive list.
5. You can use the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition as your default path for future backups. If you chose this option for creating a new partition, the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition created might be very large so that there'll be enough space for backups. In the field **Maximum size** you can change the size of the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition to meet your requirements.
6. By clicking **OK**, a bootable image will be generated. If ever an error occurs while the system is booting, the O&O DiskImage boot environment will start automatically and you'll be able to restore a backup.
7. Once creation is completed, we recommend making a complete or One-click image. To do this, switch over to **Drive imaging** and run the imaging option you want. If you selected the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition as your default backup path, the image will be saved there.

Booting from the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition

1. Hold the **shift** key while clicking **Restart** in the start menu.
2. As an alternative you can select **Update & Security** in Settings. Left-click **Recovery** in the menu. At the right under **Advanced start** you'll be able to boot from the advanced start environment by clicking **Restart now**.
3. Under **Resolve problems, Advanced options** select **Start help** to boot from the boot environment.
4. If your system has a problem, the advanced start will be run automatically and under **Resolve problems, Advanced options, Start help** you'll be able to boot from the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition and restore a backup.

Note:

After booting, the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition will be displayed in the O&O DiskImage interface as a drive with the last available drive letter (usually "Z").

Delete or update an existing O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition

1. If you already have an O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition and wish to change or remove it, click **Recovery media** on the program's start page.
2. In the opening dialog you'll see the existing O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition.
3. Select the option **Update** if you want to update O&O DiskImage and use the latest version of the bootable image for your O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition. Doing so will have not

affect your backups.

4. Select **Delete** if you want to remove the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition completely. The partition will then be deleted and the Windows restoration environment, if available, reactivated.

Warning:

When you select **Delete**, all backups on the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition will be lost. Use only the integrated deletion feature in O&O DiskImage to delete the O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition. Deleting any other way could result in serious damage to the system.

Change computer identity

You can change the identity of your computer to avoid authentication problems whenever the same computer identity is already being used within a network. This can be helpful whenever a system image is being rolled out onto several computers across a network, meaning a fully installed and configured Windows computer is transferred onto the drives of another computer.

Although this method does save time and effort compared to other kinds of duplication, there is a problem arising with each cloned system having the identical computer SID. This influences the security in working group environments. In addition, the security of transfer media might be inhibited in networks with many computer SIDs.

To avoid this problem, O&O DiskImage provides an option for changing the computer identity.

Note:

The SID can only be changed when you run O&O DiskImage from the bootable medium (Start CD) and not during normal Windows operation.

Note:

If an error occurs while changing the current computer SID, we recommend resetting the registration structures SECURITY and SAM.

1. Under **Tools** click **Change computer identity**.
2. Load the computer's non-active Windows system. The active system is the Windows PE being run on the bootable medium. This means that the non-active Windows system is the one not being booted by the hard disk. The path to the non-active Windows system is normally C:Windows.
3. You should then enter a computer name for your computer (Give new name). **Change** saves your settings and the computer identity after you have changed them. **Close** cancels the dialog without applying any changes.

Change computer properties

×

Please enter the path for accessing the inactive Windows system:

|

...

Load

Current computer SID:

Generate new SID

Current computer name: DESKTOP-Q91K1UL

Give new name

Restoration on different hardware (M.I.R.: machine independent restoration)

Exchange hardware abstraction layer

Apply currently loaded drivers of the device control

Enable the installation program of the operating system after restarting

Add driver

Change

Close

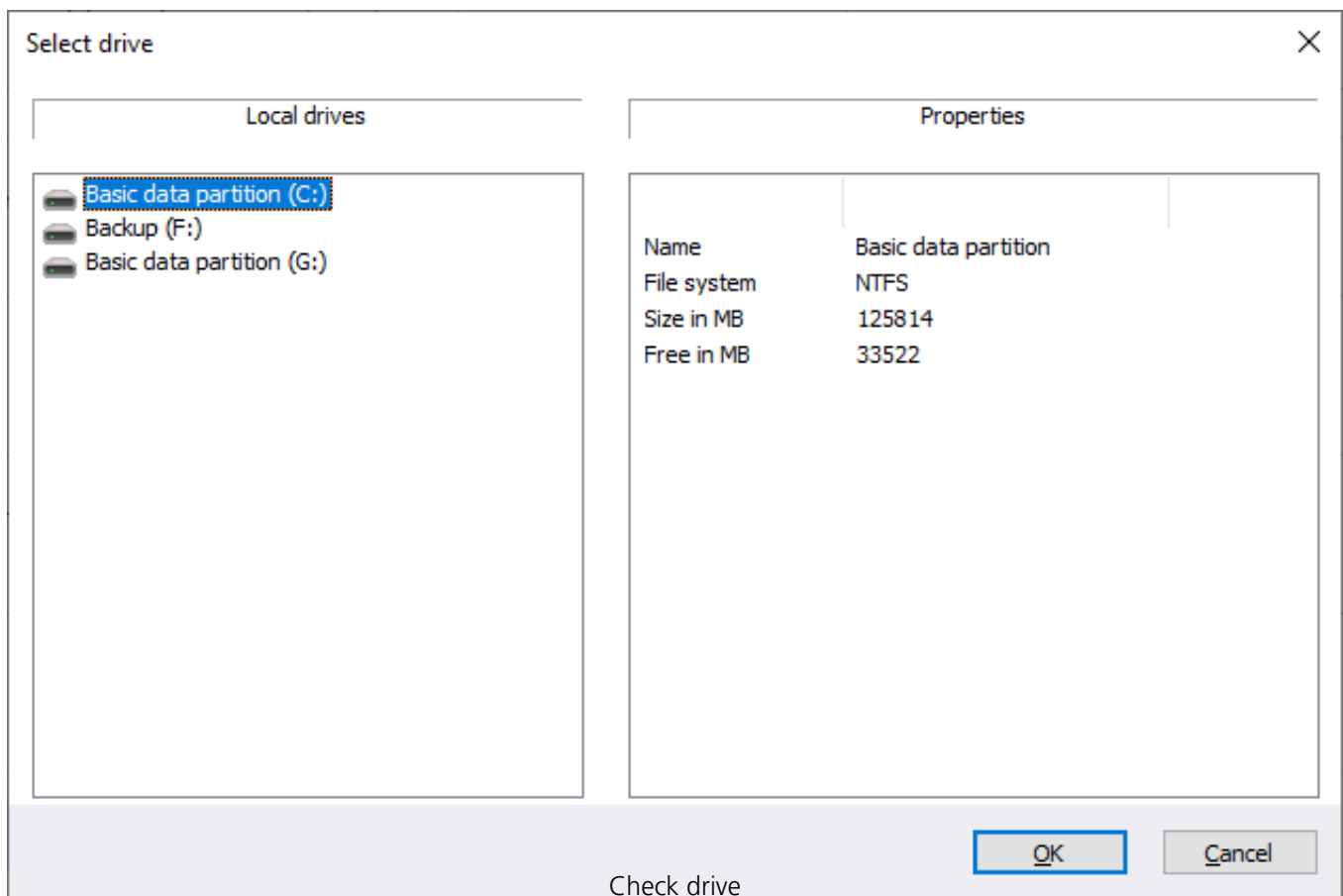
Change computer identity manually

Check drive

Under Tools the function **Check drive for errors** runs an intensive analysis of the file system and data storage interface to protect you against any possible loss of data.

The Wizard (CheckDisk) will guide you step by step through the process of checking your drives. Simply follow the instructions in the dialog window and select your drive.

In the next stage the analysis is carried out. You can monitor progress by means of the progress bar where all the program status messages are listed.



Create boot medium

Creating a bootable medium of O&O DiskImage

Base

Set the Windows PE version for creating the bootable medium.

Use Windows® recovery environment Change

Add driver

To integrate drivers into the bootable medium, please make sure that they are located in a directory and specify it here. The drivers are started automatically when the medium is started.

Add

Choose between the O&O RecoveryPartition, O&O DiskImage ToGo, a simple bootable disk or the creation/burning of an ISO file.

O&O DiskImage RecoveryPartition O&O DiskImage ToGo / Disk ISO file / burning

To create a bootable USB stick, please select an USB drive. WARNING: All data on the target volume will be deleted!

Refresh

O&O DiskImage ToGo

You have the possibility to create a job which automatically performs a 1-click image on the removable disk's data partition when it is connected.

☒ Automatically perform 1-click image on device plug in

☐ Encrypt images automatically

☒ Keep a maximum of 5 image files (previous image files are deleted) [More information about processing a job.](#)

< Back Create Cancel Help

Creating a bootable medium

The bootable disk is created based on the operating system you are using. This means that if you have a 64-bit system, a 64-bit boot disk will be created. Using a 64-bit boot disk you'll be able, among other things, to restore images of GPT hard disks under UEFI/EFI systems.

Creating a bootable disk with O&O DiskImage is possible by going to the menu item **Tools -> Create bootable disk**. This feature detects those options available for creating a bootable disk within the system. It will then copy all the files that are required for doing this.

The current options available for creating will be identified with a green checkmark . Those options not available, because their components are either not installed or not recognized, will be displayed with a red cross .

The base will be selected automatically, providing that a base can be found. You can adjust the base by clicking **Change**. This is, however, normally not necessary because the settings on your system and the possible bases will be adjusted automatically.



Open the respective Microsoft Download page for the ADK or AIK. The Windows ADK/AIK is rather large, taking up between 1.7 – 3.4 GB. The download can therefore take up to a few hours, depending on download speed.



Open the respective installation file (ADK/AIK) and start it.

The program will first try creating a bootable disk using the Windows® recovery environment. When this isn't possible, it will use the "Windows Assessment and Deployment Kit (ADK) for Windows®". The Kit contains a combination of tools that can be used for personalizing, evaluating, and preparing Windows operating systems for use on new computers.

Windows 11

If you're using Windows 11, install ADK for Windows 11. You can download the installation file on the following page, it is necessary to download and install both the "Windows ADK" and the "WinPE add-on for the Windows ADK":
<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-gb/en-des/windows/hardware/dn913721.aspx>

Windows 10

If you're using Windows 10, install ADK10. You can download the installation file on the following page:
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-hardware/get-started/adk-install>

Windows 8.1

If you're using Windows 8.1, install ADK8.1. You can download the installation file on the following page:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/download/details.aspx?id=39982>

Windows 8

If you're using Windows 8, install ADK8.0. You can download the installation file on the following page:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/download/details.aspx?id=30652>

As a last option, you can use the Windows® installation disk to create a bootable disk. If this option is selected, the Windows® installation disk itself will need to be directly inserted.

Individual driver integration when creating a boot medium

You can specify a driver directory so that every driver accepted by the operating system for the boot device is included in the boot media and run automatically when you boot from it. You can integrate drivers into the boot medium for all types of devices, even ones not PnP compatible.

Individual driver integration when using a boot medium

You can specify a driver directory so that every driver accepted by the offline operating system is included in the operating system and run automatically when you boot up. You can integrate

drivers into the boot medium for all types of devices, even ones not PnP compatible, for example graphics cards or network cards.

The next step will involve using the data detected to create a bootable disk. You have the option to burn the CD image onto a CD/DVD or copy it onto a USB stick. Select the CD/DVD burner or USB drive you want. You also have the option of saving the CD image as an ISO file for later use. This will require your entering a file name as well as a path. To complete creation, click "Create".

Note:

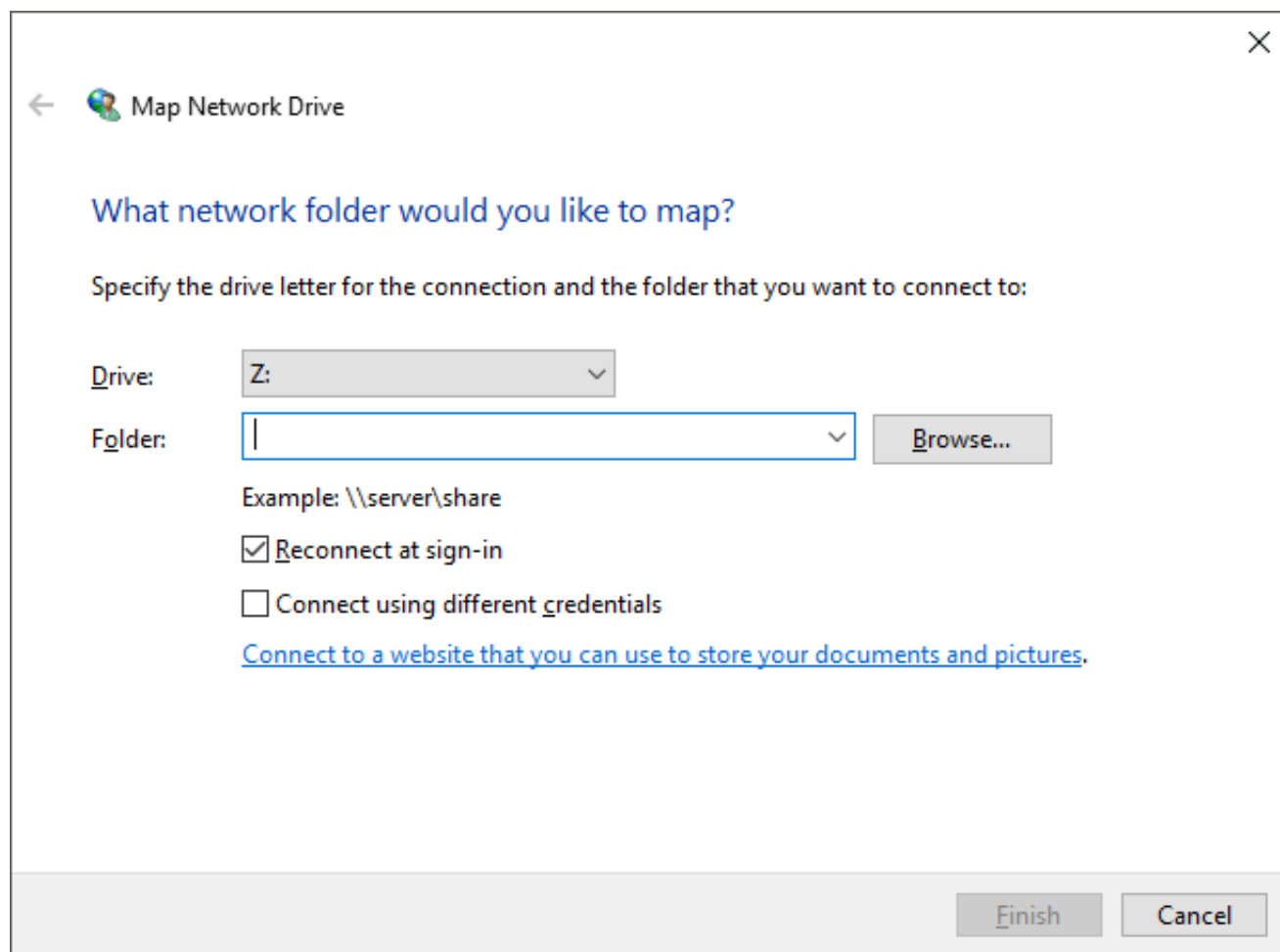
On account of the limitations placed on creating Windows bootable disks, O&O DiskImage can only use 2TB for making a bootable medium. If your disk is larger than 2 TB, the remaining space cannot be used.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCe-4516RHs>

Network

Map/Disconnect network drive

Under Tools in the ribbon bar, you can select the setting **Map network drive**. Under **Disconnect network drive** the connection can be interrupted.



Map network drive

Note:

Network authentication is needed for accessing network drives when images are saved on or restored from them. Read more about it in the chapter Authentication within the network.

Jobs and Reports

The Job Assistant provides options for scheduling program functions to be run automatically. You can, for example, plan to have your data drives imaged once a week.

- You will be forwarded to the corresponding activity window for your selected job via **Start/Jobs & reports**, which lists all jobs and reports created in O&O DiskImage. With a double click you can see the corresponding report or edit the job.
- You can create a new job schedule by clicking the **Add as job** symbol after selecting the drive or a folder in the activity window.

Note:

In order to execute jobs on a regular basis, the starting conditions (e.g., source drive, images, or target drives) have to be the same. If you make changes to a drive's name, the storage location of the image, or on the layout of a target drive, the job may no longer be executed successfully.

Example:

If you've created a job for incremental imaging, you need to enter where you saved all the previous images serving as a basis for the new incremental image. If you've moved the "base image" to another storage location, you'll need to enter the new storage location in the Job Assistant: otherwise the new path will not be found and the job cannot be run successfully.

Note:

The tabs for Scheduling and Notification are not available in the Job Assistant when starting from the O&O DiskImage bootable medium.

Jobs and reports - O&O DiskImage Server Edition

Application menu

Start

Drive operation

File operation

Tools

Jobs & Reports

Add as job

Cancel

Edit

Check

Delete

Start wizard

Import

Export

Open

Delete

Jobs

Job files

Reports

Name	Type	Status	Start options	Start time	Object ID
Drive Imaging					
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly backup	Job	Enabled	Weekly: Thursday	18:30	{1757d94d-c7f0-4770-8360-3ad9043a...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drive Imaging	Job	Completed	Once: 10/17/2019	12:03	{f85a1900-c9fc-478a-8b5f-ca6a768a1...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Drive Imaging	Report	Successful		10/17/2019,...	
Other reports for Drive Imaging					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Laufwerkssicherung	Report	Successful		7/23/2019, ...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Laufwerkssicherung	Report	Successful		10/16/2019,...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Laufwerkssicherung	Report	Successful		10/16/2019,...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Drive Imaging	Report	Successful		7/25/2019, ...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Drive Imaging	Report	Successful		7/30/2019, ...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Drive Imaging	Report	Successful		7/31/2019, ...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Weekly back up	Report	Successful		8/2/2019, 1...	
File backup					
<input type="checkbox"/> File backup	Job	Completed	Once: 10/17/2019	12:14	{ce84e55d-96fa-454b-aa8f-702acebd...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for File backup	Report	Successful		10/17/2019,...	
Other reports for File backup					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for Dateisicherung	Report	Successful		10/14/2019,...	
Other jobs and reports					
Other reports for Other jobs and re...					

Run job


Jobs and Reports

Reports

A status report will be created for every action performed by O&O DiskImage. It can be accessed as a XML document from the start page of O&O DiskImage under **Jobs and reports**.


In the report you will find all information about the progress of an installation or a job.

Report for Drive Imaging (6/10/2018, 10:54:40 AM)







Summary

Name	Report for Drive Imaging
Status	Successful
Start time	6/10/2018, 10:42:28 AM
End time	6/10/2018, 10:54:40 AM
Report ID	{60AB0D74-8F00-4D5D-B3DC-2EBD59C1E295}
Job ID	-



Details

Action	Value
 access check	6/10/2018 10:42:28 AM
Status	Unsuccessful: Further processing had to be stopped...
 Hints	
Device type	filesystem
Path	C:\ProgramData\OO Software\DiskImage\Images\I...
 Create image	6/10/2018 10:42:42 AM
 get image information	6/10/2018 10:54:40 AM

XML View

Close

Reports

Incremental or differential imaging

In order to create a differential or incremental imaging job, you'll need a complete or base image that was previously created. This complete image will serve as a base for creating differential/incremental imaging jobs. The first image after the complete image is always a differential image. Incremental images can be based on a differential or other incremental images.

1. Select **Drive imaging** from the O&O DiskImage Start Page.
2. At the top, click on **Imaging Options** and activate **Image of the changes** then select the base image. Now close the options Window.
3. Now click on **Add as job**.
4. Enter the name and the schedule for the image in the job dialogue.
5. Under Imaging you can either use the standard path or manually enter another storage location for the image.

The option **Use created image as base image for the following execution** is enabled by default. Incremental images will always be created based on the last image of changes. As a result of this, the data volume of the incremental image will end up being very small. All previous cumulative images and the last complete image will be needed for restoration. We recommend saving the complete image as well as any successive image of the changes in one folder.

If this is not possible, the default check has to be removed from **Disable user inquires while task is running**. The process is only partially automatic because every time an imaging is performed, all earlier images will be requested. If these are not entered, the job will be aborted as a result of error.

The selection check for **Use created image as base for the following execution** is enabled by default. If you disable it, all further images will be created as differential ones using the last complete image for their base. Restoration will then require the last differential image along with the complete. Incremental images that were created in the meantime will no longer be needed. The data volume of these differential images is correspondingly larger than a series of incremental images.

Jobs

To run a job select Jobs and reports in the start page of O&O DiskImage. Start will begin the selected activity after a security question is answered.

Add as Job – General information

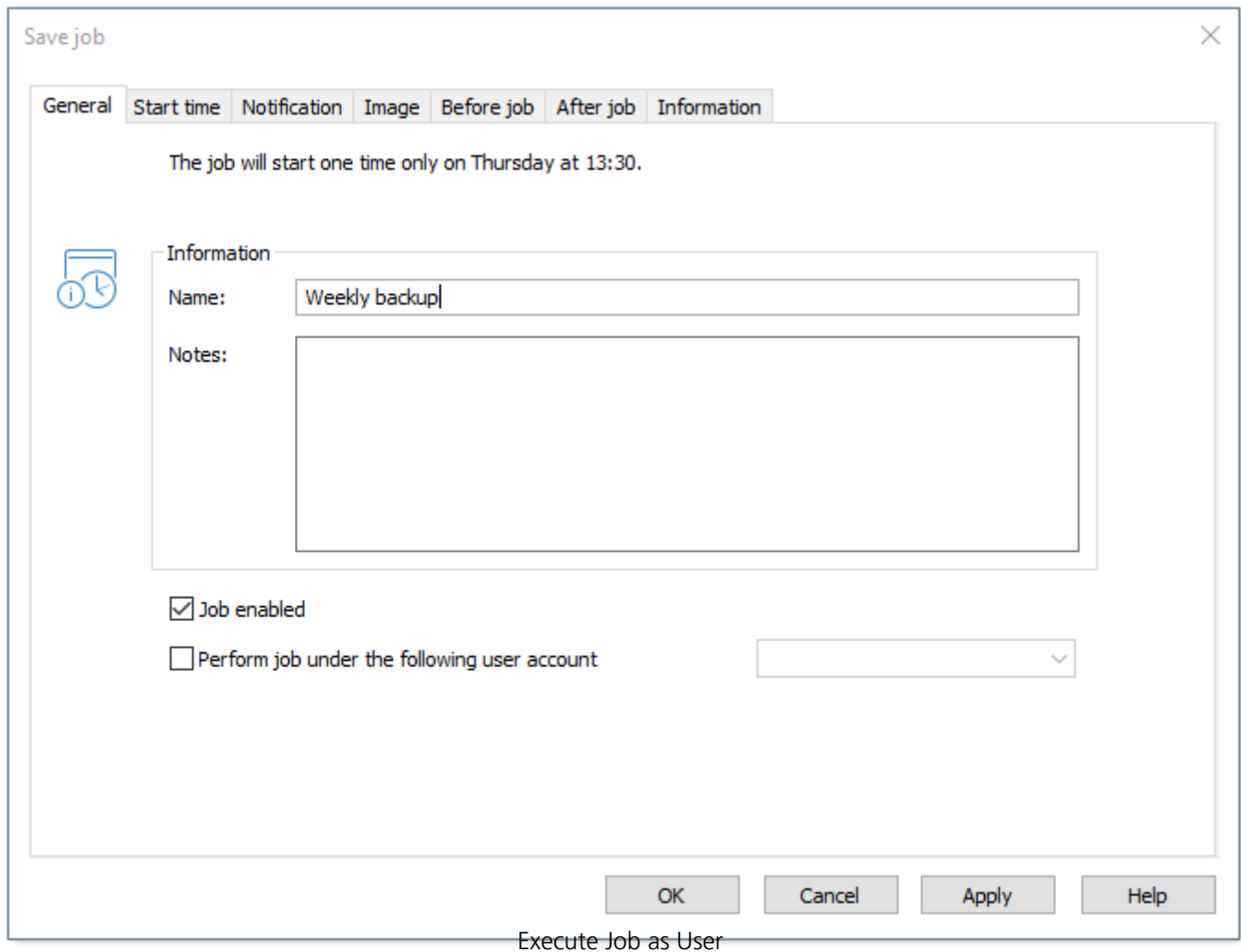
Before setting up a job, you'll have to select an activity.

1. On the start page, click the activity you want to perform, e.g. **Drive imaging**, or **File backup**.
2. Select a drive or, in case of a file backup, a folder.
3. Click Options if you want to specify certain settings for a job, such as the imaging method, encryption, or compression. Your settings will then be saved and applied to the subsequent job.
4. Now click the symbol **Add as job**.
5. Enter the name of your job in the dialog. It will later be used for the creation of the report and serve as reference. The name of the job has only symbolic meaning and may already be applied to other jobs.
6. Specify further settings such as scheduling, notification, imaging, etc.

In the field **Notes** you may enter text for providing a few details about the job.

Job enabled

If you don't wish to run a job for a short period of time but don't want to delete it altogether, you may disable it. The job will then not be run until you enable it once again.



The screenshot shows the 'Save job' dialog box with the 'General' tab selected. The dialog has a title bar with a close button (X) and a subtitle 'Save job'. Below the title bar is a tabbed interface with tabs for 'General', 'Start time', 'Notification', 'Image', 'Before job', 'After job', and 'Information'. The 'General' tab is active, displaying the text: 'The job will start one time only on Thursday at 13:30.' Below this text is a section titled 'Information' with a clock icon. It contains a 'Name:' field with the text 'Weekly backup' and a 'Notes:' text area. At the bottom of the 'Information' section are two checkboxes: 'Job enabled' (checked) and 'Perform job under the following user account' (unchecked). To the right of the second checkbox is a dropdown menu. At the bottom of the dialog are four buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Apply', and 'Help'. Below the dialog box, the text 'Execute Job as User' is visible.

Save job

General Start time Notification Image Before job After job Information

The job will start one time only on Thursday at 13:30.

Information

Name: Weekly backup

Notes:

☒ Job enabled

☐ Perform job under the following user account

OK Cancel Apply Help

Execute Job as User

When creating a job, a recognized user can be selected in the security settings. When the task is executed it will be listed under that user's account. This applies both to saving the image as well as preliminary work and editing. This enables the use of commands in preliminary work and editing, but these require authentication information and access to a network.

Start time - Scheduling

Under Scheduling in the Job assistant, you can specify the exact moment when a job should be run. A job can be performed one time only or repeatedly. The options for execution (date, day of the week) will change along with the corresponding selection.

Save job

General Start time Notification Image Before job After job Information

The job will start every Tuesday and Friday at 12:30.

Schedule: One or more times a week

Weekday: ☐ Mon ☒ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☒ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun

Beginning: At a certain time

Start time: 12:30 ☐ Time frame: 30 Minutes

Start date: 23/10/2020 ☐ Finish date: 30/10/2020

Recur every: 1 Weeks

OK Cancel Apply Help

Scheduling jobs

- Time

For weekly execution:

- Selection of weekday, date, and time
- Selection of the start and finish dates for the interval. The job will be performed, for example, five weeks in a row, once a week.

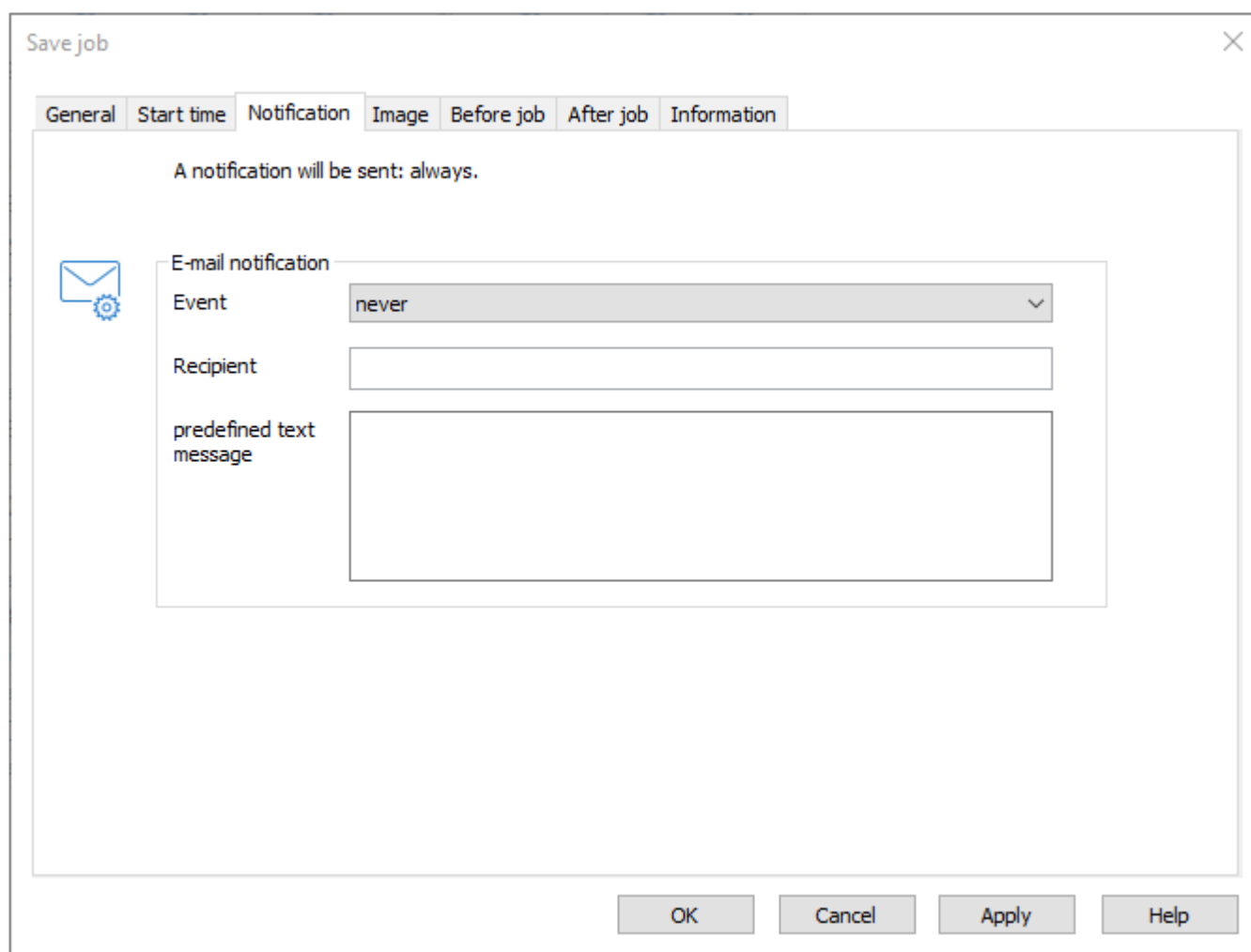
Notification

In the **Job assistant** under **Notification**, you can arrange to be notified by email about the running of tasks during events.

- If you want to be notified about the running of a job, select an event and enter your email address in the field for recipient.

Note:

In order for your entry to be successfully processed, you'll have to set the sender data of your email server in **Program settings** under **Notification**.

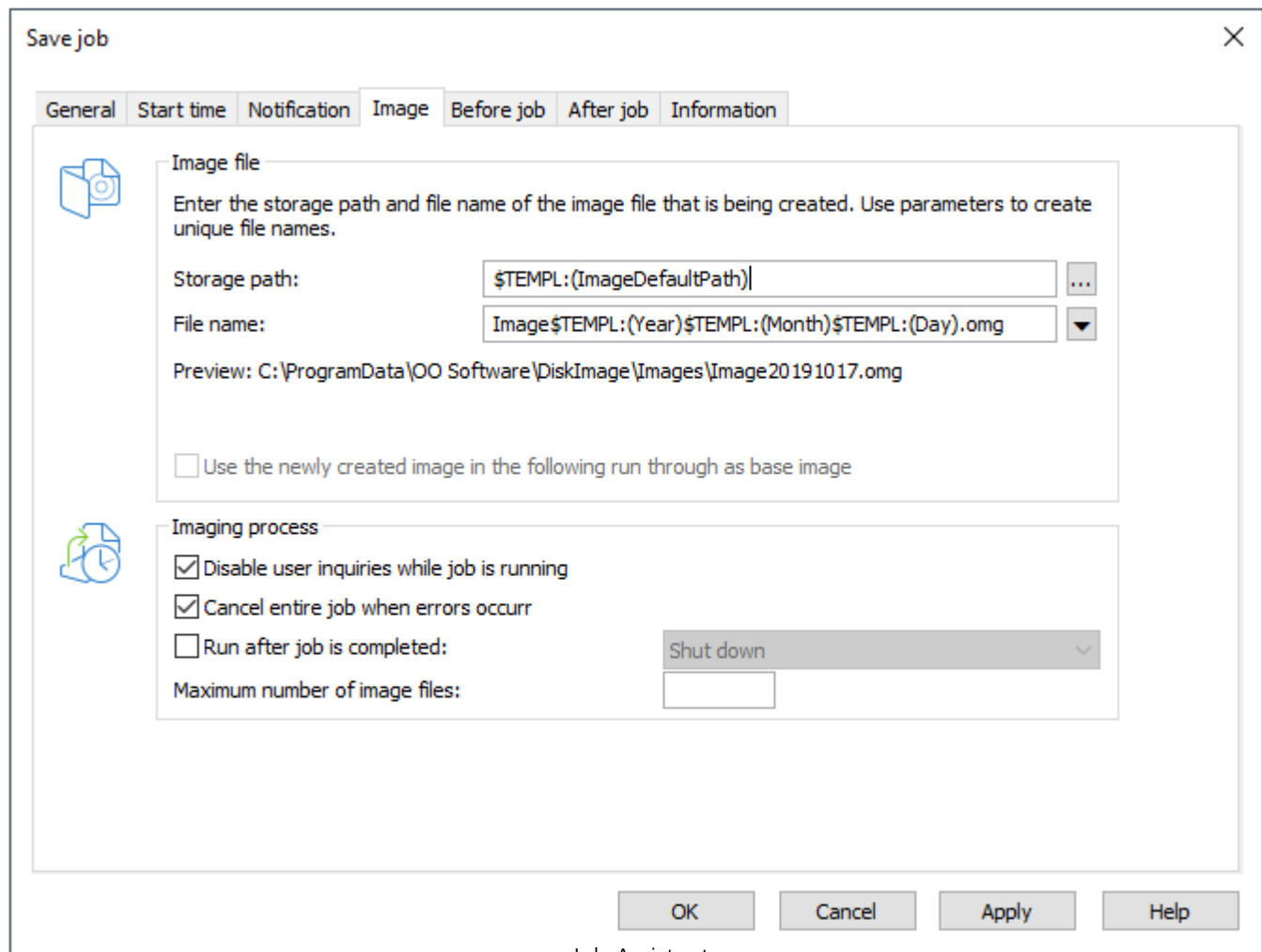


The screenshot shows the 'Save job' dialog box with the 'Notification' tab selected. The dialog has a title bar with a close button (X) and a tabbed interface with the following tabs: General, Start time, Notification (active), Image, Before job, After job, and Information. The main content area displays the text 'A notification will be sent: always.' Below this, there is a section titled 'E-mail notification' with a mail icon and a gear icon. This section contains three fields: 'Event' (a dropdown menu currently showing 'never'), 'Recipient' (a text input field), and 'predefined text message' (a large text area). At the bottom of the dialog are four buttons: OK, Cancel, Apply, and Help.

Job Notification

Image - Options

You can set additional options for your job in the fourth tab (**Image**) of the Job Wizard. The choice of settings is based on your selected activity. For an imaging activity, you could, for example, enter a storage location and a name for the image.



Job Assistant

Disable user inquiries while job is running

User inquiries are questions that can arise during the normal course of running a job or while the scripts are being processed.

If in doubt, you will need to confirm questions, e.g. with a security check if the name of the image already exists. The job will thereby be interrupted because the user either has to make a decision or additional information is required for continuing. You can setup some user queries with special parameters: for this please consult the script documentation.

User queries are currently made only if the user interface of O&O DiskImage is open.

User queries will not be filed until the user interface is closed during job execution, or if you have

enabled the option **Disable user inquiries while job is being run**. Should this interactive option be turned off, in a worst case scenario there will be no confirmation dialog while the job is being run and it will be aborted by default and logged as an error.

Abort entire job when an error occurs

The job will be aborted whenever an error occurs.

Run after job is completed

Here you can choose between **Restart** and **Shut Down**. If you don't select anything, the computer will return to its condition prior to imaging. It will usually just remain on.

Characteristics of an imaging job

Storage path

The target path to the storage location of the image will be applied from the program settings by default. You may, however, select or enter a new path manually.

Apply dynamically generated file names

For a file name, the terms "Image" and the dynamically mounted parameters "year", "month", and "day", will be used by default. In addition, you can select from a list of alternative parameters. If you're making, for example, a number of images on a single day, it's advisable to include the "time" in the file name. Otherwise, files with the same name would emerge and that could lead to the imaging process being aborted.

Note:

If you're using O&O DiskImage on a computer in a network, the data from the computer will be automatically read and file names will be dynamically generated. You could, for example, add the "Computer Name" to the image name for use in a network.

Run commands before and after a job

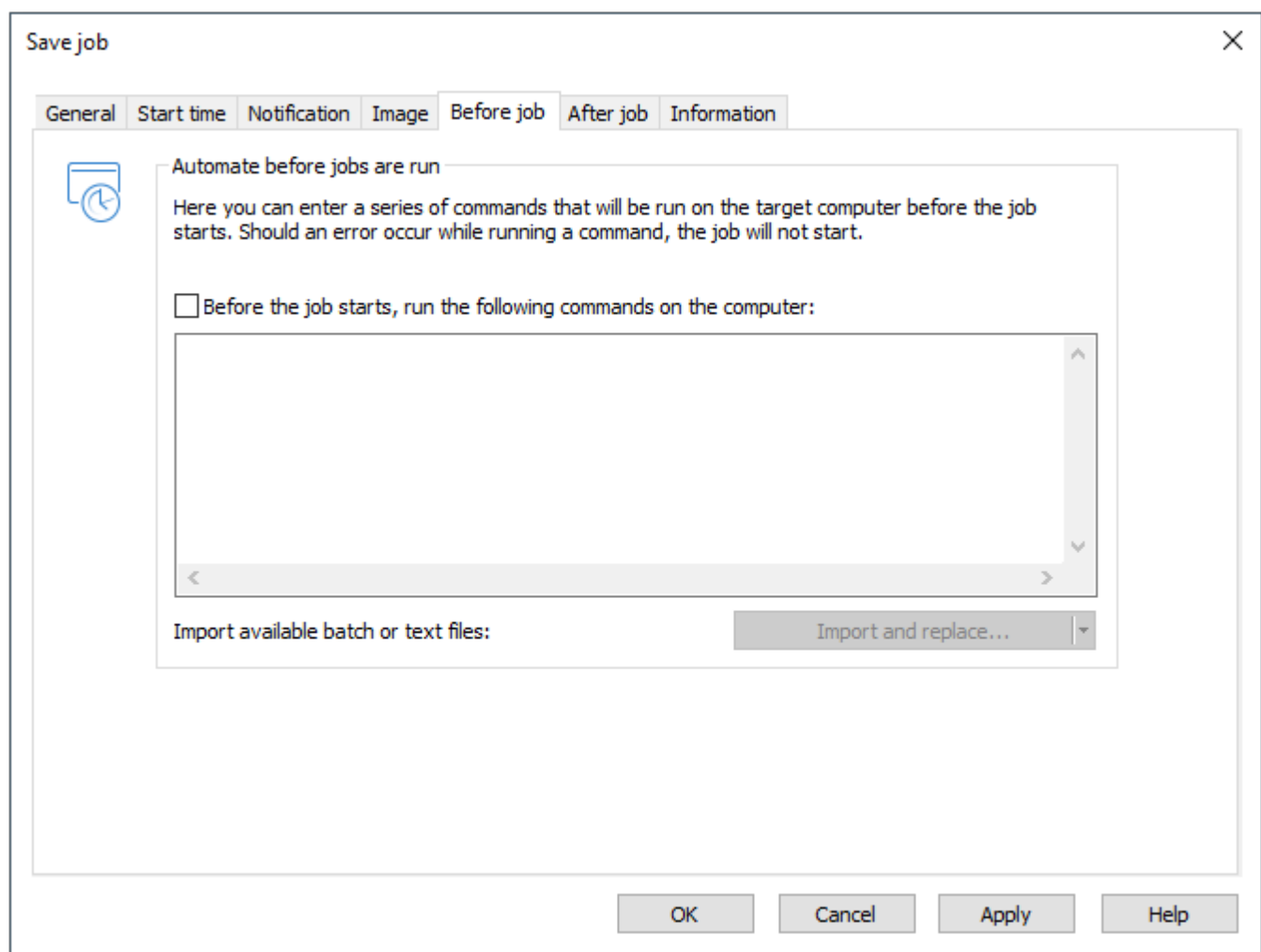
Carrying out commands before and/or after a job can allow you to stop certain Windows services and then restart them again afterwards. If you're using O&O DiskImage on a Microsoft Exchange or SQL-Server, you could stop these services beforehand, create the image and then have them automatically start again once the imaging is done. You no longer need to create a script to do this.

Before Job

If you select this option, the commands entered in the text field will be carried out before the job begins. You can also import existing command files so that their contents will be shown in the text field. Just click on **Import** select the file in the dialog (.BAT, .CMD or .TXT). Confirm with **OK**.

Note:

Please make sure that all commands exist and are able to be carried out on the target computer. All commands will be carried out under the SYSTEM User and his permissions.



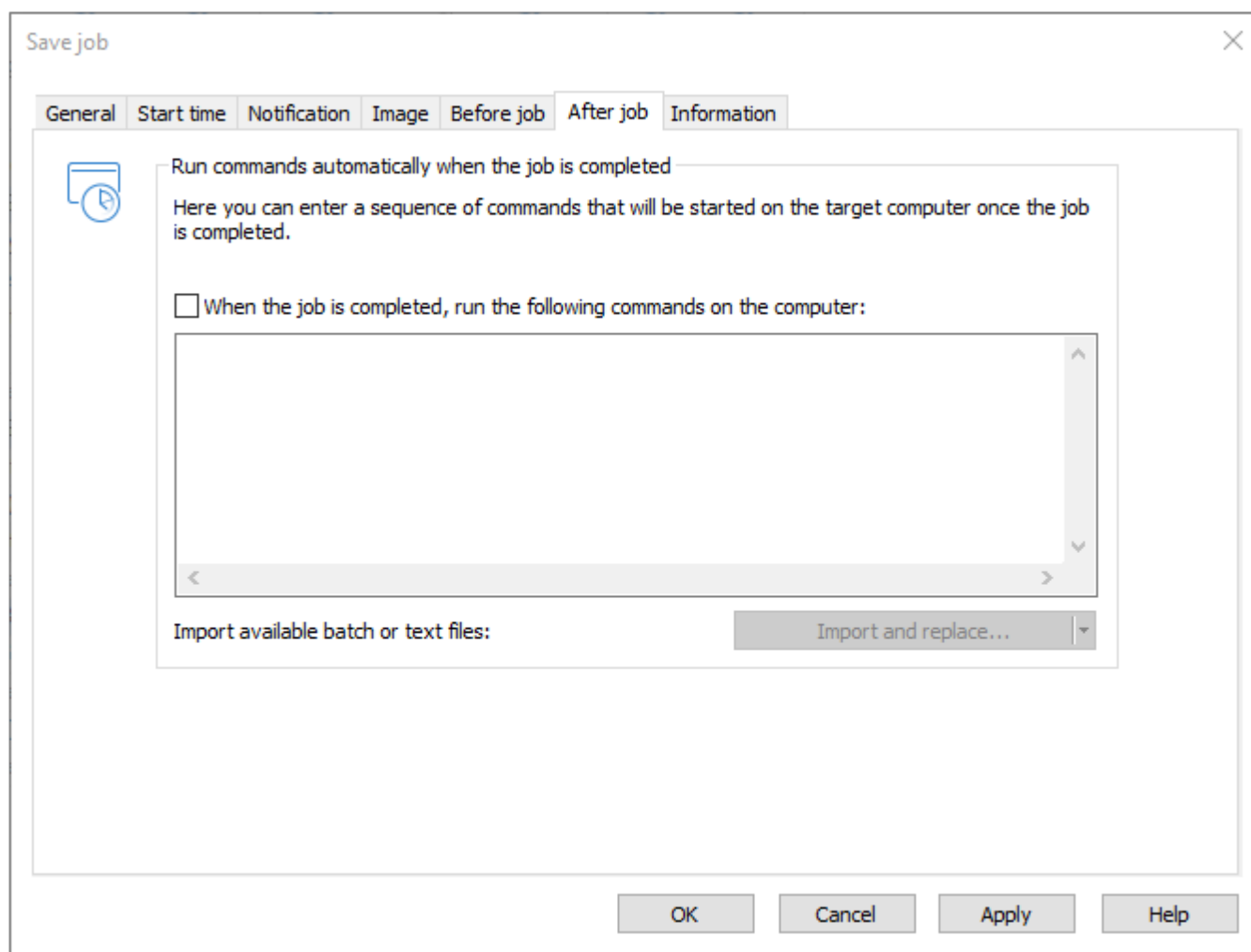
Before Job

After Job

If you select this option, the commands entered in the text field will be carried out when the job is completed. Entry and application is similar to the command instructions in "Before Job".

Note:

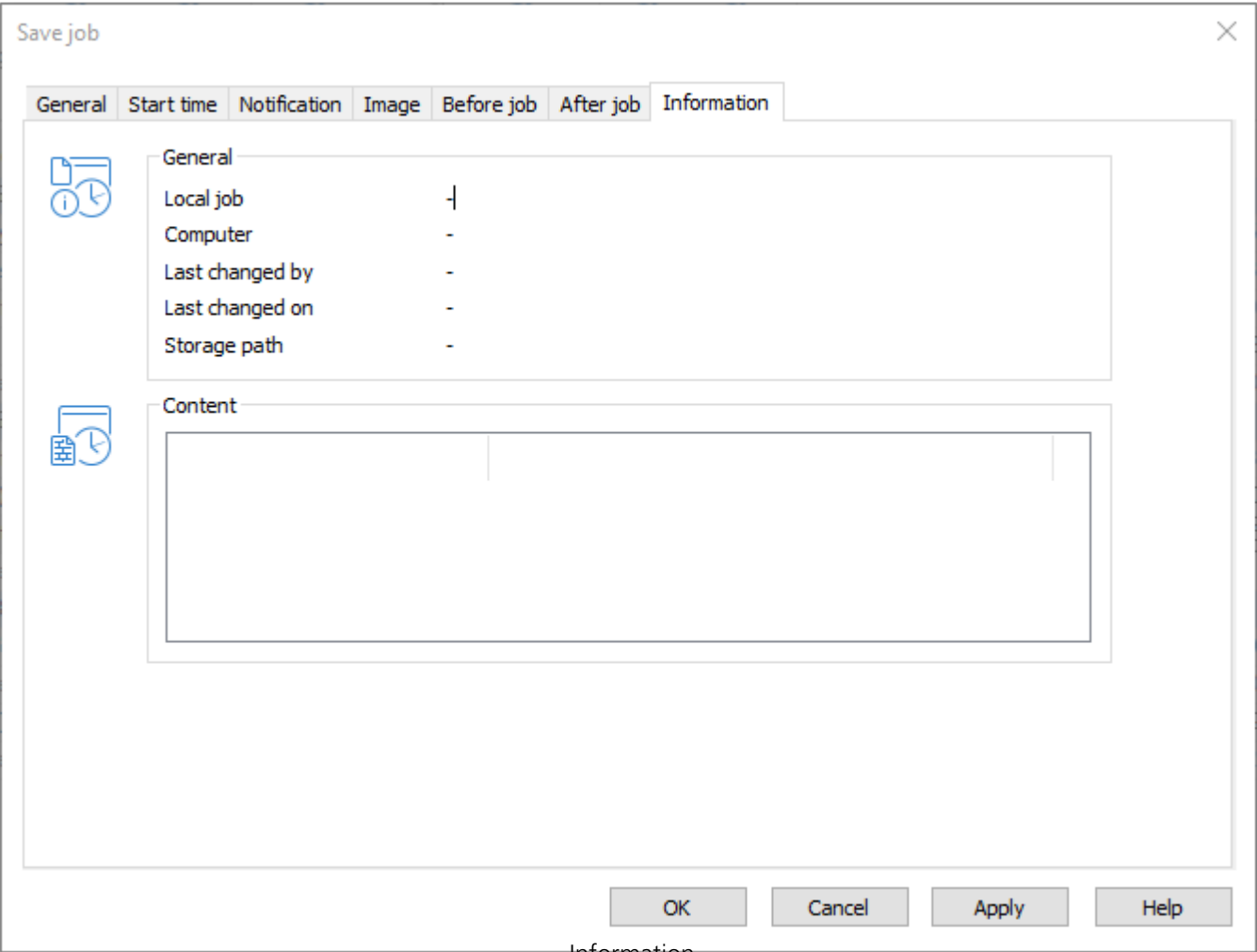
Please make sure that all commands exist and are able to be carried out on the target computer. All commands will be carried out under the SYSTEM User and his permissions.



After Job

Information

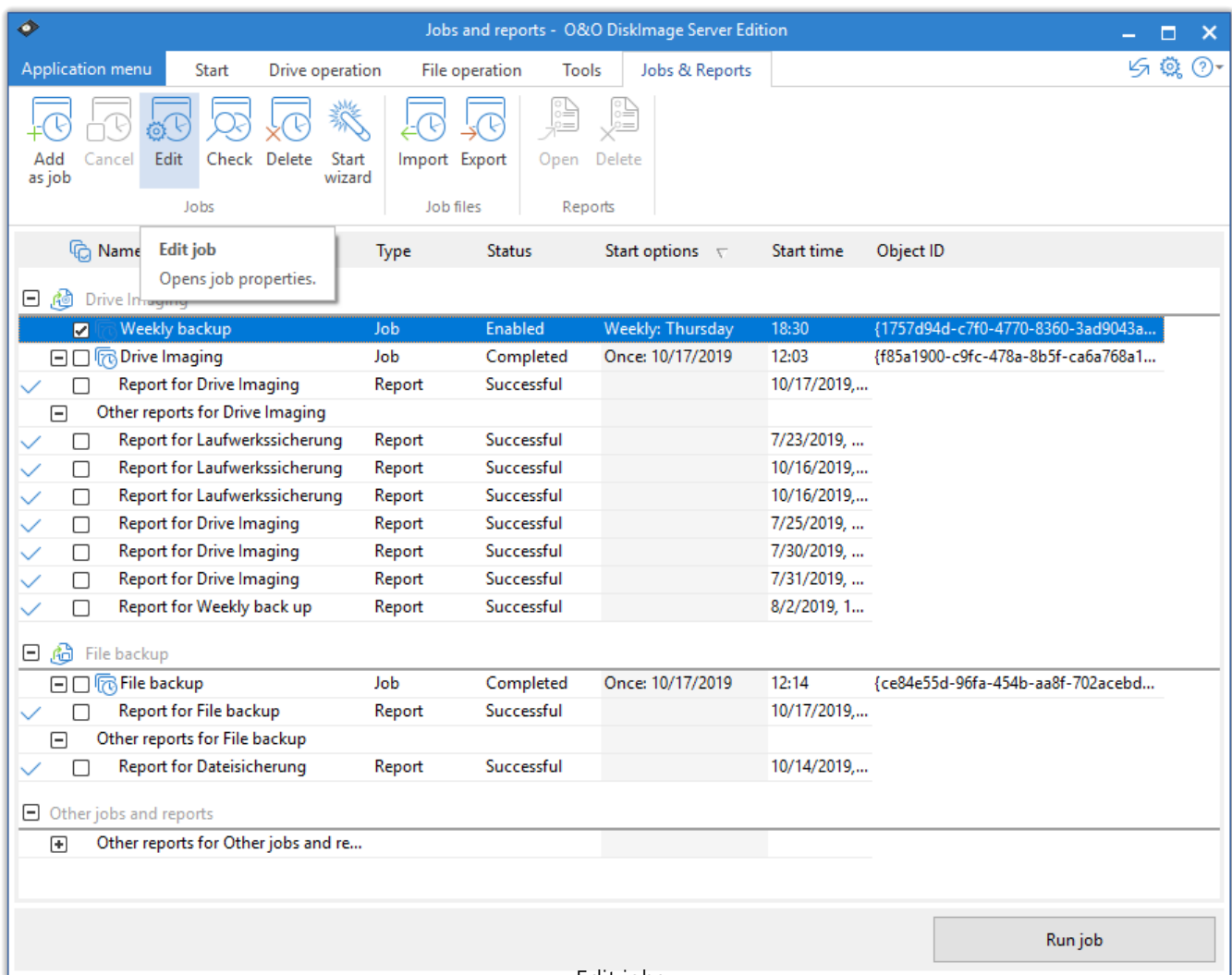
The exact settings of a job are listed under **Information** in the Job assistant. The view provides information only; you will not be able to make any changes there.



Edit

1. To edit a job select **Jobs and reports** in the start page of O&O DiskImage.
2. You can change a job by selecting it in the job list and then clicking the symbol **Edit**.
3. The Job assistant will then appear with the settings of the job.
4. Make the desired changes in the properties and confirm the changes with **OK**.
5. If you decide not to apply the changes, click **Cancel**.

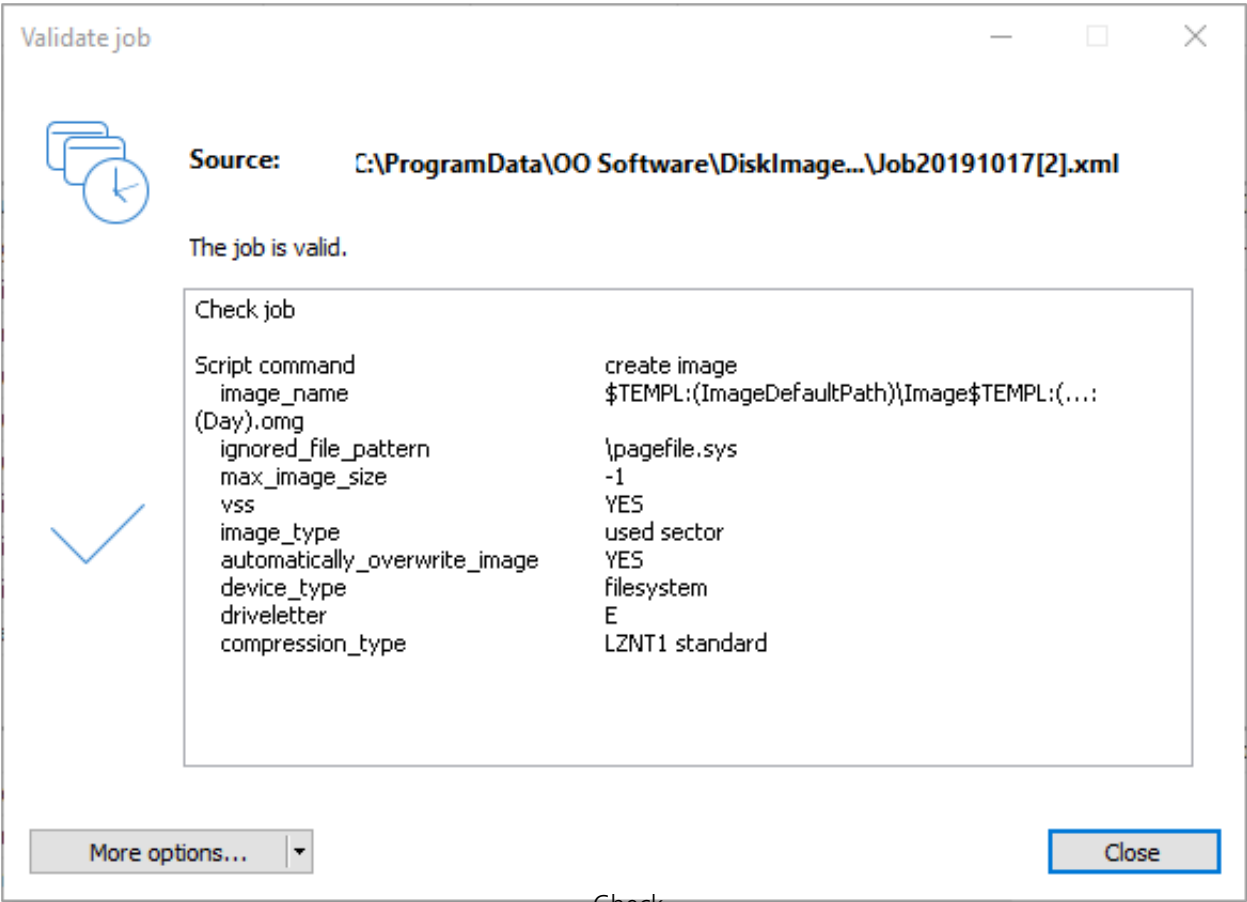
For certain tasks, e.g. deleting or importing/exporting one or more jobs, you have to select the desired jobs in the list. Afterwards, you can run desired tasks on all selected jobs.



Edit jobs

Check

To check if the settings for a job are valid, i.e., to check if its contents and syntax can be executed on a local system, select Jobs and reports in the file menu on the Start page of O&O DiskImage. Then select the job you want to check and click on Check job.

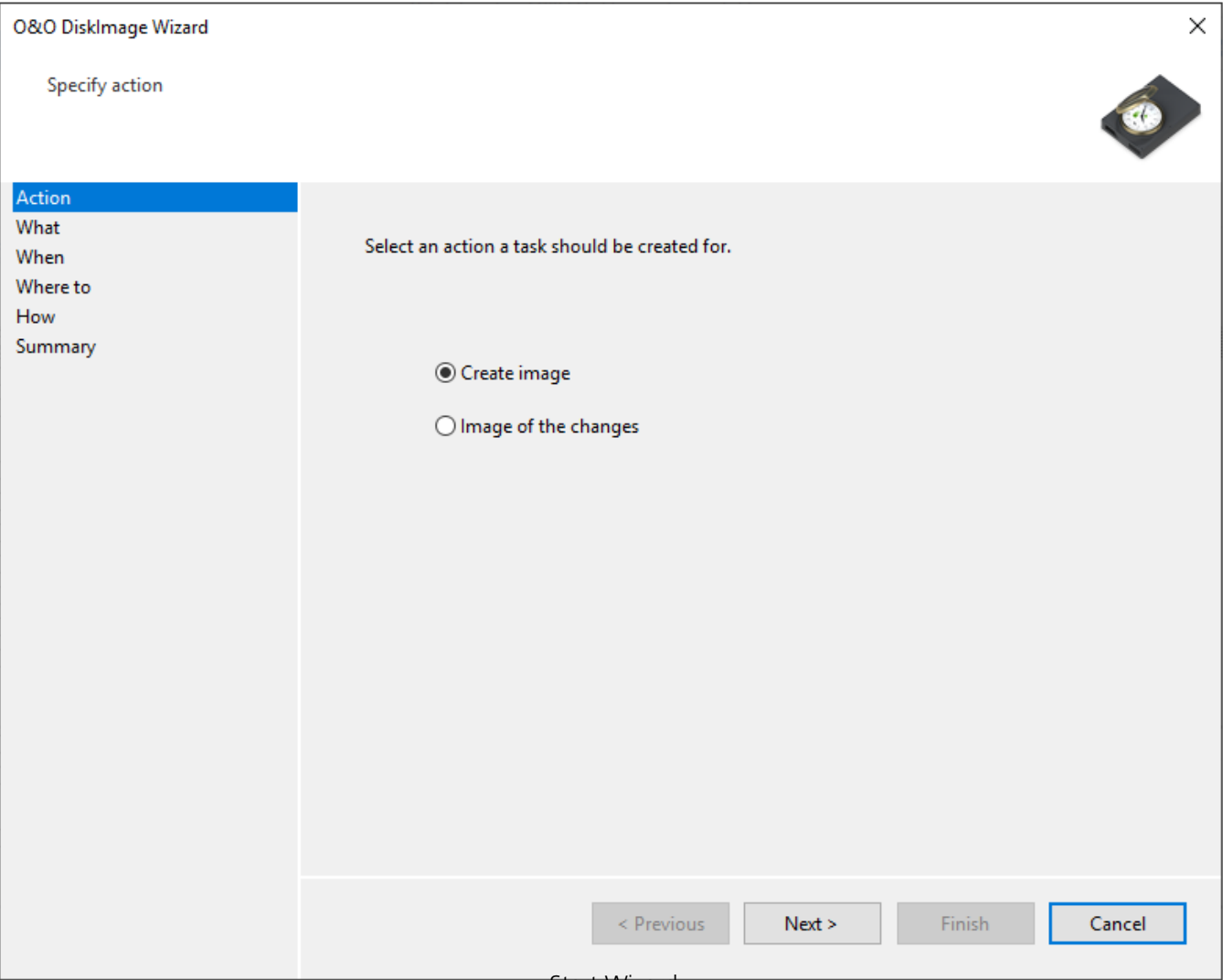


Check

Delete

To delete a job select Jobs in the start page of O&O DiskImage. Mark the job you wish to delete with a check and then click on Delete.

Start wizard



Start Wizard

Job files

Import

To import a job, select Jobs and reports on the start page of O&O DiskImage and select the function Import jobs. Select the desired job in the dialog window. This will then be added to the Job List. You can then transfer the created job from one computer to another, without having to make new settings for the job.

Export

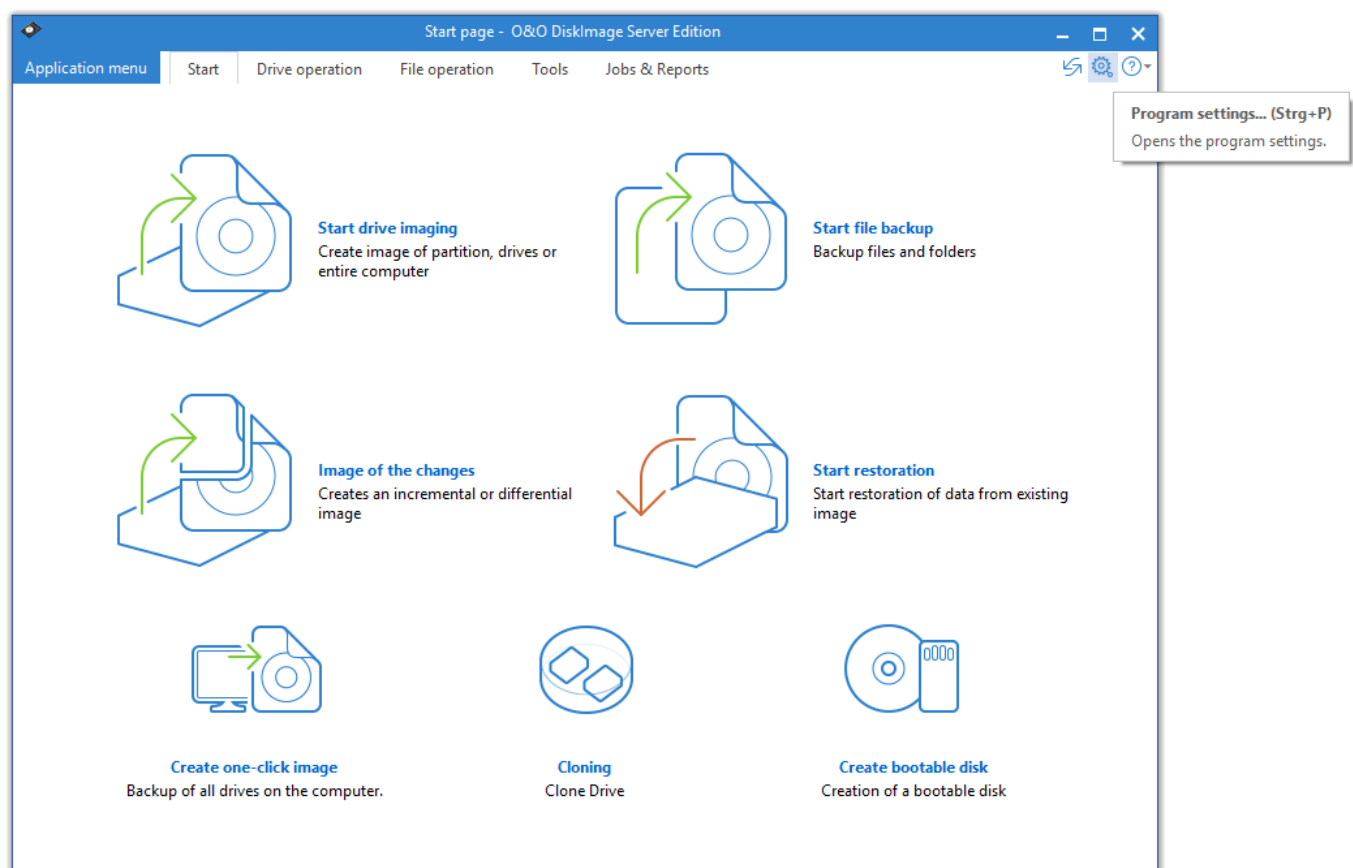
To export a job, select Jobs and reports on the start page of O&O DiskImage. Mark the job selected in the job list and then select Export. Save the job file (*.xml) on an external storage volume so that it can be used again on another computer (see "Import jobs").

Program settings

You can adapt O&O DiskImage to your needs in the start menu via **Start/Program settings**. Here it's possible to determine, for example, whether created settings should be saved and applied as preferred settings when you start the program the next time.

Note:

The tabs for General, Security, and Email notification are not available in the Program Settings when starting directly from the O&O DiskImage bootable medium.



Program settings

General - Change default settings

Under **General** in the **Program settings** you have the possibility to determine the program page that will be displayed at the start of O&O DiskImage. You can, for example, specify that the "Imaging" page appears whenever you start the program.

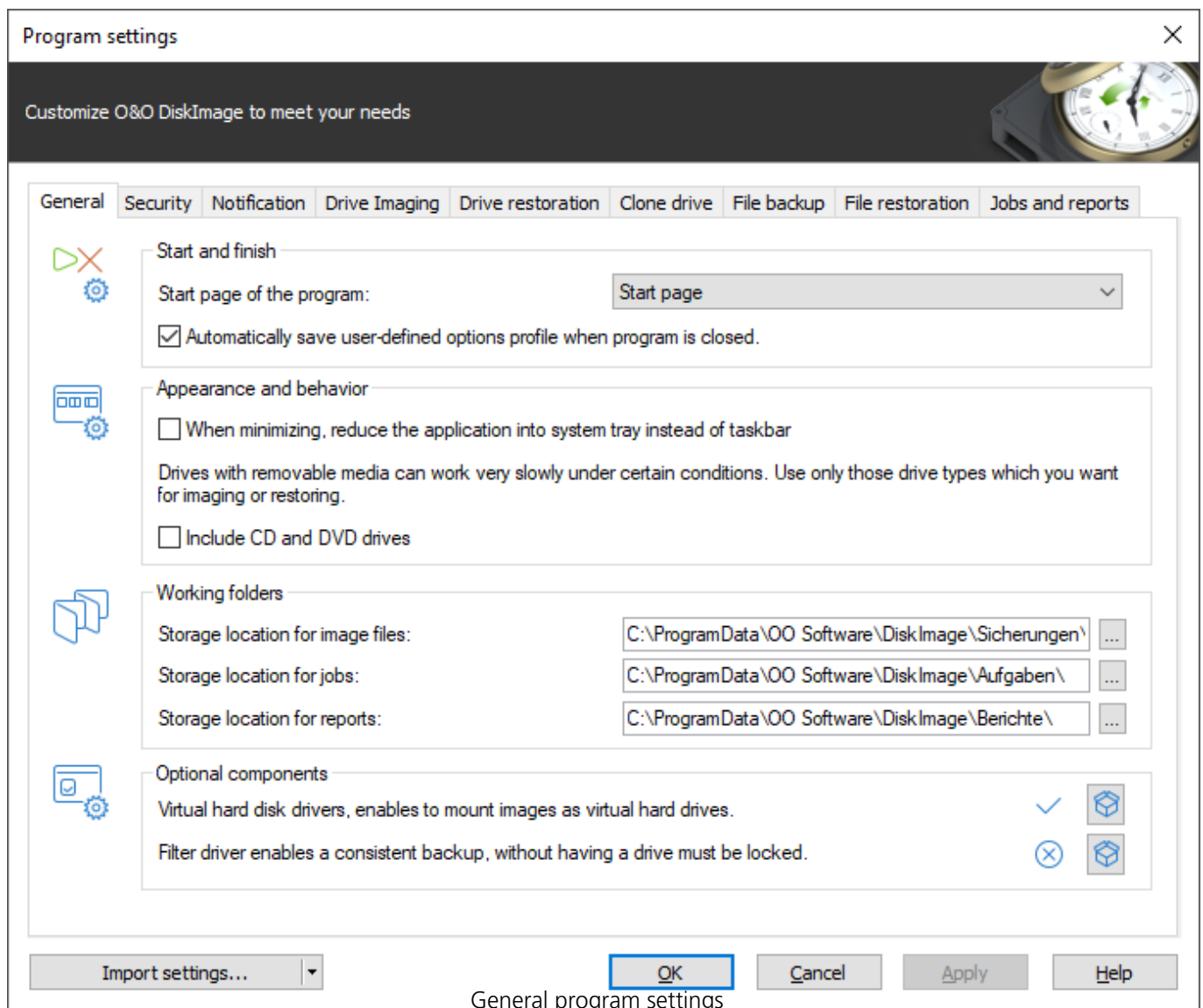
Access removable drives

Under **Appearance and behavior** you can decide whether removable drives should be accessed when creating images or during restoration. As these removable volumes tend to work very slowly under certain conditions, it is advisable to use only those types which you would want for imaging or restoring.

Default settings for storage locations

Under **Program settings/General/Working folders** you can determine and edit the folder in which the image should be saved by default. The path entered (target path) will be saved and applied to every imaging by default.

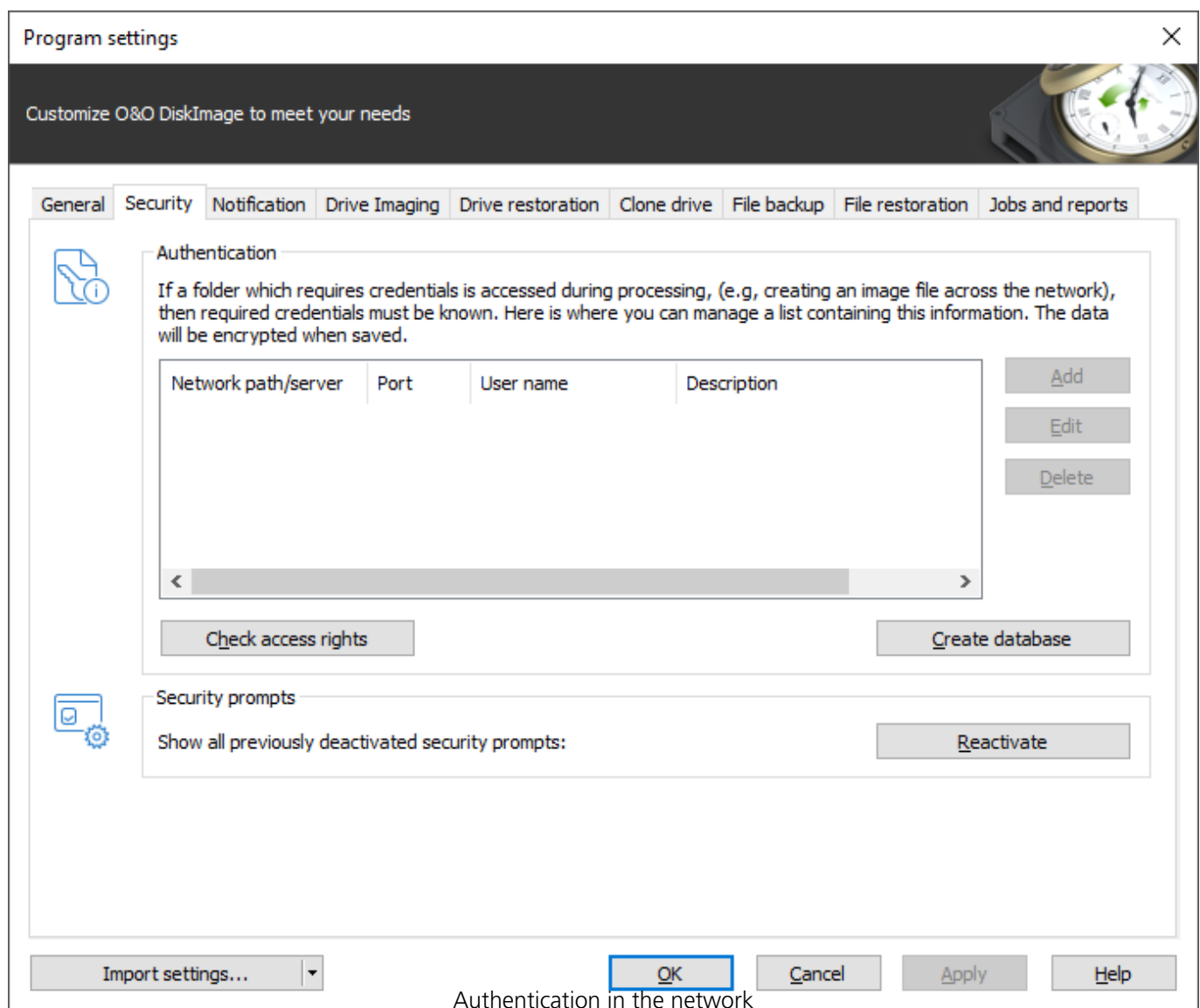
The storage location for jobs and reports can be similarly specified.



Security - Network authentication

To login locally or to the network, e.g. to enable access to protected folders, you have to authenticate yourself. The authentication occurs through your user account. The user account is composed of the user name and the corresponding password, and can be coupled with additional permissions and sharing rights. It is possible to place the images on network drives while working with O&O DiskImage.

Please use the password manager of O&O DiskImage for automatic authentication.



Reset security confirmations

Most of the security confirmations of O&O DiskImage can be deselected. Once disabled, they will be suppressed and no longer be displayed. If you want all the security confirmations to be displayed as they were when the program first started, under **Program settings/Security** click **Reactivate**.

Explanation: Password management

Managing the password is a program feature which allows you to store authentication data and to manage it. These data is compresses in the password file, using the Advanced Encryption Standard-Algorithm (AES) and then stored. In addition, the order of the data sets is chosen at random.

A public and a private key are used to encrypt the password. The public key is set by default and can be changed in the registry under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\O&O DiskImage. Please bear in mind that the key has to hold a value. An empty key will not be accepted. The private key is preset to a size of 64 Byte.

Important!

Changes in the Registry may cause severe problems affecting the entire system and may cause the need to reinstall the complete operating system. Before making changes in the Windows Registry database, you should create an image of all the important data on your computer using O&O DiskImage.

Note:

If you make changes in the Registry, it will require loading the database again. In the following chapter you'll find brief explanations of the registry entries.

Network authentication

Enter the following settings under **Start/Program settings/Security**:

1. If you have not yet created a database, click **Create database**.
2. Enter any password you'd like and confirm your entry. This password will then be encrypted and filed. In order to encrypt the password, a new one will be generated that is composed of two parts: public (Public Key) and private (Private Key). This ensures that you are the only one who can open and read the password file. The O&O DiskImage Service will have automatic access to this password as well.
3. Then click **Add** in the security dialog.
4. Under **Computer/Folder** enter the path under which the image is to be saved, or from where it is supposed to be loaded: Computer name\Folder name or Domain name\Folder name\User name. Alternatively, you can enter the computer name only if all the sharing options can be opened by the selected user.
5. You have to enter a qualified name of a user account when entering the user name. For example, the corresponding domain for the specific domain account has to be entered and covered, e.g. domainuser1 or User1@domain.
6. Enter the network password of the user, or of his user account. Please keep in mind that the user under which you login has to hold access rights for the target or original folder. You can check for them under Properties in the corresponding target directory under Security.
7. You can also add descriptions to the credentials.
8. After the authentication, you can, for instance, enter a new "network path" as saving location and also restore an image from there.

Add authentication data

Network path

e.g. \\Server\Share or ftp://server

...

Port

Optional

User name

e.g. Domain\User

Password

*

Description

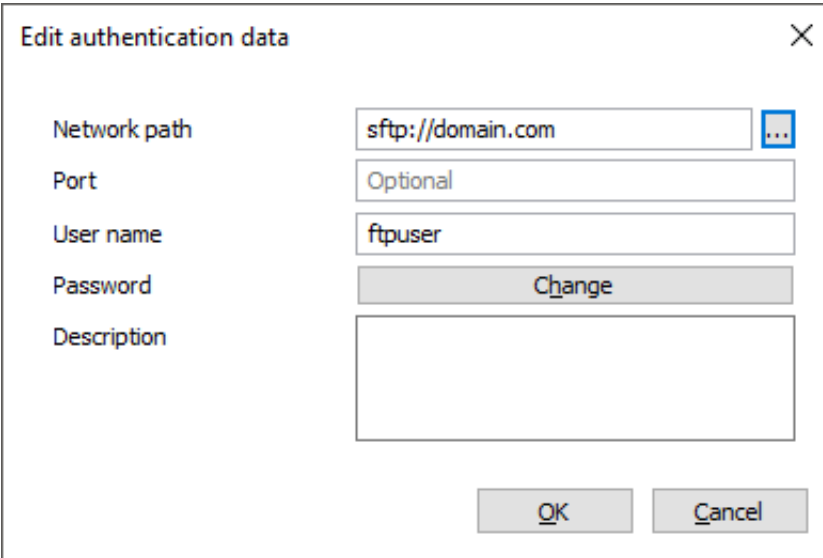
OK

Cancel

Using an FTP with O&O DiskImage

O&O DiskImage supports so-called passive FTP.

In order to save your image on an FTP Server, you'll need to authenticate yourself in your FTP user account. The user account is essentially based on your FTP user name and the corresponding FTP password. It's important to label FTP access as "ftp://". Please note that the network path/server you set will be consulted while the authentication information is being detected, i.e., this string is the one being looked for.



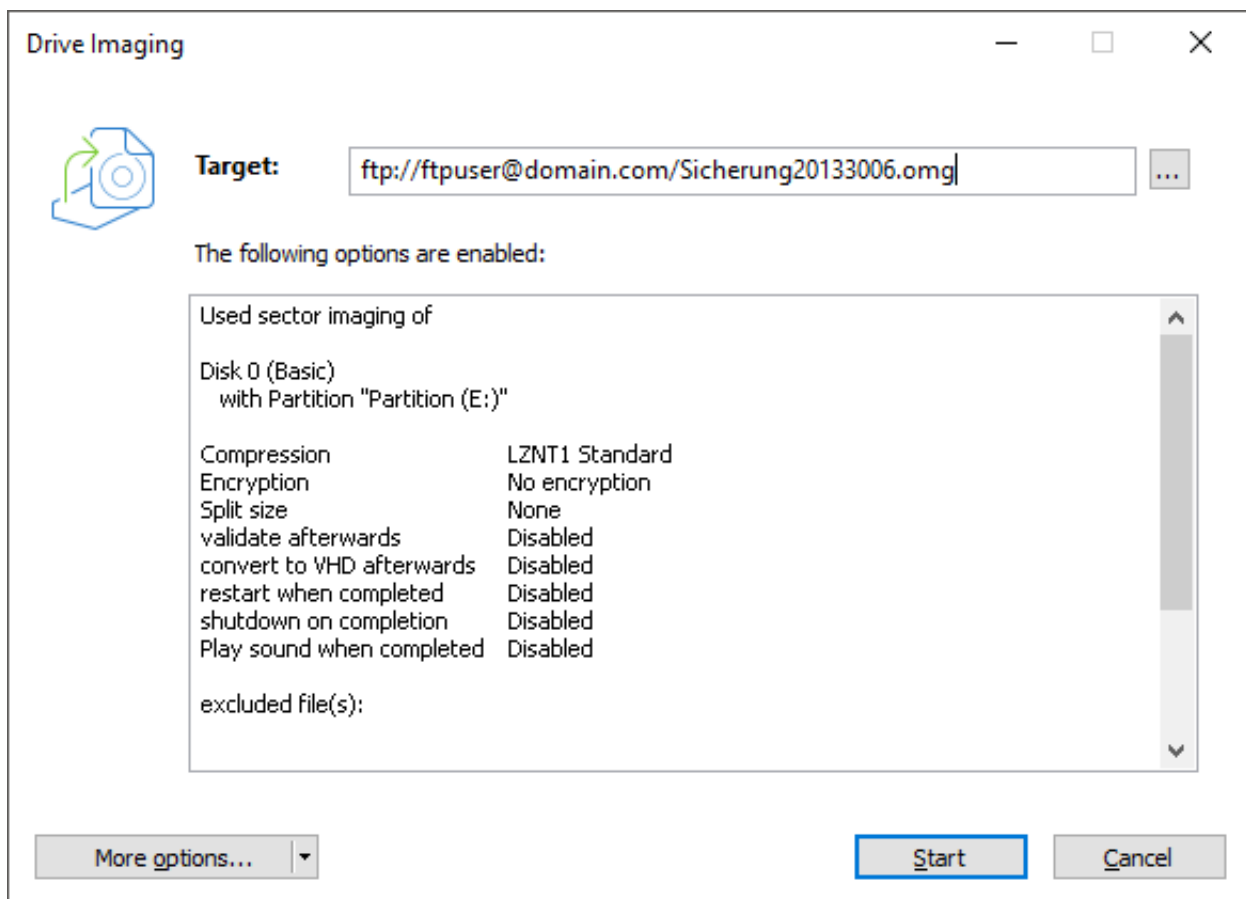
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit authentication data". It contains the following fields and controls:

- Network path:** A text box containing "sftp://domain.com" with a browse button (three dots) to its right.
- Port:** A text box containing "Optional".
- User name:** A text box containing "ftpuser".
- Password:** A button labeled "Change".
- Description:** A large empty text area.
- Buttons:** "OK" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom right.

Authentiication data

If all the data has been correctly gathered, a test of the authentication information should be successful.

During imaging, the program (O&O DiskImage) must be given the FTP user and the path.

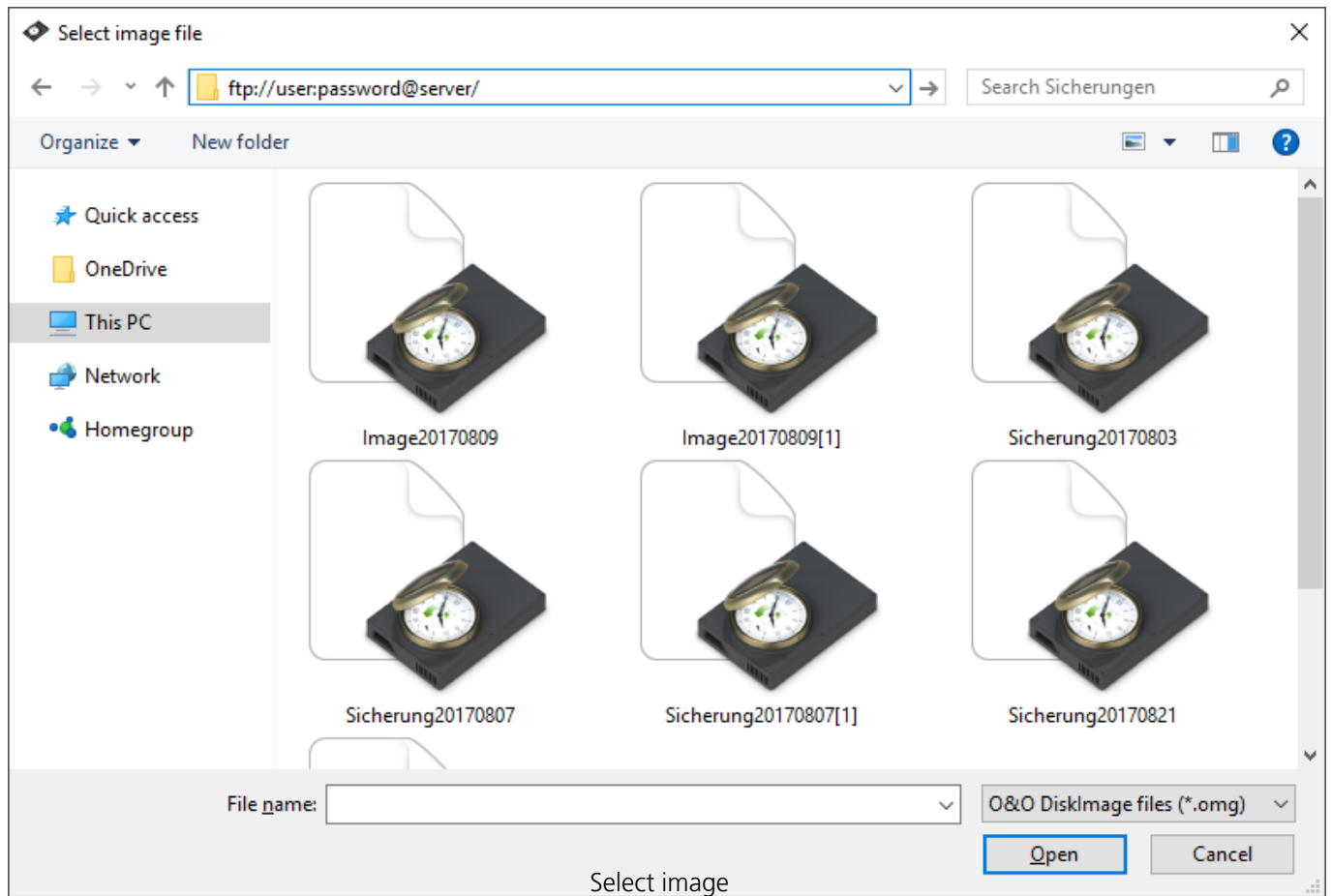


Drive imaging

This is always done in the format "ftp://user@server/path". User and server are needed in order to assign the entry correctly in the authentication information.

Image selection

The user and password must be entered if an image is being selected from an FTP server via a file selection dialog, e.g., by Open file.



Using "ftp://user:password@server/" it's possible to scan the folder and select the image.

Settings for notification

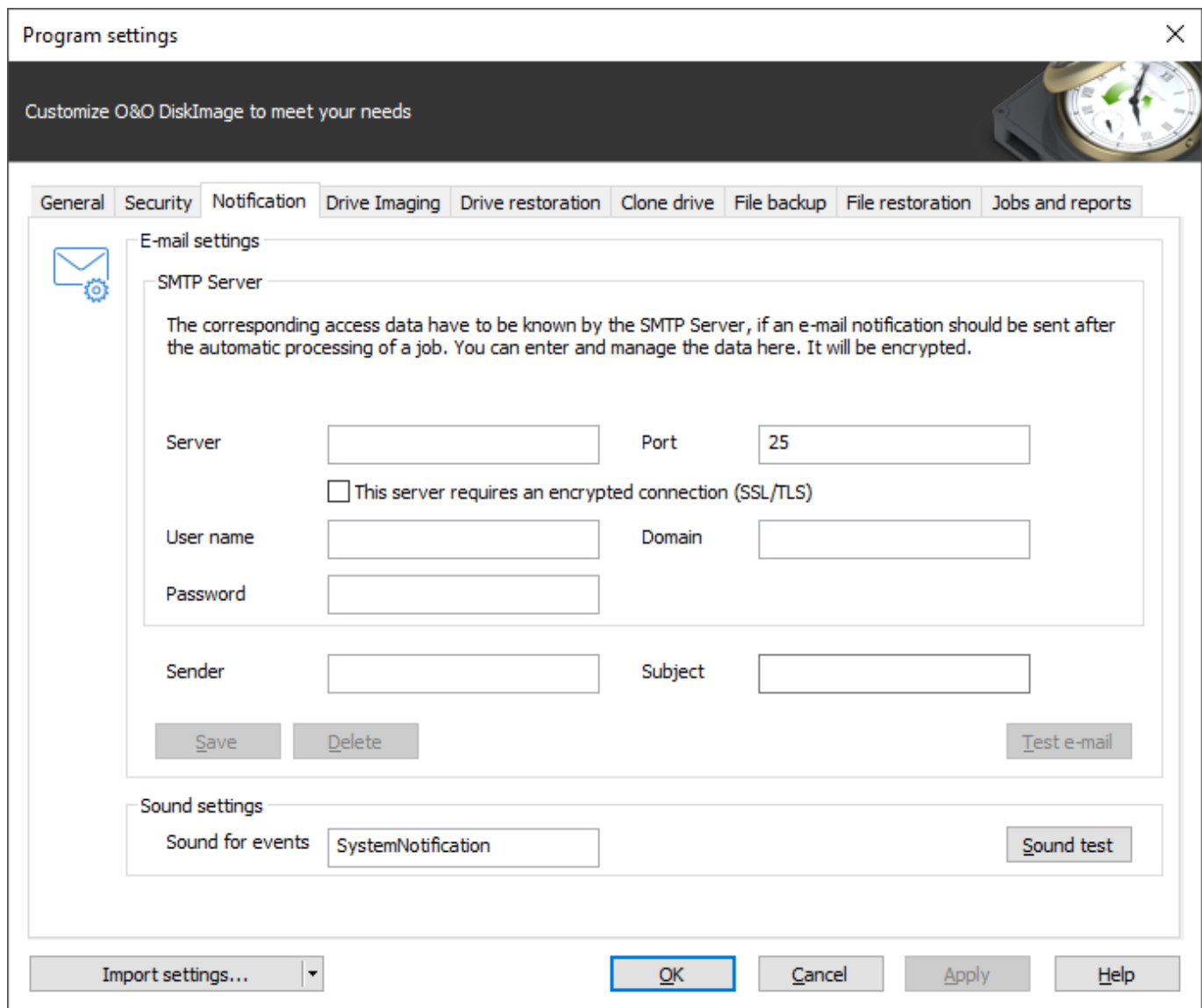
To receive email notification about the running of a job, you'll have to enter the corresponding login data in the SMTP server. You will also need to enter the sender data.

- Execute the relevant actions in **Program settings** under **Notification**.

You can only enter your Email address in the Job assistant after you've entered the required data completely.

Tip:

Your domain does not necessarily need to be entered in the field "Domain". You can also enter the name of your Email Server so that the EHLO or HELO including the mail server name can be run. The Email notification will then also work under a stricter setup Server.



Program settings [X]

Customize O&O DiskImage to meet your needs

General Security **Notification** Drive Imaging Drive restoration Clone drive File backup File restoration Jobs and reports

E-mail settings

SMTP Server

The corresponding access data have to be known by the SMTP Server, if an e-mail notification should be sent after the automatic processing of a job. You can enter and manage the data here. It will be encrypted.

Server [] Port [25]

☐ This server requires an encrypted connection (SSL/TLS)

User name [] Domain []

Password []

Sender [] Subject []

[Save] [Delete] [Test e-mail]

Sound settings

Sound for events [SystemNotification] [Sound test]

[Import settings...] [OK] [Cancel] [Apply] [Help]

SMTP settings for notification

Suggestion: Try sending yourself a test email to make sure your entries are correct.

Drive imaging

Under **Drive imaging** in the **Program settings** you can set specific settings for imaging.

Prefer external USB drive to store image files

If you enable this function, external USB drives will be preferred as the target drives for storing images.

Under the option **Automatically check image file for errors after creation** you can specify whether image files should be checked for errors immediately after they are created.

When you enable **Overwrite existing image files**, the prompting for overwriting image files with the same name will be suppressed during the creation of new images. This function is very useful when, for example, you're imaging data a number of times daily, and the image is automatically being named after the Day/Month/Year.

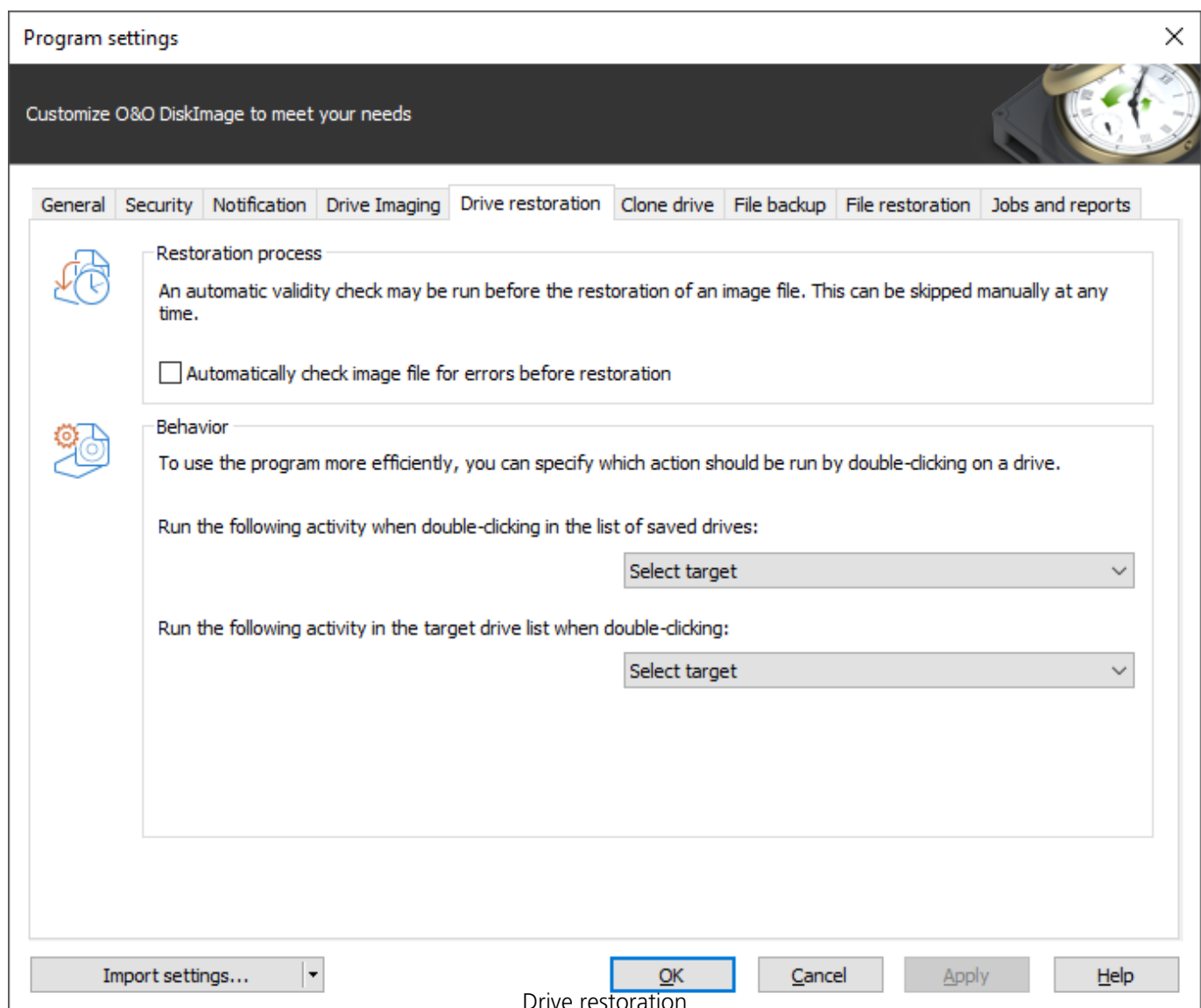
Under **Behavior** you can hide or un-hide drives that cannot be imaged by default in the user interface. Drives that cannot be imaged are for example: empty card reader or disk drives, the "Microsoft reserved partition" in GPT drives, OEM-BIOS-partitions in DELL and IBM or the system area in basic disks.

Drive restoration

You can specify the default settings for restoration behavior under **Drive restoration** in the **Program settings**.

Under **Drive restoration** you can enable a validity check before the restoration of an image.

In addition, under **Behavior** you can specify which activity should be run when double-clicking a drive in the list.



Change presets for drive cloning

If you're looking to change or enable the default settings for cloning, click **Clone drive** in **Program settings**

You can specify, if drives not able to be cloned by default e.g. a CD/DVD drive or empty disk drive should be shown in the activity window "Cloning".

Also, you can specify what should happen when you double-click on a drive in the activity window "Clone drive".

File backup

Under **File backup** in the **Program settings** you can set specific settings for a backup.

Prefer external USB drive to store image files

If you enable this function, external USB drives will be the preferred target for storing images.

Under the option **Check file backup automatically after its creation** you can determine if image files should be checked for errors immediately after they are created.

By selecting **Automatically overwrite existing image files**, the prompt asking if you want to overwrite an existing older image file with the same name will be suppressed. This function is very useful when, for example, you're imaging data a number of times daily, and the image is automatically being named after the Day/Month/Year.

Under **Behavior** you can adapt the program user guidance individually. In the DropDown menu, you can select what will happen when you double-click a file or folder.

File restoration

Under **File restoration** in the **Program settings** you can change the default settings for behavior during restoration .

You can set the **Behavior** by double-clicking a drive in the activity window "File restoration".

Jobs and reports

If you want to change or use the default settings for jobs and reports, click **Start/ Program settings** and then **Jobs and reports**.

Reporting

Detailed reports can be created for all program activities. To save space, you can select the activities you need for reports. Running a job always creates a report.

Behavior

Under **Behavior** you can specify which activities to run, if you double-click on a job in the job list.

You can also set the behavior by double-clicking a report in the report list.

TrayIcon

The O&O DiskImage Tray icon is displayed by default in the info area of the task tray following successful installation of O&O DiskImage. The tray icon will indicate whether O&O DiskImage is currently enabled. The icon will be animated while an action is being processed, otherwise, the tray icon will remain still.

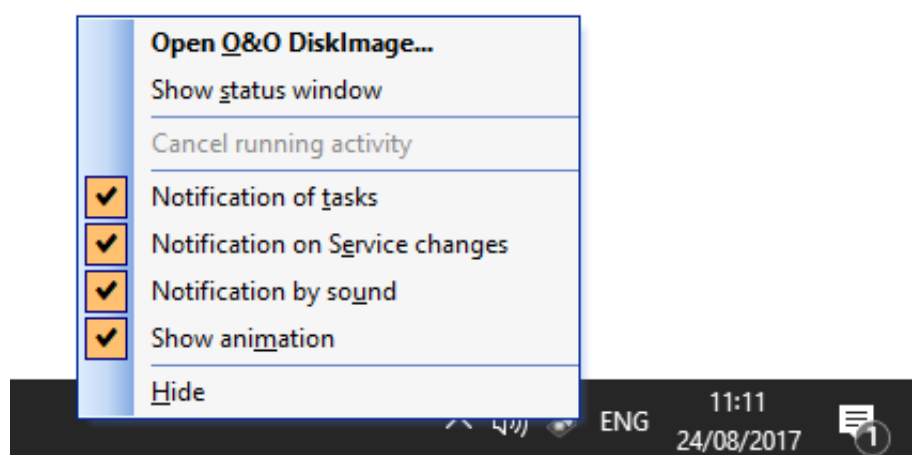
Right-clicking the tray icon will show you various control options for O&O DiskImage. You'll be able to open the O&O DiskImage program interface, cancel a running action, hide the tray icon, or suspend the animation.

If you don't have administrator rights for this computer, you will not be able to start DiskImage. It will not be possible to click.

In addition, you'll be able to hide or show the progress of a job or changes in the service.

Our suggestion:

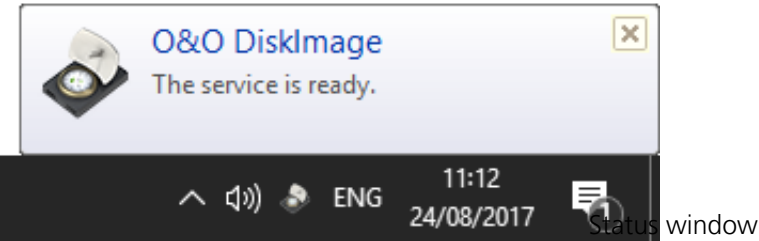
If you'd like to have the tray icon permanently disabled (hidden), do so using the menu **Start/All programs/O&O Software/O&O DiskImage/O&O DiskImage Tray**. The same path can be used for reversing the process whenever you want the icon to be shown.



O&O DiskImage: TrayIcon

Show status window

You'll be able to see the program's current activity displayed in the status window.



Machine independent restoration

Until now, you were only able to restore a system partition onto a computer having hardware identical to the source computer. The same goes for the restoration of clones. The most frequent application scenarios have therefore been limited to the creation of images and restoration of these on the same computers

O&O DiskImage now offers you the option of restoring an image, even the system partition, onto a computer with different hardware using the M.I.R. function(Machine Independent Restoration). You can also clone a computer with different hardware.

Enable M.I.R. if you've made changes to the hardware after imaging and these changes affect the functionality of the Windows operating system being started. M.I.R. is also necessary if you want to transfer an already existing computer configuration onto a new computer.

M.I.R. can therefore be used or enabled in the following cases:

- Restoration of an image onto a computer with different hardware or cloning/duplication of a computer.
- With the help of a bootable disk, M.I.R. can be used for exchanging damaged or malfunctioning drivers of an existing system.
- Migration of physical computers onto virtual machines or virtual machines on physical computers.

Note:

When duplicating a source system, i.e. duplicating installed Microsoft Windows operating system versions and programs, we recommend changing the computer name and SID to avoid future problems when using the configured computer within the network.

Restrictions of M.I.R.

Under certain circumstances, it's possible that the restored or duplicated system does not start or is malfunctioning. The following constellations may lead to malfunctions:

- No hard disk was selected as target, only part of a hard disk (partition/volume/empty area).
- While creating the layout on the target, "delete layout" was not selected. This option makes it possible to create partitions/volumes on a different Offset.
- You did not select a hard disk as source but rather individual partitions/volumes and are missing the partitions/volumes containing the needed boot information.
- You are trying to boot from a hard disk connected to controllers that were not initialized by Windows at the time of booting, e.g. booting from a hard disk connected to the computer via a USB controller (not a USB stick).

Note:

If error messages appear during booting, you will get instructions on how to proceed in chapter Assistance when error messages occur during booting.

Note:

To make sure a restored system or clone is bootable, it's important to create an image of the entire system hard disk and then restore/clone it completely.

Restoring with M.I.R. automatically

M.I.R. of O&O DiskImage is available to you when restoring system partitions from an image or when cloning. Meant is the direct selection of the system partition or the indirect selection, e.g. the entire disk including the system partition.

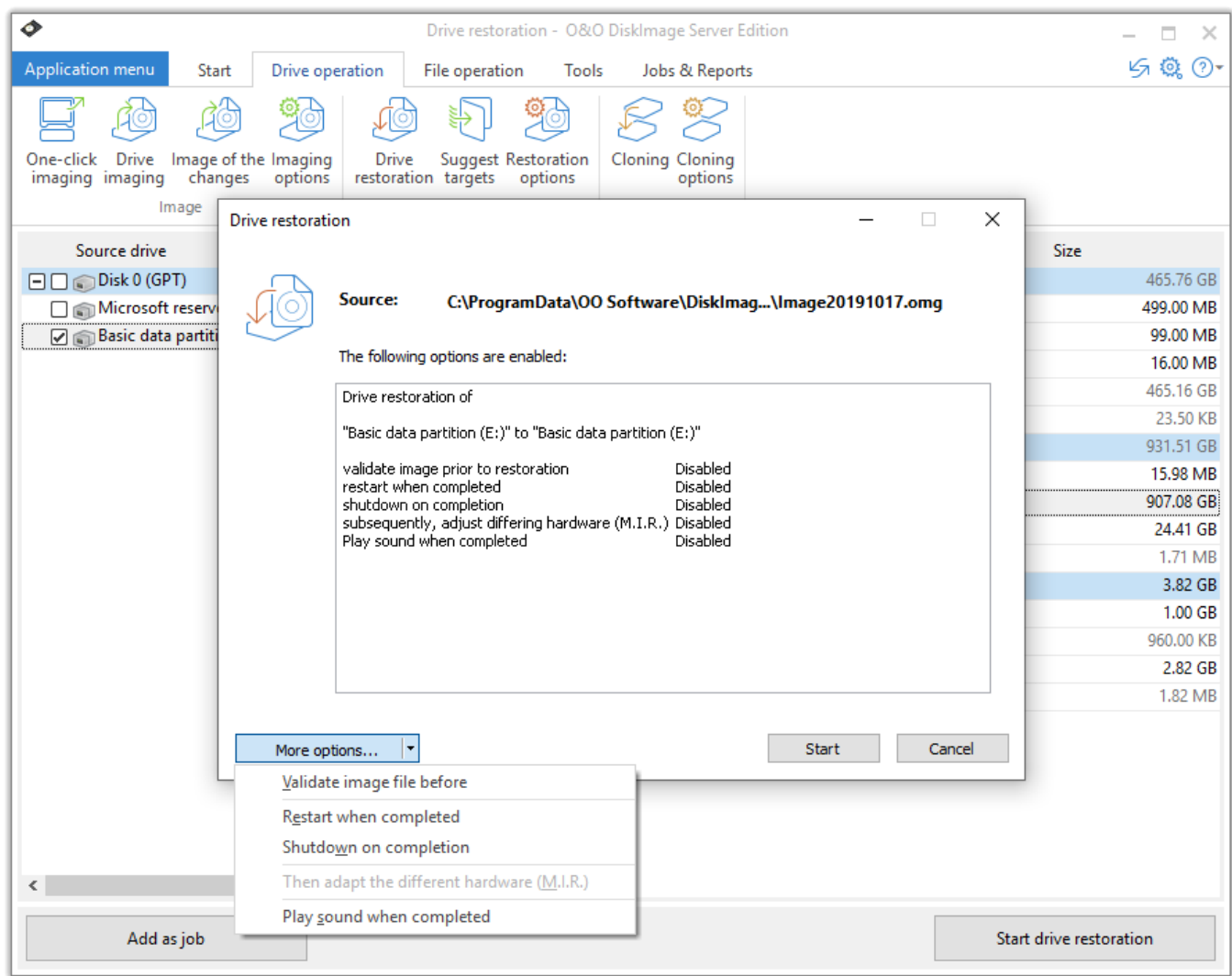
Whenever you want to restore or clone, simply enable the M.I.R. function before the restoration or cloning process is completed. The automatic adaptation will do the rest.

For restoration on different hardware proceed as follows: The example here describes restoration from an image:

1. To restore an entire system or a system partition, you'll need to start your computer with an O&O DiskImage bootable medium and perform the restoration from there. To boot from CD proceed as described in chapter Start directly from bootable disk.
2. On the start page of O&O DiskImage click **Drive restoration**.
3. O&O DiskImage, by default, will always go the place where the last image was saved. If the image file presented is not the one you want, browse through your drives and enter the path to the image file.
4. Select the image file in the browser and click **Open**.
5. All drives contained in the image will then be displayed.
6. Click the drive that you want to restore ("play back").
7. Then select the target drive for restoration by checking the box next to it. You can either replace an existing drive or create a new one: for example, in an empty sector.
8. Once you have specified all the settings, click **Start drive restoration** to begin the restoration.
9. Under Additional options, enable the setting **Adapt to different hardware afterwards** in the restoration or cloning dialog.
10. You can then follow the other dialog prompts and restart your computer once restoration is successful.

Important:

During restoration, the image overwrites your selected drive with the data of the drive contained within the image. All data saved on the target drive is thereby lost and replaced by that of the image.



Enable automatic adaptation on changed hardware

Manual adaptation

You can make manual adaptation to the changed hardware following restoration or cloning.

- To do this, run a restoration or cloning of the system partition or the entire computer.
- After successful restoration, please open the O&O DiskImage dialog to change the computer properties **Tools/Change computer identity**.

Change computer properties

Please enter the path for accessing the inactive Windows system:

... Load

Current computer SID: XXXXXXXXXX

☐ Generate new SID

Current computer name: DESKTOP

☐ Give new name

☐ Restoration on different hardware (M.I.R.: machine independent restoration)

☐ Exchange hardware abstraction layer

☐ Apply currently loaded drivers of the device control

☐ Enable the installation program of the operating system after restarting

Add driver

Change Close

Change computer identity manually

The adaptations made by M.I.R can be divided into three activities which can be enabled/disabled when selecting **Restoration on different hardware** (machine independent restoration).

Exchange hardware abstraction layer (HAL)

Windows operating systems must be compatible with a variety of hardware platforms. This portability is achieved through a special layer within the operating system that is responsible for the management and control of hardware, architecture and machine-dependent devices, such as the I/O interfaces, Interrupt Controller and multi processor communication mechanisms. This layer is commonly installed on and aligned to the current hardware on an installed and running Windows. If the hardware is exchanged, it becomes necessary to align the layer accordingly in order to ensure

smooth and continued functionality of the operating system and the programs installed.

Apply currently loaded drivers of the device control

Drivers are an interface between the I/O-Manager and the corresponding hardware. They are not accessed directly, but over the hardware abstraction layer. After replacement, the corresponding driver of new hardware has got to be installed in order to make sure it can work properly with this layer.

Enable the installation program of the operating system after restarting

This activity tells the Windows operating system that the internal setup should be run to complete the information at the next start. The Windows operating system will then be able to automatically adapt itself after incomplete changes, and complete the registration of the new hardware.

Start directly from bootable disk

If you start O&O DiskImage directly from bootable disks such as CD, DVD or a USB stick, you will have access to all available functions.

The bootable disk contains Windows PE and can be used, for example, to restore an entire computer or a system partition, if an image has already been created. You can use the bootable disk with O&O DiskImage even if your Windows is incapable of booting as a result of software error.

Starting from CD/DVD

1. Make sure that your system is able to be started from a CD. You can configure the necessary settings in BIOS. Further information can be obtained from your motherboard manufacturer.
2. Insert the O&O DiskImage Start CD in your computer's CD/DVD drive.
3. Restart the computer. Follow the instructions at the start of the CD.
4. The system settings will subsequently appear in the window. Select a language and region.
5. At the next stage you can load drivers for those devices where no drivers under Windows PE were initially found, see also chapter "Load Drivers".
6. O&O DiskImage will start after confirmation of the license regulation.

Start from USB stick

To boot from an USB stick, you normally have to change the boot sequence in the boot menu of your computer. Alternatively, you can also configure the necessary settings in BIOS. Further information can be obtained from your motherboard manufacturer.

1. Open the boot menu while the computer is booting.
2. You can change the sequence in the menu by placing the USB entry (removable devices) at the beginning.
3. After that, your computer will recognize your USB stick as boot medium, and will start the program from there.

Note:

The sequence in the boot menu is normally only valid for the current computer status. This step might have to be repeated the next time your computer is booted.

Tip:

If you purchased O&O DiskImage electronically, you will find more information on the creation of bootable disk here: [Create boot medium](#).

Note:

If you want to restore on different hardware, you should also consider the notes in chapter Machine Independent Restoration (M.I.R.).

Note:

The Start CD, needed for running O&O DiskImage without an operating system and for restoring system partitions, is not included in the O&O DiskImage Special Edition.

Loading drivers

If a device such as a hard disk or network card is not automatically recognized when using the bootable medium under Windows PE, a necessary controller driver (e.g., RAID controllers) might be missing.

You can start loading a new driver immediately after inserting the Start CD using the dialog **O&O System settings** and the tab **Drivers**.

Please follow these instructions for loading a new driver:

1. Open the tab **Drivers** in the dialog **O&O System settings** as described above. All recognized Windows devices as well as all devices missing installed drivers will be displayed.
2. Select the device for which you want to load a driver.
3. Click **Load**.
4. Select the desired driver such as one on a connected hard disk, USB Stick or CD*.
5. In the dialog, select **Open** to install the driver.
6. You'll then see a program message informing you about the status of the installation.

*Note:

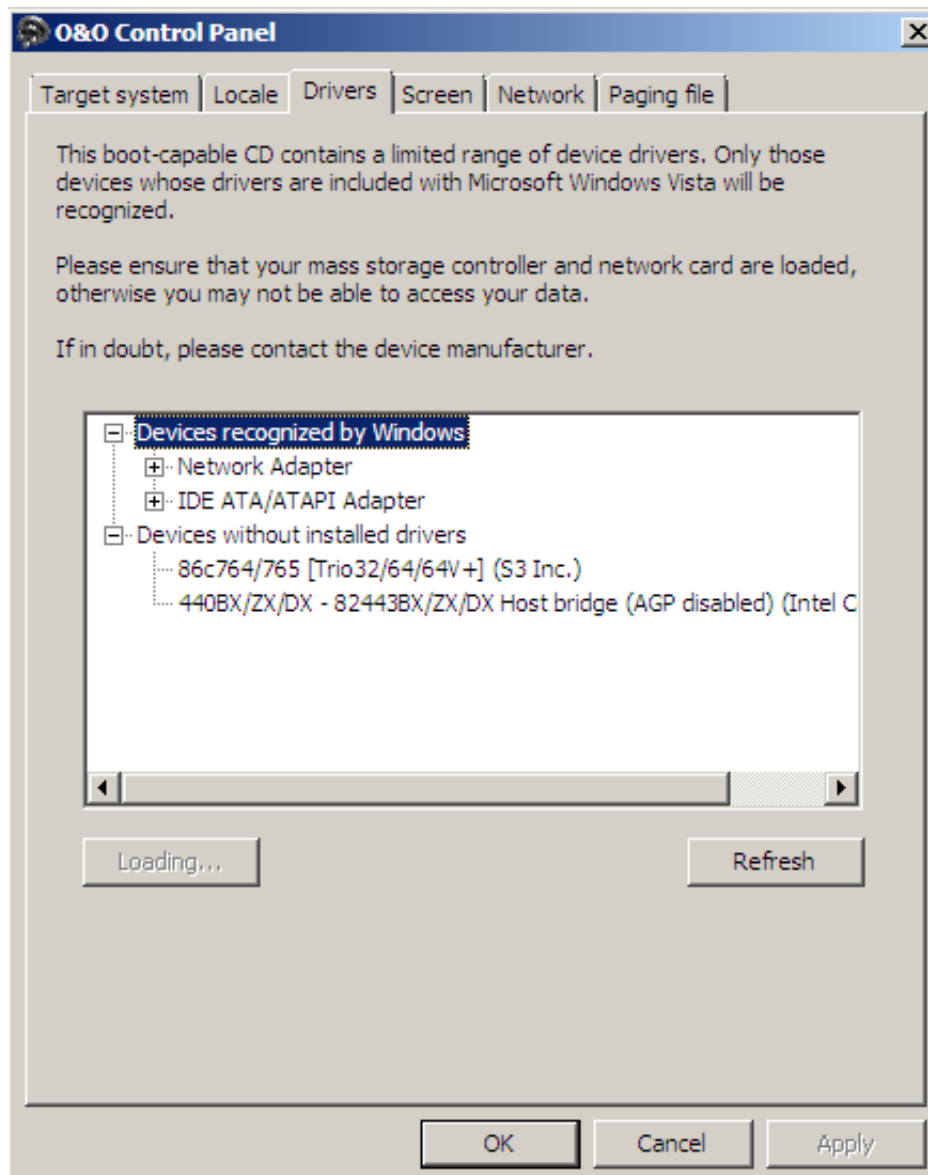
You can remove the Start CD from the drive in order to insert a driver CD from a manufacturer.

Note:

Under certain circumstances, you may receive a notice requiring you to restart if you have loaded an additional driver under Windows PE. This message is automatically generated by Windows PE but is irrelevant when starting from a CD. Simply reject the request and follow the further instructions in the pop-up window.

Note:

Encrypted drives are not supported under Windows PE



O&O DiskImage: loading drivers

Use Express view

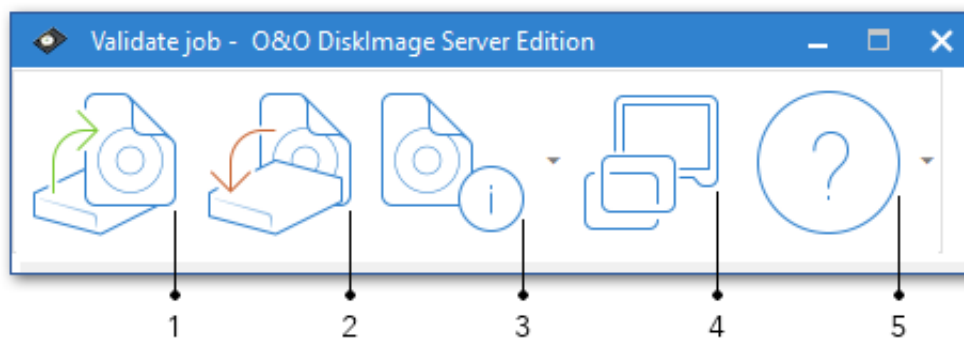
The Express view provides a simple and intuitive way of using the main features of the program. You can use the Express view for creating, mounting, and restoring images. You can also switch easily from one view to another.

Tip:

If you want to hide certain function from the user, you can disable them over the Registry entry `ExpressFlags`. For further information consult chapter Explaining the Registry entries.

Note:

Restoring the system partition is not possible while the computer's running. Benutzen Sie dazu das Bootmedium for this and run O&O DiskImage directly from it.



Express view

Key

1. Create image - starts the imaging of one or more drives.
2. Restore image - starts the restoration of the image.
3. Read image information - displays detailed information about an image file. You can also use the drop-down menu (small arrow on the right) to mount and unmount an image from a drive.
4. Restores the full view of O&O DiskImage's user interface.
5. Displays the program's Help.

Frequently asked questions

- When and how often should I make images?
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When and how often should I make images?

We recommend imaging on a regular basis (at least once a month). The more regularly it's performed, the more up-to-date the data contained within those images will be. As a guiding rule, you should always image an intact system.

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Which drives should I image?

You should generally image all drives, meaning the system drive (Windows), primarily Drive C, and all remaining data drives where private and business data, e.g. customer data, photo collections or music are stored.

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Where should I store my image?

Don't save the image on the same hard disk where the imaged drive is located. It should be ideally stored on an external hard disk or a CD/DVD.

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I just bought myself a new computer. If I take a complete image of my old computer, can I restore it to my new one?

Restoring data drives is not a problem even with differing hardware. However, system partitions can only be restored on differing hardware using the Start CD and the integrated M.I.R. You can read more about this in the chapter Settings for restoration on different hardware.

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Do I have unlimited use of all functions with the trial version?

The trial version is not restricted – all program functions are fully operational.

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When do I need the bootable CD from O&O DiskImage?

You will need the Start CD, if you want to restore your entire computer or a system partition. The Start CD can also be used, if the operating system doesn't start up anymore.

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How do I save an image to CD/DVD?

1. You must create an image file(s) and save it to your hard disk before you can write it to CD/DVD.
2. When creating the image, under **Drive imaging/Imaging options/File size**, you should restrict the maximum image file size to the size of the intended removable medium where it will be saved.
3. Should the image exceed the selected maximum file size, it will be split into several image files.
4. You can then burn the image files to CD/DVD.

5. Select **Tools** on the start page, then on **Burn image file(s)** and follow the instructions.

What do I do when my image is too big for a CD/DVD?

1. If the Image you already saved to your hard disk is too big for the blank CD/DVD, you can, of course, still split the image file.
2. Under **Tools**, open up **Convert image file**.
3. Select the Image you wish to change by using **Add**.
4. Merge incremental Images
5. During conversion, one copy of the Image will be made while the original remains unchanged.

I have split the image and saved it on various disks (CD/DVD).
I want to:

- restore this image
- display drives from the image
- use the image as a base image for incremental imaging purposes
- merge incremental images
- convert the image file

Before you go ahead with any of the above named steps, we strongly advise you to save all parts of the Image in a folder on your hard disk. Please ensure the folder is not on the drive where you wish to restore the Image. Once you have done this you can complete the steps outlined above by simply following the instructions in the corresponding chapters of the User's Guide.

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Can I continue working during the imaging process?

You can continue working and making changes without any problem.
The working memory buffer is however restricted. You can see how much is available in the Memory buffer display. See Chapter "Lock a Drive".

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Can I change an existing image?

Under Tools you can find the function Convert Image File. This enables you to change certain properties and contents of an existing image.

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I have created an image of several drives. Can I extract the image from just one of those drives and store it separately?

Follow the instructions below:

1. Under **Tools** select Convert image file.
2. Select the image using **Add** and then select the drive you wish to separately image.
3. Click **Open** and select a drive. After confirming with OK, click Start.
4. After confirming with (**OK**) click **Start**.
5. The old image remains unaltered.

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What is the difference between a clone and an image?

Using the **Clone drive** function, you can make a 1:1 copy of a drive including all its stored data, without producing any image files. The storage volume /drive is saved directly without compression. The advantage of a clone as opposed to an image is that the detour through an image file is avoided. You can access the clone of a drive without having to restore the drive. You do, however, require a lot more storage space for a clone than for an image.

Important! When cloning your drive (source drive) the selected target drive will be overwritten. You should therefore save your copy on an external hard disk, either in an unused region or overwrite a previously selected drive purely for this purpose.

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Why are temporary files created?

If you leave a drive unlocked during an imaging because, for instance, you want to continue working on that drive, the original status will be "cached", i.e. stored in the working memory buffer. "Temporary files" are created in the process. The working memory buffer space is, however, limited. You can see how much space is available by looking at the memory buffer display.

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What is the advantage of an incremental image?

An incremental image normally has a smaller data volume than a base image. In addition, you can identify the differences, more precisely, the changes made since the base image was created.

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My incremental image is not smaller than my base image. Where does this file come from?

This can occur if you have, for example, defragmented your computer in the meantime. The newly structured file segments will then be recognized as "changes" and imaged as new files.

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What does "Drive cannot be locked" mean? Does this affect the data imaging?

As a result of system processes having to be in constant operation, it's not normally possible for system partitions to be locked. You get this notification even when you want to image a data drive and this is directly integrated into the system processes. The notification doesn't generally have an effect on the imaging process; it is still able to be run without a problem. To be totally sure, shut down all running system applications, e.g. defragmentation or cloning processes, before imaging.

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While cloning, O&O DiskImage reports that the target volume is too small although the source drive is smaller than the target disk. What is the reason for this?

Make sure you haven't selected the entire hard disk as your source. Example:

You have a hard disk with 100GB that is divided into two partitions:

- System partition (20GB)
- Data partition (80GB)
- While trying to clone the system partitions on an external 40GB hard disk, O&O DiskImage reports that the target volume is too small.

By just making a check, you can select the system partitions as your only source, and not the entire hard disk.

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What do I do if O&O DiskImage takes very long to start, or doesn't even start at all?

Please read the note about System requirements and make sure you're using the latest versions of your drivers.

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During restoration, O&O DiskImage created a new temporary file on my hard disk. Where does this file come from?

Before creating an image, O&O DiskImage normally deposits a number of metadata in a local file. This data is needed by O&O DiskImage in order to create the image. The file will be included in the imaging to assure consistency in the image. This file will normally be automatically removed during restoration.

Under certain circumstances, it's possible that another action of the operating system or the user will prevent this temporary file from being deleted. This will then result in the file remaining undeleted in the system. You can, however, delete this temporary file without any risk.

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Why are partitions that weren't imaged displayed when mounting an image in Explorer?

In addition to saving data from the partition being imaged, O&O DiskImage also needs to save information about the disk on which that partition was originally located. All of this is required for mounting an image, converting it into a virtual disk, or performing any future restoration. There will also be information included about partitions that were not imaged. When mounting an image, just as when using a virtual hard disk after conversion from an image, Microsoft Windows uses this information to recognize that there were originally multiple partitions on the disk, and attempts to integrate them into the system. Because information/data about these partitions is missing, it's not possible to assign them to any file system. As a result, partitions that weren't imaged will be displayed as RAW, i.e., non-formatted.

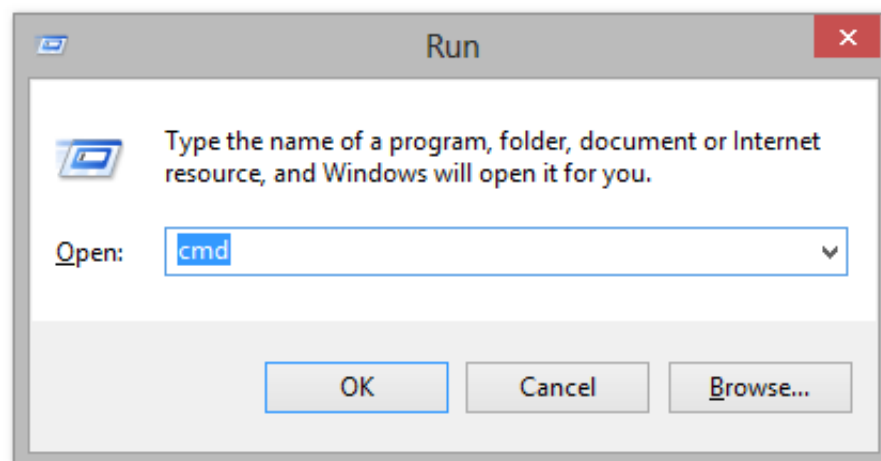
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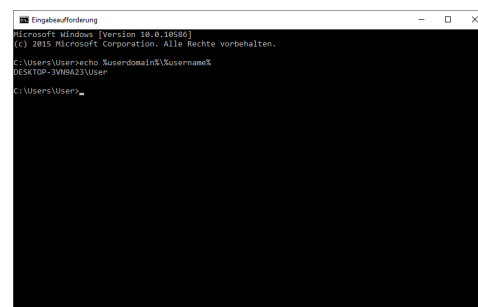
Where do I find the domain and user name to use for authentication?

If you are not sure, please proceed as follows:

- Call the command line under **Run...** in the Start menu. Enter the command `cmd` in the dialogue.



- Enter the command: `echo %userdomain% %username%` into the command line and confirm your entry with Enter. If your computer is not signed on to a domain, your computer name will appear instead of the domain name.



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Where do I find the computer name for, running activities?

If you are not sure, please proceed as follows:

- Call the command line under **Run...** in the Start menu. Enter the command `cmd` in the dialogue.
- Enter the command: `echo %computername%` and confirm your entry with Enter.



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How can I check my access rights on the target computer or the target folder?

If you are not sure if your entries are correct, you can view them under **Program settings/Security** and recheck them.

Alternatively, you can check your access rights on the target computer in the properties of the corresponding target folder under "Security" in Windows Explorer.

- Click in the context menu of the folder on **Properties** and then **Security**. All users with access to the folders will be listed.

Although I have already entered my authentication data for a network drive, I am asked once again for every activity.

It is possible that you are requested to re-enter your authentication data for an activity like the restoration of an network drive image. The reason for this can be traced back to Windows. Certain dialogs, e.g. the browser dialog are not originally from O&O DiskImage but from Windows. Because Windows doesn't have access to your O&O DiskImage authentication data, it is necessary to re-enter the access data for the selected drive.

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Explanation of the Registry entries

In the Windows registry, under HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\O&O DiskImage, you can configure certain settings for O&O DiskImage. Please note that changes in the registry can influence the functionality of O&O DiskImage and such changes will continue to be applied after restarting the computer.

Name of the entry	Type of entry	Short description
ImagePath	String	Path to the storage location from the image files.*
JobPath	String	Path to the storage location from jobs.*
ReportPath	String	Path to the storage location from reports.*
PwdFile	String	Path and name of the password file
PublicKey	String	Public key for password encryption. Can be changed whenever needed.
NoSnapshotTmpFiles	String	This key is optional: it does not need to be set. If it's set, this key will influence the behavior of the snapshot driver during the creation of temporary files. In this way you can specify those drives where no temporary files should be created. The syntax for the value is: ;; (for example: c;d;e;)
Version	DWORD	Version of the type of image file. Current possible versions: 1 (up to and including version 4), 2 (current version)**
ExpressFlags	DWORD	

Scriptinterface

Introduction

The O&O DiskImage Command Interpreter makes it possible to manage disks, partitions, or volumes and images with the assistance of command files (XML documents). All scenarios displayed by O&O DiskImage directly or indirectly can in this way be re-enacted.

Note:

The O&O DiskImage program prevents a large number of user activities that might unintentionally result in loss of data. It is strongly recommended to use the Command Interpreter with great caution, as it enables the user to directly control partitions, volumes, disks and images.

Drive letters will not be automatically assigned by using the Command Interpreter. To be certain that a particular partition or volume has a drive letter; you will have to assign it one directly. You can either assign the drive a letter yourself, or have the next available drive letter assigned for you. Otherwise, the created storage volume will not be accessible or visible to certain programs such as Microsoft Explorer.

Use the command "oodi /s PathFile.xml", to access and run a command file. In addition, you can introduce and run the command file in the program over the program's "Import" feature.

As a default setting, O&O DiskImage can end the command process and send an error code if the command file is defective. To continue running a command file even under these conditions, set the parameter "stop_at_error" on the value "false" or "no". If there was no error, the value "0" will be sent as a confirmation of success.

Upper and lower case will not be considered when using labels and names i.e., there will be no difference between, for example, "command", "COMMAND" or "Command".

Single commands have to be enclosed in the element "DiskImage", "Job" or "DiskImageJob".

Environment and template parameter

The command interpreter has been extended with an option for validating environment variables and conditions.

A value included in the string "\$ENV:()" is replaced at running time with the value of the environment variable. Similarly at running time, a set environment variable "image_name" with the value "C:\Image20990226.omg" is replaced in the command file by using the string "\$ENV:(image_name)" with the value "C:\Image20990226.omg."

The following additional template parameters are available wildcards for use as replacements during the command file procedure. These parameters will be enclosed in the string "\$TEMPL:()". The following fixed values are possible:

- ComputerName: the current name of the Computers
- UserName: the name of the current user, of the process
- DefaultPath: the standard path saved in/by the program
- Day: current date of the operating system
- Month: current month of the operating system
- Year: current year of the operating system
- Hour: current hour of the operating system
- Minute: current minute of the operating system
- Second: current second of the operating system
- Weekday: written day of the week
- WeekNumber: calendar week number

Example

```
<command name="restore image">
<image_name>C:\Image$TEMPL:(Year)$TEMPL:(Month)$TEMPL:(Day).omg
</image_name>
<!-- dynamic formation of the image name -->
<target_drivenumber>0</target_drivenumber>
<!--target object is disk 0 -->
<image_driveletter>C</image_driveletter>
<!--source object is the Volume/Partition with the drive letter C -->
<chs_alignment>yes</chs_alignment>
<!--alignment of the new partition on cylinder/head/sector -->
<set_bootable_partition_bootable>yes
</set_bootable_partition_bootable>
<!--in case the source object was bootable,set again to bootable -->
<append_on_target_drive>yes</append_on_target_drive>
<!--the partition being restored will be appended in the existing layout,
other partitions will not be overwritten -->
</command>
```

The file name in the example will become the running time, if the current date would be

26.02.2099, it would be changed into "20990226". The image file called „image20990226.omg“ found in partition „C:“ would be used for restoration.

Conditions

In a command file, commands and/or parameters can be connected with conditions when needed to run or apply them. A condition is labelled with the string "CONDITION". The following operations can be used for getting a verification of validity:

- the values are equal- ("==")
- the values are unequal- ("!=")
- the left value is greater than the right value (">")
- the left value is smaller than the right value ("<")

A dynamic command file processing can be attained by evaluating the environment variables in conditions.

Example

```
<command name="create partition">
<CONDITION> $ENV:(ImageStep)==2</CONDITION>
<drivenumber>0</drivenumber>
<!--target object is disk 0 -->
<remaining_range>true</remaining_range>
<!-- layout of a partition on the remaining range -->
<driveletter_to_set>D</driveletter_to_set>
<!--set drive letter D -->
<chs_alignment>yes</chs_alignment>
<!--alignment of the new partition on cylinder/head/sector -->
<NTFS>true</NTFS>
<!--create NTFS partition (fix partition type, fix file system for formatting) -->
<format>true</format>
<!--run formatting with fixed file system -->
</command>
```

In the above example, the command to create a partition will only be run if the value of the environment variable "ImageStep" is equal to the value "2".

Commands

A command refers to a functioning part or special feature of the program. With the help of the relevant command, an operation such as "Creating an Image" can be implemented. An operation is specialized through parameters. These parameters are divided in optional, non-optional, and dependent parameters. Optional parameters are not required to be used; however, they do expand the program's usefulness. Non-optional parameters must be set and filled with valid values. If the values of this parameter or the parameter itself are missing during the processing of the command, the command processing will be aborted. False or missing parameters will then be noted in the log file. Dependent parameters are parameters which are optional and used to particularize another parameter. Alone, they have no validity.

Examples of dependent parameters:

The parameter "begin" is, by itself, insignificant. Through the parameter "disk_number", however, the offset will be recognized on a hard disk.

Using the qualifier „command“, you can apply and control the following commands during the processing of the command interpreter.

Footnote:

Presentation and Text Formatting are explained under [Formatting legend](#)

Sector-based imaging functions

clone device

With this function you can clone a device and all its saved data without creating image files. The device will be saved directly and without compression on another device. A device can be a partition, a volume or an entire disk.

Parameters

clone_type

- { devicename | driveletter | drivenumber | | serialnumber | begin }
- { target_devicename | target_driveletter | target_drivenumber | target_serialnumber | target_begin }
- [ignored_file_pattern | ignored_file]
- [driveletter_to_set]
- [force_dismount | snapshot | vss]
- [ignored_read_errors]
- [set_bootable_partition_bootable]
- [clear_target_drive | append_on_target_drive]
- [chs_alignment]
- [write_data_directly]
- [automatically_checkdisk]
- [overwrite_target_data]
- [ignore_snapshot_cache_overflow]
- [automatically_convert_multi_disk_volumes]
- [automatically_create_target_drive_like_source_drive]
- [fill_empty_blocks]

Notes

Important!

By using the parameter "clear_target_drive", all drives on the target drive will be deleted and overwritten with the data of the clone.

When cloning a hard disk with an MBR (Master Boot Record), the "serial number" of the target hard disk will be converted to the serial number contained in the MBR. Under certain conditions, this can lead to encrypted systems being identified as defective.

When cloning, it's possible that the drive's properties will not be automatically applied. Under the "used sector" cloning method, encrypted drives able to be read and displayed by the current operating system will be created on the target hard disk unencrypted. The option "direct forensic sector" must be selected to apply the drive's properties.

Example

```

<command name="clone device">
<clone_type>used sector image</clone_type>
<ignored_read_errors>yes</ignored_read_errors>
<target_drivenumber>2</target_drivenumber>
<drivenumber>1</drivenumber>
</command>
<command name="clone device">
<clone_type>forensic sector image</clone_type>
<target_drive_number>2</target_drive_number>
<driveletter>E</driveletter>
<driveletter_to_set>I</driveletter_to_set>
<driveletter>F</driveletter>
</command>

```

convert image

Converts an existing image file in which the following settings are possible:

- Change the compression or encryption of an existing image
- Merge images of the same kind to form a new image, also incremental image
- Split the image
- Extract certain partitions of the image and image them separately

Parameters

- compression_type
- encryption_type
- new_image_name
- new_device_type
- device_type
- image_name
- [new_password]
- [password]
- [comments]
- [ignore_data_modification]
- [max_image_size]
- { image_object_id | image_driveletter | image_drivenumber | image_serialnumber | image_begin | all_sources }
- [uncompressed_file]
- [automatically_validate_image]
- [automatically_overwrite_image]
- [ignore_data_modification]
- [target_image_type]

Note

The original image file remains intact and will not be modified. A new image file will be created with the selected settings.

Example

```
<command name="convert image">
<encryption_type>AES 192</encryption_type>
<new_device_type>filesystem</new_device_type>
<new_image_name>c:oodiconvert.omg</new_image_name>
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>C:OODImage_I.omg</image_name>
<all_sources>yes</all_sources>
<new_password>password</new_password>
<max_image_size>750</max_image_size>
</command>

<command name="convert image">
<compression_type>LZNT1 standard</compression_type>
<new_device_type>filesystem</new_device_type>
<new_image_name>c:oodiconvert2.omg</new_image_name>
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>C:OODImage_I.omg</image_name>
<image_object_id>6</image_object_id>
<comments>extract volume I</comments>
<max_image_size>-1</max_image_size>
</command>
```

create image

Creates an image of one or more drives of one or more hard disks.

Parameters

- image_type
- compression_type
- encryption_type
- checksum_type
- device_type
- image_name
- [password]
- [comments]
- [max_image_size]
- [force_dismount | snapshot | vss]
- { devicename | driveletter | drivenumber | serialnumber | begin | system_volume | data_volumes }
- [ignored_file_pattern | ignored_file]
- [uncompressed_file]

- [ignored_read_errors]
- [ignore_invalid_free_size_appointment]
- [automatically_validate_image]
- [automatically_overwrite_image]
- [target_image_type]
- [ignore_snapshot_cache_overflow]
- [automatically_convert_to_vhd]
- [automatically_convert_to_vhdx]

Note

When the maximum file size of the target drive's file system is reached or the target drive is full, the image file will be automatically split unless there's a maximum size set for it.

Example

```
<command name="create image">
<image_type>used sector</image_type>
<compression_type>LZNT1 standard</compression_type>
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>c:OODImage20071127.omg</image_name>
<ignored_read_errors>yes</ignored_read_errors>
<driveletter>E</driveletter>
<driveletter>F</driveletter>
<max_image_size>-1</max_image_size>
<ignored_file>pagefile.sys</ignored_file>
<ignored_file>hiberfil.sys</ignored_file>
</command>
<command name="create image">
<image_type>forensic sector</image_type>
<compression_type>LZNT1 standard</compression_type>
<encryption_type>AES 128</encryption_type>
<checksum_type>none</checksum_type>
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>c:OODImage20071128.omg</image_name>
<ignored_read_errors>yes</ignored_read_errors>
<drivenumber>1</drivenumber>
<password>PASSWORT</password>
<comments>complete forensic image</comments>
<max_image_size>-1</max_image_size>
<ignored_file>pagefile.sys</ignored_file>
<ignored_file>hiberfil.sys</ignored_file>
</command>
```

create incremental

Creates an incremental image. An image will be created which contains only the changes made to a

selected existing image.

Parameters

- device_type
- image_name
- compression_type
- encryption_type
- new_image_name
- new_device_type
- [password]
- [new_password]
- [comments]
- [max_image_size]
- [force_dismount | snapshot | vss]
- [hash_unchanged_data]
- [ignored_file_pattern | ignored_file]
- [ignore_data_modification]
- [ignored_read_errors]
- [ignore_invalid_free_size_appointment]
- [automatically_validate_image]
- [automatically_overwrite_image]
- [change_initial_condition]
- [target_image_type]
- [ignore_snapshot_cache_overflow]

Note

If the parameter „hash_unchanged_data“ with „true“ or „yes“ is applied during the imaging process of the incremental image, this incremental image can be used as the base image for successive incremental images. You will otherwise require all previous images to create a new incremental image. The parameter "ignored_file" represents an extension to existing ignored files on the base image.

Example

```
<command name="create incremental">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>C:OODImage_I.omg</image_name>
<compression_type>LZNT1 standard</compression_type>
<new_device_type>filesystem</new_device_type>
<new_image_name>c:oodilncrement_Image_I.omg
</new_image_name>
<hash_unchanged_data>yes</hash_unchanged_data>
<ignored_read_errors>yes</ignored_read_errors>
<max_image_size>-1</max_image_size>
<ignored_file>pagefile.sys</ignored_file>
```

```
<ignored_file>hiberfil.sys</ignored_file>  
</command>
```

dismount image

Unmounts a mounted image file as a virtual drive.

Parameters

- { devicename | driveletter | drivenumber | all_sources }

Example

```
<command name="dismount image">  
<drivenumber>3</drivenumber>  
</command>
```

mount image

Mounts an image file as a virtual drive.

Parameters

- device_type
- image_name
- [password]
- { image_object_id | image_driveletter | image_drivenumber | image_begin | all_sources }
- [driveletter_to_set]

Notes

Changes such as adding or deleting files are not possible on image files. When mounting the image of an entire drive, it's not possible to assign any drive letters.

When mounting an entire hard disk, the original layout will be displayed, i.e., it will be identified by operating system partitions not contained in the image file. These drives, partitions/volumes are not formatted and cannot be accessed using, for example, Windows Explorers.

Example

```
<command name="mount image">  
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>  
<image_name>C:OODImage_1.omg</image_name>  
<image_object_id>1</image_object_id>  
</command>
```

```
<command name="mount image">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>C:OODImage_I.omg</image_name>
<image_driveletter>F</image_driveletter>
<password>passwort</password>
<driveletter_to_set>I</driveletter_to_set>
</command>
```

restore image

Restores data from an image file onto one or more drives.

Parameters

- device_type
- image_name
- [password]
- { target_devicename | target_driveletter | target_drivenumber | target_serialnumber | target_begin }
- [driveletter_to_set]
- { image_object_id | image_driveletter | image_drivenumber | image_begin }
- [set_bootable_partition_bootable]
- [clear_target_drive]
- [fill_empty_blocks]
- [append_on_target_drive]
- [chs_alignment]
- [ignored_read_errors]
- [ignore_data_modification]
- [write_data_directly]
- [overwrite_target_data]
- [automatically_convert_multi_disk_volumes]
- [automatically_create_target_drive_like_source_drive]

Notes

Important!

During the restoration process, the image will overwrite your target drive with the drive data saved on the image. All data saved on the target drive is thereby lost and replaced by that of the image. If the parameter "clear_target_drive" was set to true or yes, a confirmation dialogue about deleting the target volume system will not appear!

If the source hard disk is still contained in the current system and the image will not be restored on it, the serial number of the target hard disk will be converted into the serial number of a hard disk with an MBR. Under certain conditions, this can lead to encrypted systems being identified as defective.

Example

```
<command name="restore image">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>C:OODImage_1.omg</image_name>
<target_drivenumber>2</target_drivenumber>
<image_drivenumber>1</image_drivenumber>
<clear_target_drive>yes</clear_target_drive>
</command>
<command name="restore image">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>C:OODImage_1.omg</image_name>
<target_driveletter>I</target_driveletter>
<image_object_id>8</image_object_id>
</command>
```

validate image

This function checks the structural integrity of an image file. It will examine whether the required logical structure is intact or undamaged. In addition, encrypted and/or compressed images will be checked to determine if decryption or decompression is possible without error.

Parameters

- device_type
- image_name
- [all_splits]
- [password]
- [image_object_id]
- [ignore_data_modification]

Example

```
<command name="validate image">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>c:OODImage20071127.omg</image_name>
<all_splits>yes</all_splits>
</command>
```

File-based backup functions

create backup

Creates a file-based backup using transferred criteria.

Parameters

- backup_type
- compression_type
- encryption_type
- checksum_type
- device_type
- backup_name
- backupset_id
- backupset_criteria
- [password]
- [comments]
- [max_backup_size]
- [force_dismount | snapshot | vss]
- [ignored_read_errors]
- [ignore_invalid_free_size_appointment]
- [automatically_validate_backup]
- [automatically_overwrite_backup]
- [ignore_snapshot_cache_overflow]
- [automatically_convert_to_vhd]
- [backupset_name]
- [backupset_comments]
- [backupset_exclude]

Note:

When the maximum file size of the target drive's file system is reached or the drive is full, the backup file will be automatically split unless there's a maximum size set for it.

Example

```
<command name="create backup">
<backup_type>extended ZIP file backup</backup_type>
<compression_type>BZIP24K</compression_type>
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<backup_name>c:OODImage20171005.obk</backup_name>
<ignored_read_errors>yes</ignored_read_errors>
<backupset_id>{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}</backupset_id>>
<backupset_criteria>l:documents</backupset_criteria>
</command>
```

create incremental backup

Creates an incremental file-based backup. A backup will be created that contains only the changed files from a selected existing backup.

Parameters

- device_type
- backup_name
- compression_type
- encryption_type
- new_backup_name
- new_device_type
- [password]
- [new_password]
- [new_comments]
- [new_max_backup_size]
- [force_dismount | snapshot | vss]
- [ignore_data_modification]
- [ignored_read_errors]
- [ignore_invalid_free_size_appointment]
- [automatically_validate_backup]
- [automatically_overwrite_backup]
- [ignore_snapshot_cache_overflow]

Example

```
<command name="create incremental backup">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<backup_name> c:OODImage20171005.obk </backup_name>
<compression_type> BZIP2 4K </compression_type>
<new_device_type>filesystem</new_device_type>
<new_backup_name> c:OODImage20171005_INC.obk</new_backup_name>
<ignored_read_errors>yes</ignored_read_errors>
<max_backup_size>-1</max_backup_size>
</command>
```

restore backup

Restores files/data from a file-based backup.

Parameters

- device_type
- backup_name
- [password]

- [target_path]
- [overwrite_target_data]
- [ignored_read_errors]
- [ignore_data_modification]

Note:

If no target parameter (target_path) is indicated, the original data will be overwritten with data from the backup.

Example

```
<command name="restore backup">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<backup_name>c:OODImage20117005.obk</backup_name>
<overwrite_target_data>yes</overwrite_target_data>
</command>
```

validate backup

This function checks the structural integrity of the backup file. It will examine whether the required logical structure is intact or undamaged. In addition, encrypted and/or compressed backups will be checked to determine whether decryption or decompression is possible without error.

Parameters

- device_type
- backup_name
- [all_splits]
- [password]
- [ignore_data_modification]

Note:

If no target parameter (target_path) is indicated, the original data will be overwritten with data from the backup.

Example

```
<command name="validate backup">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<backup_name>c:OODImage20171005.obk</backup_name>
</command>
```

Disk management functions

assign drive letter

Assigns a drive letter to the selected drive or changes it.

Parameters

- driveletter_to_set
- { devicename | driveletter | drivenummer | serialnumber | begin }

Note

Drive letters of current system volumes and the startup volume cannot be changed.

A maximum of 26 letters are allowed for one computer. The drive letters A and B are reserved for floppy drives. These letters, however, may be assigned to removable media drives when the computer doesn't feature a floppy drive.

Example

```
<command name="assign drive letter">
<drivenumber>2</drivenumber>
<begin>32256</begin>
<driveletter_to_set>X</driveletter_to_set>
</command>
```

checkdisk

Command that checks disks for problems. It also offers the option to correct recognized problems.

Parameters

- correct_errors
- verbose
- check_only_if_dirty
- locates_bad_sectors_recover_readable_information
- { devicename | driveletter | drivenummer | serialnumber | begin | system_volume | data_volumes }

Note

This command can possibly require a large amount of time to run. The amount of time needed will depend on the number of files and folders, the size of the disk, the disk's performance and the available system resources, such as processor and memory.

Example

```
<command name="checkdisk">
<driveletter>E</driveletter>
<correct_errors>no</correct_errors>
<verbose>yes</verbose>
<check_only_if_dirty>no</check_only_if_dirty>
<locates_bad_sectors_recover_readable_information>no
</locates_bad_sectors_recover_readable_information>
</command>
```

clear disk

Removes all formatting from partitions and volumes on the selected storage volume.

Parameters

- { devicename | drivenumber | serialnumber }
- [is_superfloppy]

Note

All drives will be deleted.

Example

```
<command name="clear drive">
<drivenumber>1</drivenumber | serialnumber>
<is_superfloppy>no</is_superfloppy>
</command>
```

create mirrored volume

Creates a mirrored volume.

Parameter

- size
- { devicename_one | drivenumber_one | serialnumber_one }
- { devicename_two | drivenumber_two | serialnumber_two }
- [driveletter_to_set]

Note

The function for creating a mirrored volume is dependent on the operating systems that are currently installed and enabled.

Two dynamic volumes are needed for creating a mirrored volume.

It is possible to mirror a simple available volume.

Mirrored volumes are error-tolerant and use RAID-1. Redundancy is assured through the creation of two identical copies of a volume.

It is not possible to extend mirrored volumes or to convert them into stripe set volumes.

Both copies (mirrors) of the mirrored volumes use the same drive letters.

You can install an operating system on a simple or mirrored dynamic volume only. Entries in the partition table must exist for this volume (i.e., that this was a system or start volume).

Example

```
<command name="create mirrored volume">  
<drivenumber_one>2</drivenumber_one>  
<drivenumber_two>3</drivenumber_two>  
<size>8589934592</size>  
<driveletter_to_set>M</driveletter_to_set>  
</command>
```

create RAID5 volume

Creates a RAID-5 volume with at least three selected dynamic volumes.

Parameter

- RAID5_column_size
- size
- { devicename | drivenumber | serialnumber} ...
- [driveletter_to_set]

Note

Depending on current and enabled operating systems, a mirrored volume can be created.

At least three dynamic volumes are required for creating a RAID-5 volume.

A RAID-5 volume helps you achieve error-tolerance. This will merely require an additional storage volume for the volume. If you're using, for example, three 10 GB storage volumes to create a RAID-5 volume, the volume will contain a total of 20 GB. The remaining storage space of 10 GB will be used for parity.

RAID-5 volumes can neither be extended nor mirrored.

Example

```
<command name="create RAID5 volume">
<drivenumber>2</drivenumber>
<drivenumber>3</drivenumber>
<drivenumber>4</drivenumber>
<size>8589934592</size>
<RAID5_column_size>8589934592</RAID5_column_size>
<driveletter_to_set>R</driveletter_to_set>
</command>
```

create simple volume

Creates a simple volume.

Parameter

- { devicename | drivenumber | serialnumber }
- { size | complete_region_size | remaining_range | part_of_disk_size }
- [driveletter_to_set]

Note

You can create simple volumes on dynamic volumes only.

Simple volumes are not error-tolerant.

You can install an operating system on a simple or mirrored dynamic volume only. Entries in the partition table must exist for this volume (i.e., that this was a system or start volume).

Example

```
<command name="create simple volume">
<drivenumber>2</drivenumber>
<size>5368709120</size>
<driveletter_to_set>S</driveletter_to_set>
</command>
```

create spanned volume

Creates a spanned volume.

Parameter

- size
- { devicename | drivenumber | serialnumber }
- [driveletter_to_set]

Note

You can create spanned volumes on dynamic volumes only.

At least two dynamic volumes are needed for creating an spanned volume.

A spanned volume can be expanded for as many as 32 dynamic volumes.

It is not possible to mirror spanned volumes or to convert them into stripe set volumes.

Spanned volumes are not fault-tolerant.

Example

```
<command name="create spanned volume">
<size>5368709120</size>
<drivenumber>2</drivenumber>
<size>2684354560</size>
<drivenumber>3</drivenumber>
<size>2684354560</size>
<driveletter_to_set>S</driveletter_to_set>
</command>
```

create striped volume

Creates a stripe set volume with at least two selected dynamic volumes.

Parameter

- size
- { devicename_one | drivenumber_one | serialnumber_one }
- { devicename_two | drivenumber_two | serialnumber_two }
- [driveletter_to_set]

Note

At least two dynamic volumes are needed for creating a stripe set volume. A stripe set volume can be created for as many as 32 storage volumes.

Stripe set volumes are not fault-tolerant, and can neither be extended nor mirrored.

Example

```
<command name="create striped volume">
<drivenumber_one>2</drivenumber_one>
<drivenumber_two>3</drivenumber_two>
<size>8589934592</size>
<driveletter_to_set>S</driveletter_to_set>
```

</command>

create partition

Creates a partition on a basic disk.

Parameters

- { devicename | drivenumber | serialnumber | begin }
- { size | complete_region_size | remaining_range | part_of_disk_size }
- [format]
- { NTFS | FAT16 | FAT32 | huge | extended }
- [label]
- [no_alignment | default_windows_alignment | chs_alignment]
- [driveletter_to_set]

Note

Primary partitions, extended partitions and logical drives can only be created on a basic disk.

On volumes with an MBR (Master Boot Record), you can optionally create up to four partitions, or three primary partitions and one extended partition.

On volumes with a GPT (GUID-Partition Table), you can create up to 128 primary partitions

Example

```
<command name="create partition">  
<drivenumber>1</drivenumber>  
<begin>8595417600</begin>  
<size>2147483648</size>  
<huge>yes</huge>  
<default_windows_alignment>yes  
</default_windows_alignment>  
</command>
```

delete partition

Deletes the selected partitions on a basic disk.

Parameter

- { devicename | driveletter | drivenumber | serialnumber | begin }

Notes

Important!

As a result of deleting a partition, all data on the deleted partition or logical drive will be lost

Important!

Deleted partitions or logical drives cannot be restored.

You cannot delete the system volume, the start volume and any volumes upon which the active swap file or crash dump (memory dump) are found.

An extended partition can only be deleted when it is empty.

You must delete all logical drives in an extended partition before you can delete it

Example

```
<command name="delete partition">  
<driveletter>G</driveletter>  
</command>
```

delete volume

Deletes the entire volume.

Parameter

- { devicename | driveletter | drivenumber | serialnumber | begin }

Notes**Important!**

Be very careful when deleting volumes. All data on the volume, as well as the volume itself, will be deleted when you delete a simple, spanned, mirrored or RAID-5 volume.

Important!

Deleted volumes cannot be restored.

You cannot delete the system volume, the start volume and any volumes upon which the active swap file or crash dump (memory dump) are found.

Example

```
<command name="delete volume">  
<driveletter>S</driveletter>  
</command>
```


disconnect network drive

Disconnects an existing connection between the computer and an available resource.

Parameter

- localname

Note

This will attempt to break the connection to this resource with the highest priority; i.e., all links and uses of files and/or folders from this resource will become invalid.

Example

```
<command name="disconnect network drive">  
<localname>Z</localname>  
</command>
```

fill disk sectors

Overwrites sectors of a storage volume, a region area of a storage volume, a partition or a volume with a specific value.

Parameters

- { devicename | driveletter | drivenumber | serialnumber | begin | data_volumes}
- [value_to_fill]

Note

Important!

All data in this region will be permanently destroyed. If a region was selected that was linked with a partition or a volume, the data on that partition or volume will be destroyed. When a complete hard disk is selected, all objects and partitions/volumes with related data will be deleted and cannot be restored.

Example

```
<command name="fill disk sectors">  
<drivenumber>1</drivenumber>  
<value_to_fill>0</value_to_fill>  
</command>  
<command name="fill disk sectors">  
<driveletter>F</driveletter>  
<value_to_fill>0</value_to_fill>
```

</command>

format

Formats a disk for use under Windows.

Parameter

- quickformat
- enable_compression
- force_dismount
- { devicename | driveletter | drivenumber | serialnumber | begin }
- { NTFS | FAT16 | FAT32 }
- [allocation_unit_size]
- [label]

Note

It is not possible to format current system or boot partitions.

Compression will only be supported by NTFS volumes.

Quick formatting will remove all files from the disk; the disk will not, however, be checked for bad sectors.

Example

```
<command name="format">
<driveletter>G</driveletter>
<quickformat>yes</quickformat>
<enable_compression>no</enable_compression>
<force_dismount>yes</force_dismount>
<NTFS>yes</NTFS>
</command>
```

grow partition

Extends the partition into the next, non-reserved storage space on the same disk. Beyond that, it must follow on the partition (i.e., feature a higher sector number).

Parameters

- { devicename | driveletter | drivenumber | serialnumber | begin }
- { size | remaining_range | part_of_disk_size }

Note

If the previous partition was formatted with the NTFS file system, the file system will be so extended that the larger partition will be occupied. A loss of data does not occur.

If the previous partition was formatted with a file system other than the NTFS, the command fails and no changes will be made to the partition.

It is not possible to extend the current system or boot partition.

Example

Functions for system properties

activate setup

Enables the setup of the operating system after restart.

Parameter

- operating_system_path
- setup_type
- { unattended }

Note

In order for the operating system to consider changes to the computer name, a restart is required.

Example

```
<command name="activate setup">
<operating_system_path> "E:WINDOWS" </operating_system_path>
<setup_type>mini_setup</setup_type>
<unattended>true</unattended>
</command>
```

assume devices

Device management drivers that are currently loaded should be applied.

Parameters

operating_system_path

Note

In order for the operating system to consider the changes to the computer name, a restart is required.

Example

```
<command name="assume devices">
<operating_system_path> "E:WINDOWS" </operating_system_path >
</command>
```

change computer name

Change the computer name of the current operating system or the one forming the regular basis.

Parameter

- Computer_name
- { registry_information_path }

Note

In order for the operating system to consider changes to the computer name, a restart is required.

Example

```
<command name="change computer name">  
<computer_name>MyComputer</computer_name>  
</command>
```

change computer sid

Change the SID of the current or the underlying operating system.

Parameter

- { registry_information_path }

Notes

In order for the operating system to consider changes to the computer name, a restart is required.

Example

```
<command name="change computer sid">  
<registry_information_path>"E:WINDOWSsystem32config"</ registry_information_path >  
</command>
```

replace hal

Replacement of the hardware abstraction layer.

Parameter

- { operating_system_path }

Note

In order for the operating system to consider changes to the computer name, a restart is required.

Example

```
<command name="replace hal">  
<operating_system_path>"E:WINDOWS"</operating_system_path>  
</command>
```

Formatting legend

Format	Description
Ellipsis (...)	Parameters which can be repeated several times in a command line
Between square brackets ([])	Optional Elements
Curly brackets ({}). Separate options from each other with a pipe sign (). Example: {even odd}	A group of selection possibilities from which the user must choose an option

Parameter

Global parameter, parameter without command shortcut

logfile

Creation of a log file to communicate the status of the processing.

Example

```
<logfile>C:\DiskImage\Logfile.log</logfile>
```

interaction

During the command processing, denotes if a confirmation dialogue is possible or if the processing should take place in the background. No processing in the background is default.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<interaction>no</interaction>
```

stop_at_error

Denotes whether the processing of a command file should continue if an error occurs. No further processing is the default value, which means that the processing will be aborted when an error occurs.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<stop_at_error>no</stop_at_error>
```


Preset values of selected parameter

Command specific parameter

all_devices

Initializes and displays all drive types of system.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<all_devices>yes</all_devices>
```

all_sources

All (Source-) objects from an image should be included in the processing.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<all_sources>yes</all_sources>
```

all_splits

All parts of an image should be used for the processing.

It can be specified during the check, whether the current part of the image should be checked.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<all_splits>>false</all_splits>
```

allocation_unit_size

The selected cluster size when creating a file system on a drive. Diese Größe wird in Bytes angegeben.

Example

```
<allocation_unit_size>4096</allocation_unit_size>
```

append_on_target_drive

Denotes that the selected object should be appended onto the storage volume. Existing partitions of the disk will not be affected by it.

Valid values: "yes" or "true"

Example

```
<append_on_target_drive>true</append_on_target_drive>
```

automatically_create_target_drive_like_source_drive

The target layout is automatically created equally to the source layout. A restoration/cloning will not take place with the interpretations of the file systems.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<automatically_create_target_drive_like_source_drive>true
```

</automatically_create_target_drive_like_source_drive>

device_type

Indicates the type or description of the target or source drive.

filesystem

Standard – file system

Comment:

Reserved for future versions. A value other than "filesystem" is currently invalid and will lead to error.

Example

<device_type>filesystem</device_type>

disk_devices

Only hard disks should be initialized and prepared for display.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

<disk_devices>yes</disk_devices>

drivenumber

The number of the selected drive.

Example

<drivenumber>1</drivenumber>

drive_number_one

The number of the first selected drive.

Example

<drivenumber_one>2</drivenumber_one>

drive_number_two

The number of the second selected drive.

Example

<drive_number_two>2</drive_number_two>

driveletter

The drive letter of the selected drive.

Example

<driveletter>C</driveletter>

driveletter_to_set

The drive letter to be set.

Example

<driveletter_to_set>Y</driveletter_to_set>

dynamic_disk

Initializing a disk as a „dynamic disk“.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

<dynamic_disk>true</dynamic_disk>

enable_compression

Files created on a new volume or partition will be compressed by default.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<enable_compression>yes</enable_compression>
```

encryption_type

Label indicating the type of encryption.

none

No encryption type selected

AES 128

AES – encryption with 128 bit

AES 192

AES – encryption with 192 bit

AES 256

AES – encryption with 256 bit

Example

```
<encryption_type>AES 192</encryption_type>
```

extended

Creates an extended partition, i.e., a drive upon which a logical drive can be created.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<extended>yes</extended>
```

FAT16

Indicates the partition and/or file system that will be created when you want to create a FAT16 drive and/or file system.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<FAT16>true</FAT16>
```

FAT32

Indicates the partition and/or file system that will be created when you want to create a FAT 32 drive and/or file system.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<FAT32>yes</FAT32>
```

fill_empty_blocks

Fills empty regions on the target drive with the value „0“.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<fill_empty_blocks>no</fill_empty_blocks>
```

floppy_devices

Use this parameter when you only want to initialize floppy drives and prepare them for display.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<floppy_devices>true</floppy_devices>
```

force_dismount

Forces the cancellation of the volume's deployment when necessary. All files/handles opened to the volume will be closed.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<force_dismount>yes</force_dismount>
```

format

Indicates whether or not the drive should be formatted after creation, and if the file system should be created.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<format>yes</format>
```

gpt_disk

Initializes a disk as a „gpt disk“.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<gpt_disk>yes</gpt_disk>
```

hash_unchanged_data

Indicates whether the unchanged data of an incremental image should be stored in the image as a hash-value (checksums). This increases the size of the incremental image but will accelerate data access for the next imaging procedure.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<hash_unchanged_data>no</hash_unchanged_data>
```

huge

Indicates the drive that will be created, especially for labeling a large partition.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<huge>yes</huge>
```

ignore_data_modification

Influences the behavior while restoring or validating images, if it was detected that data was changed within the image. If these parameters are not set with a negation, the handling will be cancelled. Otherwise, only the change will be recorded in the report and the process will continue.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Notes

If the data in the image is changed outside the program, they might contain errors and be rendered useless.

Example

```
<ignore_data_modification>yes</ignore_data_modification>
```

ignore_snapshot_cache_overflow

Label indicating whether a potential overflow of the cache should be considered as an error, and as a result, will be canceled.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Notes

Should you exceed the available cache space, the original data sectors will no longer be saved and included in the image. This makes the image inconsistent and may render it unusable.

Example

```
<ignore_snapshot_cache_overflow>yes</ignore_snapshot_cache_overflow>
```

ignore_invalid_free_size_appointment

Indicates whether an error occurring during the detection for free storage space on a drive should be ignored and the process continued.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Notes

When creating the image file, this parameter could lead to its being made invalid when nothing more can be written onto the target drive. It should be used mainly for allowing access to NAS drives that do not report free regions and are not able to be imaged.

Example

```
<ignore_invalid_free_size_appointment>yes</ignore_invalid_free_size_appointment>
```

ignored_file

Indicates files that should be excluded. Data from these files will not be applied to the image.

Example

```
<ignored_file>*.temp</ignored_file>
```

```
<ignored_file_pattern>*.~</ignored_file_pattern>
```

ignored_read_errors

Possible read errors that occur should be ignored without a confirmation dialogue. These sectors will be skipped during the read procedure and noted in the log file.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<ignored_read_errors>yes</ignored_read_errors>
```

image_begin

Defines a position at the beginning of a disk and indicates a region of the image file.

Example

```
<image_drivenumber>2</image_drivenumber>
```

```
<image_begin>1048576</image_begin>
```

image_drivenumber

Defines the number of the selected disk from the image.

Example

```
<image_drivenumber>1</image_drivenumber>
```

image_driveletter

Defines the drive letters of the selected drive from the image.

Example

```
<image_driveletter>D</image_driveletter>
```

image_name

Defines the name of the image file including path.

Example

```
<image_name>C:\ImageFilesImage20071127.omg</image_name>
```

image_object_id

Defines the ID of the selected object from/in the image.

Example

```
<image_object_id>3</image_object_id>
```

image_type

Label indicating the type of imaging, i.e., the selected imaging method.

used sector

imaging of the used sectors

forensic sector

forensic imaging of all sectors of a drive

direct forensic sector

direct forensic imaging of all sectors of a drive

Example

```
<image_type>used sector</image_type>
```

is_superfloppy

Labels a storage volume as "superfloppy". Such a disk consists of one drive only and contains no system regions, i.e., no partition structure will be written on it.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<is_superfloppy>yes</is_superfloppy>
```

label

Label of the selected drive based on the drive's name.

Example

```
<label>System</label>
```

localname

The local name of the resource.

Example

```
<localname>Z</localname>
```

locates_bad_sectors_recover_readable_information

An investigation of bad sectors and the restoration of the readable data are requested.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

<locates_bad_sectors_recover_readable_information>yes

</locates_bad_sectors_recover_readable_information>

max_backup_size

Fixes the maximal size of the image file in bytes. A division will be made when this level is almost reached.

Note: The minimum value of a backup file is 1 megabyte, or 1048576 bytes. If a value lower than this amount is entered, the maximum size of the backup file will be set to 1 MB.

Example

<max_backup_size>786432000</max_backup_size>

new_comments

This parameter will let you add comments into the new image file.

Example

<new_comments>incremental image wg. Windowsupdate </new_comments>

max_image_size

Fixes the maximal size of the image file in bytes. A division will be made when this level is almost reached.

Notes

The minimum value of an image file is 5 Megabyte, more exactly 5242880 bytes. If the value is smaller than this, the maximal size of the image file will set at 5 MB.

Example

<max_image_size>786432000</max_image_size>

new_device_type

Indicates the type or description of the new target drive.

filesystem

Standard – file system

Comment:

Reserved for future versions. A value other than "filesystem" is currently invalid and will lead to error.

Example

<new_device_type> filesystem </new_device_type>

new_backup_name

Describes the name of the new backup file including path.

Example

<new_backup_name>C:\backup\20111006_new.obk</new_backup_name>

new_image_name

Describes the name of the new image file including path.

Example

<new_image_name>C:\Temp\Image20071031.omg</new_image_name>

new_password

Define a password as a parameter for creation.

Example

<new_password>my new password</new_password>

no_alignment

Specifies how partitions will be aligned. This parameter will use no type of alignment: the position will be considered as absolute.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<no_alignment>true</no_alignment>
```

NTFS

Label indicating the partitions and/or the file system that will be created if you want to create an NTFS drive and/or data system.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<NTFS>true</NTFS>
```

operating_system_path

Path to the folder where the installed operating system files can be found.

Example

```
<operating_system_path>E:\Windows</operating_system_path>
```

overwrite_target_data

Automatic deletion of the target drive. All existing data on partitions/volumes will be deleted.

Notes: These parameters deactivate the confirmations and data on the target drive will be automatically deleted!

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

part_of_disk_size

Part of the selected size of the drive being created in relation to the size of the disk.

Example

```
<part_of_disk_size>1/3</part_of_disk_size>
```

password

Marks a password as a parameter.

Example

```
<password>My_Passwort</password>
```

quickformat

Runs a formatting with quick formatting.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<quickformat>no</quickformat>
```

remotename

The name of the server and the shared resource.

Example

```
<remotename>WantedServerSharedFolder </remotename>
```

serialnumber

The serial number of the desired disk.

Example

```
<serialnumber>JK1101YAH6KWMZ</serialnumber>
```

serialnumber_one

The serial number of the first desired disk.

Example

```
<serialnumber_one>2</serialnumber_one>
```

serialnumber_two

The serial number of the second desired disk.

Example

```
<serialnumber_two>2</serialnumber_two>
```

setup_type

Label indicating the type of installation being activated.

mini_setup: Minimum setup installation of the operating system

Example

```
<setup_type>mini_setup</setup_type>
```

sequential_access

Sequential access to the image file is requested. This will mean an advantage in performance over non-sequential access, given that larger data regions can be included here.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<sequential_access>true</sequential_access>
```

set_active

Labels whether "enable" or "disable" should be set for the selected drive.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<set_active>true</set_active>
```

set_bootable_partition_bootable

Automatic setting of the bootable source partition as bootable. The confirmation dialogue will be disabled with this parameter.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<set_bootable_partition_bootable>yes
```

```
</set_bootable_partition_bootable>
```

size

The size of an object in bytes.

Example

```
<size>1073741824</size>
```

snapshot

As an option to the parameter "force_dismount", the installed filter drivers will help log changes in data so that unchanged data can be included in the backup.

See also parameter "vss".

Example

```
<snapshot>true</snapshot>
```

system_volume

Label indicating that only the system volume or system partition will be drawn into the processing.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<system_volume>yes</system_volume>
```

target_begin

Defines a position at the beginning of a target disk.

Example

```
<target_drivenumber>1</target_drivenumber>
```

```
<target_begin>32256</target_begin>
```

target_devicename

The name of the requested target drive/target disk.

Example

```
<target_device_name>DeviceHarddiskVolume6</target_device_name>
```

target_drivenumber

Number of the target drive.

Example

```
<target_drivenumber>2</target_drivenumber>
```

target_driveletter

Drive letter of the target drive.

Example

```
<target_driveletter>G</target_driveletter>
```

target_image_type

Type of the image to be created.

o&o image - the goal is to create an image by O&O DiskImage.

vhd image - a virtual hard disk of the Microsoft Virtual PC should be the target.

Example

```
<target_image_type>o&o image</target_image_type>
```

target_path

A target parameter where files/data should be written.

Example

```
<target_path>C:\New Folder</target_path>
```

target_serialnumber

Serial number of the target disk.

Example

```
<target_serialnumber>GTA0L2PBGJPSSF</target_serialnumber>
```

uncompressed_file

Label indicating the files that should not be compressed.

Example

```
<uncompressed_file>*.zip</uncompressed_file>
```

unattended

Label indicating an unattended installation, i.e., standard components will be installed and prompting questions avoided. Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<unattended>yes</unattended>
```

username

User name for identification of the person doing the requested operation. Such a user name can be extended through the name of a domain.

Example

```
<username>domainHMuster</username>
```

value_to_fill

Label indicating the value which will be used to fill (overwrite) an object. Possible are values from 0 to 9.

Example

```
<value_to_fill>0</value_to_fill>
```

verbose

Display of extended information.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<verbose>true</verbose>
```

VSS

As an alternative to the parameter "force_dismount", the Microsoft VolumeShadowCopyService can log changes in data so that unchanged data is included in the backup.

See also parameter "snapshot".

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<vss>true</vss>
```

write_data_directly

Data should be written directly on the drive, meaning without use of the file system driver. This is needed by an image file or cloning process of the type "direct forensic" for restoring an encrypted drive back to its original condition, or for cloning.

Valid values: "yes", "no", "true" and "false"

Example

```
<write_data_directly>true</write_data_directly>
```

Examples of command files

Create an image of the "C" drive

Example 1:

Create an image of the "C" drive. This image will be compressed and saved whereby sectors not being imaged (those sectors that have not changed since the base image was created) will be given a hash value to check for changes in the future. The image will be compressed and split into files that have a maximum size of 650 MByte each. Once it's successfully created, the image will be automatically validated.

```
<DiskImageJob version="12.0">
<command name="initialized storage devices">
<disk_devices>YES</disk_devices>
</command>
<command name="create image">
<image_type>used sector</image_type>
<compression_type>LZNT1 standard</compression_type>
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>E:image_20100128.xml</image_name>
<ignored_read_errors>YES</ignored_read_errors>
<driveletter>C</driveletter>
<comments>Image of the system drive</comments>
<max_image_size>650</max_image_size>
<automatically_validate_image>YES</automatically_validate_image>
<ignored_file_pattern>C:\MSO\Cache*. *</ignored_file_pattern>
<ignored_file_pattern>pagefile.sys</ignored_file_pattern>
<ignored_file_pattern>hiberfil.sys</ignored_file_pattern>
<ignored_file_pattern>System Volume Information</ignored_file_pattern>
</command>
</DiskImageJob>
```

Create an incremental image from the base image

Example 2:

Create an incremental image from the image "E:image20100120.omg". This image will be compressed and saved whereby sectors not being imaged (those sectors that have not changed since the base image was created) will be given a hash value to check for changes in the future. The incremental image will be named according to the date when the image is created. The parameter "automatically_overwrite_image" is set to "NO" so that an image with the same name may not be overwritten.

```
<DiskImageJob version="12.0">
<command name="initialized storage devices">
<disk_devices>YES</disk_devices>
```

```

</command>
<command name="create incremental">
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<image_name>E:image20100120.omg</image_name>
<compression_type>LZNT1 standard</compression_type>
<new_device_type>filesystem</new_device_type>
<new_image_name>E:image_${TEMPL:(Year)}${TEMPL:(Month)}${TEMPL:(Day)}_inc.omg</new_image_
name>
<hash_unchanged_data>YES</hash_unchanged_data>
<ignored_read_errors>YES</ignored_read_errors>
<automatically_overwrite_image>NO</automatically_overwrite_image>
<max_image_size>-1</max_image_size>
<force_dismount>YES</force_dismount>
<automatically_validate_image>YES</automatically_validate_image>
<change_initial_condition>YES</change_initial_condition>
<ignored_file_pattern>hiberfil.sys</ignored_file_pattern>
<ignored_file_pattern>*.tmp</ignored_file_pattern>
<ignored_file_pattern>*.omg</ignored_file_pattern>
<ignored_file_pattern>*.~</ignored_file_pattern>
<ignored_file_pattern>System Volume Information</ignored_file_pattern>
<ignored_file>pagefile.sys</ignored_file>
</command>
</DiskImageJob>

```

Deleting a hard disk and creation of a partition

Example 3:

This example will supply a short illustration of the O&O DiskImage disk manager's functionality. Hard disk "0" will first be deleted and then initialized as a Basic – MBR disk. After that, a 2 GByte partition will be created after position 32256 on the hard disk, aligned according to standard Windows disk alignment.

```

<DiskImageJob version="12.0">
<command name="initialized storage devices">
<disk_devices>YES</disk_devices>
</command>
<command name="clear drive">
<drivenumber>0</drivenumber>
<is_superfloppy>NO</is_superfloppy>
</command>
<command name="initialize disk">
<drivenumber>0</drivenumber>
<basic_disk>YES</basic_disk>
</command>
<command name="create partition">

```

```
<drivenumber>0</drivenumber>
<begin>32256</begin>
<size>2147483648</size>
<huge>YES</huge>
<default_windows_alignment>YES</default_windows_alignment>
</command>
</DiskImageJob>
```

Create a file-based backup

Example 4:

A file-based backup of the file "Documents" will be created and saved on drive "Z". The backup's name will be based on the current date at the time of creation.

```
<BackupJob version="12.0">
<interaction>NO</interaction>
<stop_at_error>YES</stop_at_error>
<command name="create backup">
<backup_type>extended ZIP file backup</backup_type>
<compression_type>BZIP2 4K</compression_type>
<device_type>filesystem</device_type>
<backup_name>Z:backupsImage_${TEMPL:(Year)}${TEMPL:(Month)}${TEMPL:(Day)}.obk</backup_name>
>
<comments>automatisches backup via Skript</comments>
<backupset_id>{527FC970-C7BF-40C4-83BA-946CA5E62EBD}</backupset_id>
<backupset_name>BackupSet 20171006 Skript</backupset_name>
<backupset_criteria>C:\Users\Muster\Documents</backupset_criteria>
</command>
</BackupJob>
```

End user license agreement

O&O Software GmbH

End User License Agreement 5.8.1 (EULA)

GENERAL SECTION and SPECIALIZED SECTION

GENERAL SECTION

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

This End User License Agreement (EULA) is organized into 2 sections: a general part, which is valid for all O&O products, and a specialized part, which includes the particular terms of each corresponding product. By accepting both parts of the license terms they automatically form part of your contract with O&O Software, Bülowstraße 66, 10783 Berlin.

Once accepted, these license terms will become part of your contract with O&O Software, Bülowstraße 66, 10783 Berlin.

If you have any questions regarding this contract and the license terms, our Service Team is available to help you under info@oo-software.com. The software product is protected by copyright laws and international copyright contracts as well as other laws and agreements concerning intellectual property.

1. Object and form of delivery

(1) You receive the software covered by the contract in executable for (Binary code) together with the relevant documentation released by O&O according to Section (6).

(2) The software provides the range of functions described in the given documentation. The documentation regarding functionality may be consulted prior to concluding the contract in the internet presentation on the following site www.oo-software.com.

(3) Delivery will be made according to the way in which you have purchased the software, either by having a disk directly handed over, or sent by mail to an address you have supplied, or through the forwarding of a license as well as any required download information to a given E-mail address.

(4) If you are currently receiving updates as part of a maintenance agreement, these will be made available electronically to you for downloading.

(5) Changes to the delivery or E-mail address can only be considered, if they are supplied in writing or by E-mail to the address or E-mail address indicated on www.oo-software.com at least two weeks before delivery of the update.

(6) A printed copy of the documentation will not be included in the delivery. The documentation consists primarily of electronic aids.

2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

(1) Installation of the software is not part of the agreement.

(2) Depending on the software, there are certain system requirements that must be met in order to use it according to the terms of this contract. These will be defined according to each product in the specialized section of this contract.

3. Rights of use, including test versions, unauthorized transfer, and application

(1) O&O grants you, upon payment of the agreed one-time fee, a permanent, spatially unlimited and non-exclusive right to use the software.

(2) Test versions - if you have installed a test version of one of our products taken from the O&O Website www.oo-software.com, the right of use will be, according to the program, for a limited time only and/or technically restricted.

(3) One copy of the software is entitled to be used on a maximum of one (1) output device /workstation simultaneously.

(4) If you want to use the software on more than one output device/workstation, the rights of use must be extended accordingly. To find out which O&O products are also available as volume licenses, please consult www.oo-software.com. The separate price list concerning O&O Volume Licenses will apply to extending the rights of use without redelivery. A subsequent extension of the rights of use without redelivery does not result in further warranty.

(5) Any use beyond that agreed upon in the contract is one in violation of the contract. In such a case, you are required to report this use that exceeds the rights of use to the supplier without any delay. The parties will then try to bring about an agreement for extending the rights of use. For the duration of the excessive usage, i.e., until the conclusion of such an agreement or the cessation of the excessive usage, you are required to pay compensation for this excessive usage according to the amount indicated in our price lists. The amount of compensation will be calculated on the basis of a four year, straight-line depreciation. If we are not informed of the excessive usage, a contract penalty in the amount three times the price of the usage indicated in the price list will be due to O&O.

(6) You are entitled to create a backup copy of the software and to conduct ordinary data backups. The creation of more copies than the amount needed for the backing up of any future usage (including the backup copies and data backups) is not allowed.

(7) Copyrights and other trademarks within the software may not be altered or removed. They must be transferred onto every copy of the software.

(8) Unauthorized transfer - only when you have purchased the software with an accompanying disk are you permitted to transfer it and then, only under the following conditions: a resale of the software is only permitted when it involves an entire software copy, i.e., by surrendering your own usage of the purchased copy, you are entitled to transfer these rights of use of the disk onto a third party according to the terms of the agreement existing between you and O&O. When making such

a transfer, you are required to hand over to the third party all materials related to the software that are covered in the contract and to delete the software from any storage volumes (e.g., hard disks) remaining in your possession.

(9) Unauthorized rental and service - The purchase of this contract does not entitle you to any public transfer or rental of the software. You are also not entitled to include the software as part of your providing services for and in the presence of any third parties. You may purchase an appropriate license from O&O for doing this.

(10) Prohibition on Reverse Engineering, Decompilation, and Disassembly. You may not reverse engineer, decompile, or disassemble this software except and only to the extent that such activity is expressly permitted by applicable law notwithstanding this limitation.

(11) Compliance with Applicable Laws. You must comply with all applicable laws regarding use of software.

4. Payment

(1) The prices are given with the corresponding sales taxes included, unless otherwise indicated.

(2) Test versions - Downloads of test versions offered by O&O are provided free of charge, unless otherwise indicated.

(3) If you receive updates of your programs as part of a Maintenance Agreement, the terms of payment in these contracts will apply to these Maintenance Agreements.

(4) O&O is entitled to forward any data it has received onto third parties requiring it for purposes of collection.

(5) Until payment is made in full, O&O retains possession of all rights, particularly those concerning copyrighted rights of use, on the materials included in this contract. O&O is specifically entitled to cancel a contract, for example, when your payment is delayed, it prohibits the further using of the software and demands the surrendering of all copies or this being impossible, to demand their deletion. Should a third party have access to the object of purchase before payment is completed for the contractual software, you are required to inform this third party about the object being the property of O&O and to inform O&O, in writing, about the third party's access.

5. Material defect and defect of title

(1) The software package or download you receive is free of any material defect or defect of title.

(2) A material defect exists when the software is unable to be used as described in the documentation appearing on the website www.oo-software.com and included in delivery or available for downloading. O&O is constantly checking to make sure that other sources are not misrepresenting the functions and properties of the software as described in the documentation. You can therefore assume that any descriptions beyond those found in the software documentation have not originated with O&O and are also unknown to it. Please inform O&O if you learn of any software descriptions that include functions and properties not mentioned in the

documentation.

(3) A defect of title exists when, after delivery of the software, the rights needed for using it as stipulated in the contract have not been effectively granted.

(4) Any claims concerning defects of material and/or title related to the software have a limitation period of two years subsequent to delivery of the program or transmission of the serial number needed for downloading. If you are not a private individual, the warranty period is shortened to one year. If O&O has fraudulently concealed a material defect, a three year limitation period will cover claims related to this defect. Payment for compensation that you might have been entitled to as a result of cancellation or an abatement can be refused upon expiration of the limitation period.

(5) You are required to inform O&O, in writing if possible, of any defects that arise immediately upon their discovery. While doing so you should also describe, as well as possible, how the defect is communicated, the effect it has on the program, and under which circumstances it occurs.

(6) Should defects be reported to O&O within the limitation period, it will undertake a cure free of charge.

(7) As part of the cure, the corrected software will be redelivered as agreed. An on-site analysis and correction of the error on your system will not take place. O&O assumes the ensuing expenses for the cure, in particular the costs for transport, labor, and material. You are personally responsible for installation. O&O specifically does not assume on-site installation as part of its obligation with regard to defects of material or title. Should a change of the program be required as part of the cure, O&O will make the necessary changes in the documentation without any charges.

(8) After the unsuccessful expiration of a deadline you set for cure, you can cancel the contract or reduce the purchase price and demand compensation instead of service or the replacement of any futile expenditures.

(9) A deadline is not required when a) O&O refuses both kinds of cure, even if it is entitled to do so as a result of the arising expenses, or b) the cure is impossible, or c) the cure is unacceptable to you, or d) the cure is unsuccessful.

A subsequent improvement is considered a failure after the second unsuccessful attempt, unless there is something particular about the type of software or the defect itself or the surrounding circumstances that would indicate otherwise.

(10) You are not entitled to cancel the contract if the defect is negligible, nor may you, in this event, demand compensation instead of full service.

(11) In the event of cancellation, compensation is due for any uses made. The compensation for use will be based on a four year, straight-line depreciation of the purchase price.

(12) As a result of the abatement, the purchase price will be reduced by the amount which is calculated for deducting the defect from the value of the software. The standard used will be its

value at the time the contract was concluded. The amount, when necessary, is to be calculated by estimation. As a result of this reduction, any amount larger than that paid for the reduced purchase price will be refunded.

(13) If it turns out that a reported problem did not arise as a result of a defect in the software, O&O is entitled to invoice you, according to the amount charged in its price lists for such services, the expenses for analysis and correction of the problem if you can be accused of malice or gross negligence.

(14) The seller's warranty is canceled, when changes are made on the software without expressed written consent or when the software is not used as intended or used in an improper software environment, unless you can prove that these facts had nothing to do with the problems that occurred.

6. Limitation of compensation

(1) O&O is liable for compensation for every legal ground to the extent described in the following provisions.

(2) The extent of liability of O&O for damages caused by malice or gross negligence arising from O&O itself or one of its vicarious or legal agents is unlimited.

(3) There is no limit to the extent of liability of O&O or any of its legal or vicarious agents for damages involving injury to life, physical well-being or health, or for simple breach of duty.

(4) There is unlimited liability for damages caused by serious organizational fault on the part of O&O as well as for damages arising from a missing guaranteed characteristic.

(5) For the breach of an essential contractual duty, O&O is liable for damages normally foreseen in a contract when none of the instances in provisions (2) - (4) applies.

(6) Any further liability for compensation is excluded, specifically excluded is liability without fault.

(7) Liability as defined by the product liability law remains untouched.

(8) If damage can be traced to have arisen through a fault on the part of O&O as well as on the part of yourself, you must have your share of the fault evaluated.

You are responsible for making a standard backup of your data at least once a day. For data loss caused by O&O, O&O is only liable for the expense of duplicating the data on your backup copies that need to be created and for the restoration of data, which would have also been lost during a standard backup procedure.

7. Final provisions

(1) You may only balance claims from O&O with indisputable or legally valid claims.

(2) Changes and amendments to this contract must be made in writing. This also applies to

changes to this provision.

(3) The contract is subject to German law. The uniform UN purchasing law (CISG) as well as the UNIDROIT Factoring Agreement of Ottawa do not apply.

(4) Any general terms and conditions on your part will not be applied.

(5) This license agreement is subject to the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany. In the event you are not a private individual or a resident of the Federal Republic of Germany, we agree that the district court in Berlin will be the competent court for litigation arising from this contract.

8. Contact

If you have any questions concerning the O&O Software License Agreement or wish to speak with O&O, please get in touch with us.

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SPECIALIZED SECTION

O&O BlueCon

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

The software requires Windows 8.1 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 R2 (all Editions), Windows 10 (all Editions), Windows Server 2016 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2019 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

The product at hand can only be employed according to the acquired license. The following license types exist for O&O BlueCon:

O&O BlueCon Admin Edition

You are authorized to use the software product on all computers a) in the possession of the company (legal person or natural person(s) in the case of corporations) owning the license and b) all located at a single site. This software product may be used only via the corresponding bootable medium that was either purchased or that you created. Separate installation of the software product itself or any of its components on individual computers is not part of this licensing agreement. This license is bound to a single natural person and is non-transferable.

O&O BlueCon Tech Edition

You are authorized to use the software product on all computers. This includes computers not owned by the company of the licensee (also known as Service Technician's License). This software product may be used only via the corresponding bootable medium that was either purchased or that you created. Separate installation of the software product itself or any of its components on individual computers is not part of this licensing agreement. This license is bound to a single natural

person and is non-transferable.

O&O BuildPE

Important note for working with O&O BuildPE

The program overwrites the target storage volume (these volumes include re-writable CDs or USB Sticks, amongst others). Please therefore make absolutely sure that the target volume does not contain any data that you may still require, as the overwriting of this data cannot be reversed!

O&O formally declares that it is not responsible for damages arising from the improper use of O&O BuildPE.

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

The software requires Windows 10 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2019 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O CleverCache

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

O&O CleverCache Professional Edition

The software requires Windows 7 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O CleverCache Server Edition

The software requires Windows Server 2008 (all Editions), Windows 7 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2008 R2 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O Defrag

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

O&O Defrag Professional Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) or Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. Control of the program through a network management is not possible.

O&O Defrag Server Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 R2 (all Editions), Windows 10 (all Editions), Windows Server 2016 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2019 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. The O&O Defrag Server Edition may be used on computers with or without the user interface. You are entitled to control this program over the separately obtainable network manager.

O&O Defrag Virtual Machine Edition

The software may only be used on the appropriate operating system in accordance with the previously mentioned conditions for the Server Edition. You must own a minimum of one Server Edition to use a Virtual Machine Edition.

O&O DiskImage

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

O&O DiskImage Express Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) or Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. Control of the program through a network management is not possible.

O&O DiskImage Professional and Special Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) or Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. Control of the program through a network management is not possible.

O&O DiskImage Workstation Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) or Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. The O&O DiskImage Workstation Edition may be used on computers with or without the user interface. You are entitled to control this program over the separately obtainable network manager.

O&O DiskImage Server Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 R2 (all Editions), Windows 10 (all Editions), Windows Server 2016 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2019 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. The O&O DiskImage Server Edition may be used on computers with or without the user interface. You are entitled to control this program over the separately obtainable network manager.

O&O DiskImage Virtual Machine Edition

The software may only be used on the appropriate operating system in accordance with the previously mentioned conditions for the Workstation and Server Editions. You must own a minimum of one Server Edition to use a Virtual Machine Edition.

Amendment to: 3. Rights of use, including test versions, unauthorized transfer, and application

Creation and restoration of images

The source computer and each target computer are required to hold licenses, to create and restore images using O&O DiskImage. One license is sufficient under the previously mentioned terms, if the source and the target computer is one non-virtual workstation. Each virtual machine is seen as an independent computer; in other words, each virtual machine needs its own license.

O&O DiskRecovery

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 R2 (all Editions), Windows 10 (all Editions), Windows Server 2016 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2019 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

The product at hand can only be used according to its acquired license. The following license types exist for O&O DiskRecovery:

O&O DiskRecovery Professional Edition

You are authorized to install and use the software product on only one computer. This should be used wholly in conjunction with all hardware in your possession, i.e. this license may not be used to provide a service to a third party. Other limitations may apply in the software itself. Please consult the software documentation for more information on these limitations.

O&O DiskRecovery Admin Edition

You are authorized to install and use the software product on all computers a) in the possession of the company (legal person or natural person(s) in the case of corporations) owning the license and b) all located at a single site. This should be used wholly in conjunction with all hardware in your possession, i.e. this license may not be used to provide a service to a third party. This software product may be used only via the corresponding bootable medium that was either purchased or that you created. Separate installation of the software product itself or any of its components on individual computers is not part of this licensing agreement. This license is bound to a single natural person and is non-transferable.

O&O DiskRecovery Tech Edition

You are authorized to install and use the software product on all computers. This includes computers that do not belong to the company owning the license (also known as Service Technician's License). This software product may be used only via the corresponding bootable medium that was either purchased or that you created. Separate installation of the software product itself or any of its components on individual computers is not part of this licensing agreement. This license is bound to a single natural person and is non-transferable.

O&O DiskStat

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

O&O DiskStat Professional Edition

The software requires Windows 7 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O DiskStat Workstation Edition

The software requires Windows 7 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. The O&O DiskStat

Workstation Edition may be used on computers with or without the user interface. You are entitled to control this program over the separately obtainable network manager.

O&O DiskStat Server Edition

The software requires Windows Server 2008 (all Editions), Windows 7 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2008 R2 (all Editions), operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O DiskStat Virtual Machine Edition

The software may only be used on the appropriate operating system in accordance with the previously mentioned conditions for the Workstation and Server Editions. You must own a minimum of one Server Edition to use a Virtual Machine Edition.

O&O DriveLED

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

O&O DriveLED Professional Edition

The software requires Windows 7 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. Control of the program through a network management is not possible.

O&O DriveLED Workstation Edition

The software requires Windows 7 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. The O&O DriveLED Workstation Edition may be used on computers with or without the user interface. You are entitled to control this program over the separately obtainable network manager.

O&O DriveLED Server Edition

The software requires Windows Server 2008 (all Editions), Windows 7 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2008 R2 (all Editions), operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. The O&O DriveLED Server Edition may be used on computers with or without the user interface. You are entitled to control this program over the separately obtainable network manager.

O&O DriveLED Virtual Machine Edition

The software may only be used on the appropriate operating system in accordance with the previously mentioned conditions for the Workstation and Server Editions. You must own a minimum of one Server Edition to use a Virtual Machine Edition.

O&O Enterprise Management Console

Important note on the Microsoft SQL Server

This product uses the Microsoft SQL Server or Microsoft SQL Server Express Edition. To the extent that these programs are part of the installation of this product, the terms of their licensing related to the use of this software will also apply to the terms of this agreement.

The use of Microsoft SQL Server Express Edition is free of charge in conjunction with this product. The purchase of licenses for O&O Enterprise Management Console and related products is separate from any possible purchase of SQL Server products.

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 R2 (all Editions), Windows 10 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2016 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O EventViewer

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

O&O EventViewer Workstation Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems. The O&O EventViewer Workstation Edition may be used on computers with or without the user interface. You are entitled to control this program over the separately obtainable network manager.

O&O EventViewer Server Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2012 operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O EventViewer Virtual Machine Edition

The software may only be used on the appropriate operating system in accordance with the previously mentioned conditions for the Workstation and Server Editions. You must own a minimum of one Server Edition to use a Virtual Machine Edition.

O&O FileDirect

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

The software requires Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

Amendment to: 3. Rights of use, including test versions, unauthorized transfer, and application Distribution. You may make exact, unmodified copies of this Software Product and distribute such copies solely by electronic means for example, posting on Internet sites for others to download), subject to the following (a) that the software is distributed unmodified (wrapping or packaging the software with a so-called "Installer", "Wrapper" or similar constitutes a forbidden modification for the purposes of this contract) and in its entirety with its complete user documentation, readme files, copyright, trademark, and other indications protecting intellectual property including this license agreement, and all of its other components), and (b) that such transfer may occur anywhere in the world, except when prohibited by laws of the Federal Republic of Germany (directly or indirectly.)

Amendment to: 4. Payment

O&O demands no fee for the use of O&O FileDirect. In addition, a fee for this license and this program may not be demanded by any Third Parties, unless this is done with the expressed approval of O&O. When in doubt, please get in touch with us. You can find our contact data at the end of this license agreement.

O&O MediaRecovery

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) or Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O PartitionManager

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

O&O PartitionManager Professional Edition

The software requires Windows 7 (all Editions) operating systems. Usage within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the application of these operating systems.

O&O PartitionManager Server Edition

The software requires Windows Server 2008 (all Editions), Windows 7 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2008 R2 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

O&O RegEditor

Important note for working with the Microsoft Windows Registry

Before making changes to the Microsoft Windows Registry (in the following Registry), you should prepare a backup copy of the Registry and ensure that you'll be able to restore the Registry if a problem should arise.

O&O formally declares that it is not responsible for damages arising from the improper use of O&O RegEdit. Changes to the Registry should only be made by experienced users who are aware of the consequences of such changes. A defective Registry can influence the entire stability of the system and lead to a crash of the computer or make it unable to start. This can further lead to loss of data.

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 (all Editions), Windows Server 2012 R2 (all Editions) or Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

Amendment to: 4. Payment

O&O demands no fee for the use of this license. In addition, a fee for this license and this program may not be demanded by any Third Parties, unless this is done with the expressed approval of

O&O. When in doubt, please get in touch with us. You can find our contact data at the end of this license agreement.

O&O RescueBox

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

The software requires Windows Server 2008 (all Editions), Windows 7 (all Editions) or Windows Server 2008 R2 (all Editions), operating systems. Application within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the use of one of these operating systems.

The product at hand can only be used according to its acquired license. The following license types exist for O&O RescueBox:

O&O RescueBox Personal Edition

You are authorized to install and use the software product on only one computer. This should be used wholly in conjunction with all hardware in your possession, i.e. this license may not be used to provide a service to a third party. Other limitations may apply in the software itself. Please consult the software documentation for more information on these limitations.

O&O SafeErase

Amendment to: 2. Requirements for application (system requirements)

O&O SafeErase Professional Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) or Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Usage within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the application of these operating systems.

O&O SafeErase Workstation Edition

The software requires Windows 8 (all Editions) or Windows 10 (all Editions) operating systems. Usage within the terms of this contract is not achieved without the application of these operating systems.

O&O SafeErase Server Edition

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