

Attix5 Pro Server Edition

V6.2 User Manual

for Microsoft Windows





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- The warning icon precedes a warning against potential mistakes and actions that could cause critical error.



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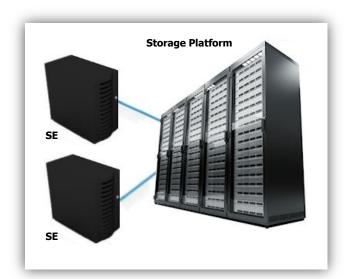
Introduction

Congratulations on choosing Attix5 Pro Server Edition. Attix5 Pro minimises risk, maximises productivity and allows businesses to regain control of their most valuable asset - their data.

For technical support, please go to **Help > About Attix5 Pro SE**, and then use the contact details provided.

Product overview

With Attix5 Pro Server Edition (SE), data stored on servers and databases can be backed up to a Storage Platform quickly, securely and automatically.



The following diagram illustrates the scenario:

Files and folders stored on one or more servers running SE can be backed up to a Storage Platform. In the event of data loss or corruption on the server, you can retrieve data from the Storage Platform and restore it to the original or another server in just a few easy steps.

A Backup Administrator can manage the entire backup environment (Backup Clients and the Storage Platform) remotely, using the Attix5 Pro Storage Platform Console. For more information, please refer to the Attix5 Pro Storage Platform Console User Manual.



1. Getting started

Enabling manual or automatic backups is easy with Attix5 Pro Server Edition:











2. Installation

Below are the system requirements for Attix5 Pro Server Edition.



Note: For the latest system requirements and compatibility information, please refer to the Requirements-Compatibility.pdf (provided with each release of the Attix5 Pro software).

System requirements

Operating System

SE is available for the following Microsoft operating systems:

- Windows Server 2008 (Incl. Small Business Server bundles and R2)
- Windows Server 2003 (Incl. Small Business Server bundles and R2)

Processor & Memory

Recommendation table			
Amount of data	Recommended	Recommended memory (Above	
protected	processor	operating system requirements)	
Less than 200 GB	Pentium 4, Entry level	1 GB	
200 GB - 500 GB	Pentium 4, 2.0 GHz	1 GB	
500 GB - 1 TB	Dual Xeon, 3 GHz+	2 GB	

Disk Space

- Required: 50 MB plus space for local cache.
 - **Note:** Please ensure that the drive on which the Backup Client will be installed has enough free space to store copies of the selected files.
- Recommended: Amount of free space equal to the Backup Account limit if Binary Patching is enabled. The space requirement for Delta Blocking is considerably less. For more information, see Patching in Chapter 5, "Backups."
 - **Example:** To back up 10 GB of data, at least 10 GB of available free space is required on the drive containing the working folders.
 - Note: Plug-ins may also require additional working space. For more information, please refer to the applicable plug-in documentation.

StorageServer: The local cache can be as large as the total size of all files included in the backup selection.



Example: A 10 GB inclusion may require up to 10 GB free space for the cache.



Database (using Database plug-in): Space is required for the data dump (which can be as large as the database) and as well the cache (which is the compressed version of the database). Assuming 1:2 compression on a 10 GB database you are recommended to have 15 GB (10 GB for the dump and 5 GB for the cache) free space available. Temporary working space is also required for subsequent backups; the requirement will be less than 5 GB in the above-mentioned example.

Other

- Minimum video requirements: 800 x 600 Resolution, 256 colours
- Virtual memory: Double the amount of RAM, with a minimum of 512 MB (Total for all disk volumes)



Installing Attix5 Pro SE

The SE MSI file contains pre-configured information to make installing SE quick and easy. For more information on creating MSI files and launching them from the Run Command, please refer to the Attix5 Pro Storage Platform Console User Manual.



Note: The options available during the installation process depend on the settings enabled by the administrator when the MSI file was created. These options range from advanced install settings to specifying the install location. The default install path is: C:\Program Files\Attix5 Pro SE.



Pre-installation warnings:

- If running antivirus software, please ensure that all Attix5 Pro folders are excluded from antivirus scans to avoid data corruption.
- Both antivirus software scans and backup processes are resource-intensive. It is advised not to run a backup and virus scan at the same time as this will significantly decrease machine performance.
- Windows will check whether you are running the MSI file suited to the installed operating system (i.e. 32-bit or 64-bit) and will not allow you to install the wrong

To install Attix5 Pro SE:

- 1. Run the MSI file.
- 2. In the Attix5 Pro SE Setup Wizard that appears, follow the steps as described below.



Attix5 Pro SE Setup Wizard

The Attix5 Pro SE Setup Wizard typically consists of five steps to guide you through the Setup task in a simple, step-by-step manner. These steps also make it possible to undo previous operations by navigating backward.



- Some of the settings described below may have been removed when the MSI was created. Furthermore, the wizard may contain additional steps. Please read each window carefully before continuing.
- If you receive a Windows User Account Control message, asking you if you wish to allow the Attix5 Pro program to make changes to the computer, click **Yes** to



Step 1 of 5: Start the Setup Wizard

To start the Setup Wizard: Click Next.





Step 2 of 5: Specify a Windows user account

To enable the Backup Client to read all files that must be backed up, it may be necessary for the Backup Client service to run under a specific Windows account.

To specify which Windows account should run the backup service:

- Select Run as LocalSystem.
- Alternatively, specify a specific Windows user account:
 - 1. Select Run under this user account.
 - 2. In the User Name box, type the Windows user name for the account.
 - 3. In the Password box. type the Windows user account password.
 - 4. Click the **Validate** button.
 - 5. Once the Windows user account has been validated, click **Next**.



Warning: Please ensure that the user account specified in this step has full access to all files to be backed up. If files are included for backup that the account does not have access to, a "Some files were skipped" or "files skipped" error message will display in the backup logs.





Step 3 of 5: Specify an install location

To specify a destination for the SE application files and folders:

- Click Next to accept the default destination folder and continue to the next wizard step.
- Alternatively, specify a new destination folder:
 - 1. Click the **Change** button.
 - 2. Browse to the folder.
 - 3. Click OK.
 - 4. Click **Next** to continue to the next wizard step.





Step 4 of 5: Begin the installation

Once all the settings are configured, the wizard is ready to begin the installation.

To begin the SE installation: Click Install.



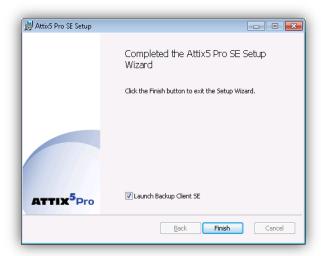


Step 5 of 5: Exit the Setup Wizard

The last step of the wizard presents the option to launch the Backup Client.

To launch the Backup Client immediately after the Setup Wizard:

- 1. Ensure that the **Launch Backup Client SE** check box is selected.
- 2. Click Finish.





Notes:

- If the MSI file is being run from the same location as the plug-in installer file, the Setup Wizard will give you the option to launch the plug-in installer before launching the Client. Select the Launch Plug-in Installer check box to run it immediately after the Attix5 Pro SE Setup Wizard. For more information about plug-ins, please refer to the Attix5 Pro Server Edition Plug-ins user manual.
- Before the Plug-in Installer launches, a User Account Control dialog box may appear, asking you if you wish to allow the Plug-in Installer to make changes to the computer. Click **Yes** to run the installer.

If you selected the Launch Backup Client SE check box in the last step of the Attix5 Pro SE Setup Wizard, the Backup Client will open automatically upon clicking Finish and the Backup Account Setup Wizard will launch, enabling you to create a Backup Account. Follow the wizard steps as described in Chapter 3, "Account setup."

If you opted not to launch the Backup Client immediately, you can open the Client interface at a later stage via the Start menu or by following any of the instructions listed under Opening the Backup Client in Chapter 4, "Graphical User Interface".



Note: The Account Setup Wizard will launch when you open the Backup Client for the first time. See "Account Setup" below.

3. Account setup

To back up or restore data using the Backup Client, a Backup Account is required.

Setting up a Backup Account

If you selected the Launch Backup Client SE check box in the last step of the Attix5 Pro SE Setup Wizard (see The Attix5 Pro SE Setup Wizard in Chapter 2, "Installation"), the Backup Client will run and display the Backup Account Wizard automatically. Use this wizard to set up a Backup Account by following the steps as described below.

If the Launch Backup Client SE check box was not selected in the last step of the SE Setup Wizard, the Account Setup Wizard will launch when the Backup Client is opened for the first time (for more information, see Opening the Backup Client in Chapter 4, "Graphical User Interface").



Note: To run the Account Setup Wizard at any other time: On the Tools menu, click Account Setup Wizard. In the warning box that appears, click the Run Account **Setup Wizard** button and follow the instructions below from **Step 2** (below) onwards.



Account Setup Wizard

The Account Setup Wizard typically consists of eight steps to guide you through the Setup task in a simple, step-by-step manner. These steps also make it possible to undo previous operations by navigating backward.



Note: Some of the settings encountered in the wizard may have been removed when the MSI was created. Furthermore, the wizard may contain additional steps. Please read each window carefully before continuing.

Step 1 of 8: Specify Storage Platform connection settings



Note: This step displays when the wizard is run directly after the SE Client installation. If accessing the wizard at a later stage (via the **Tools** menu), this step will not display as the Storage Platform settings will already have been configured.

🖪 Account Setup Wizard

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Enter the Storage Platform connection settings.

Please contact your backup administrator if you do not have the required inform

Storage Platform Setting

Storage Platform address: 192,168,20,215

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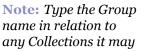
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To specify the Storage Platform connection settings:

- 1. In the **Storage Platform** address box, type the IP address or DNS name of the Storage where Platform the Backup Account resides.
- 2. In the **Group name** field, specify which Backup Group the Account belongs to.

belong to.





Example: COLLECTIONA\COLLECTIONB\GROUP

- In the Group create key field, specify the preconfigured Group create key for the applicable Group. If you do not have access to this key, please contact your Storage Platform administrator.
 - **Note:** This key is case sensitive.
- 4. Once all the correct settings have been entered, click Next.



Step 2 of 8: Create or connect to a Backup Account



Notes:

- This wizard step is typically the first to be displayed if you access the wizard via the Tools menu.
- You can select **I** want to connect to an existing Backup Account to:
 - Connect to an Account that has been opened for use by this computer.
 - Reconnect to an Account to recover data from the computer that had previously backed up to this Account.

To create a new Backup Account:

- 1. Select I want to create a new Backup Account.
- 2. Click Next.

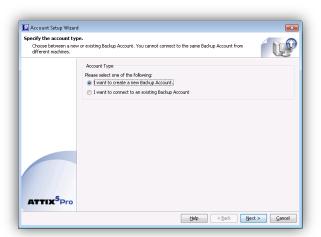
To connect to an existing account:

1. Select I want to connect to an existing Backup Account.



Warning: Different servers cannot back up to the same Backup Account. A separate Backup Account needs to be created for each server.

2. Click **Next** to continue.





Step 3 of 8: Specify Account details

Depending on the option you selected in the previous step, you will either be prompted to

🔝 Account Setup Wizard

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Account Details

Account password:

Backup Account name: BACKUP ACCOUNT 01

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specify new Account details or to supply the already configured details of the existing Account.

To specify new Account details:

- 1. In the Backup Account name box, type an Account name that consists of a minimum of 4 characters.
- 2. In the Account password box, type a password that consists of a minimum of 4 characters.
- 3. In the Confirm password box, repeat the Account password entered in the Account password box above.
- 4. In the Encryption key box, type an encryption key that consists of a minimum of 8 characters.

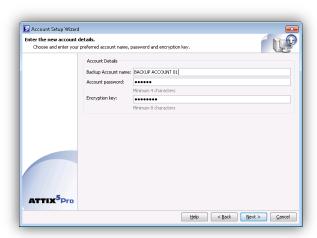


Warning: Disaster recovery is not possible without the encryption key. Please ensure that this key is kept in a safe place. THE ENCRYPTION KEY IS NOT STORED ON THE STORAGE PLATFORM AND CANNOT BE RECOVERED OR RESET IF LOST.

5. Click Next.

When connecting to an existing Account:

- 1. In the Backup Account name box, type the Account name.
- 2. In the Account password box, type the Account password.
- 3. In the **Encryption key** box, type the encryption key chosen when the Backup Account was created.

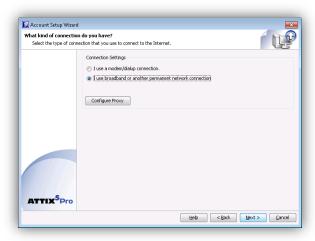




Step 4 of 8: Specify connection settings

To specify the connection settings:

- 1. In the Connection Settings area, select I use broadband or another permanent network connection.
- 2. If a proxy server will be used:
 - 2.1. Click the Configure Proxy button.
 - 2.2. In the Proxy Setup dialog box that appears, select a proxy type.
 - 2.3. If Use SOCKSv5 Proxy or Use HTTP Proxy is selected, fill in the Proxy Host and Proxy Port boxes.
 - 2.4. If login details are required, select the Proxy server requires authentication check box and type the username and password in the boxes provided.
 - 2.5. Click **OK** to close the **Proxy Setup** dialog box.
- 3. Click **Next** to move to the next step in the wizard.





Step 5 of 8: Schedule backup process

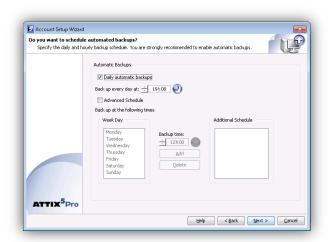
Attix5 Pro can run backups on included files and folders either upon request (manually) or automatically. This step enables you to set up a backup schedule.



Tip: It is advised to back up at night when the server is running and the Backup Client is not in use. The server must be switched on at the time(s) specified for scheduled backups, but the Windows user does not need to be logged in.

To configure the Backup Client to run only manual backups:

- 1. Clear the Daily automatic backups check box.
- 2. Click Next to move to the next step in the wizard.





Warning: This option is not recommended. If an automated backup schedule is not created, backups will have to be run manually. Enabling automatic backups is strongly advised.

To schedule daily automatic backups:

- 1. Select the **Daily automatic backups** check box.
- 2. In the **Back up every day at** box, specify a backup time.
- 3. Click Next to move to the next step in the wizard or schedule additional advanced backups as described below.

To schedule advanced backups:

- 1. Select the **Advanced Schedule** check box.
- 2. In the Week Day area, select a day on which a backup should be initiated.
- 3. Specify the time in the **Backup time** box.
- 4. Click the **Add** button to add the day and time to the **Additional Schedule** box.
- 5. Repeat the steps above until you have added all desired schedules to the Additional Schedule box.
- 6. Click **Next** to move to the next step in the wizard.

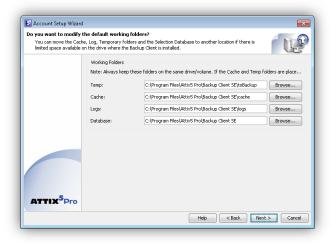


Step 6 of 8: Specify working folder locations

Under normal circumstances, the default Temp, Cache, Logs and Database folder locations can be accepted and you can click Next without making any modifications. If, however, the drive on which the Backup Client is installed has limited space available, you can move the folders and selection database to another location.



Warning: Please ensure that these folders are located on a drive with sufficient free space.



To change the temp, cache, logs and/or database folder locations:

- 1. Click the **Browse** button next to the appropriate box (e.g. **Temp**), and then select a different location for that folder.
- 2. Repeat step 1 above until all folder locations are correctly specified.
- 3. Click **Next** to continue with the installation process.



Warning: The **Cache** and **Temp** folders must reside on the same drive/volume.

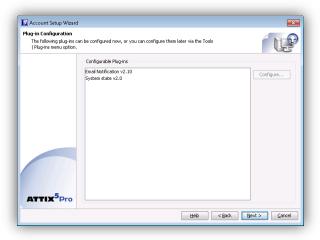


Step 7 of 8: Specify plug-in configuration

Attix5 Pro V6 installs with Email notification and System state plug-ins by default. In this step, you can configure these plug-ins or accept their default configuration and proceed to the next step in the wizard.

To configure a plug-in:

- 1. In the Configurable plug-ins list, click the plug-in name.
- 2. Click the **Configure** button.
- 3. Configure the settings as required. (For more information on configuration options, see Chapter 9, "Plug-ins".)
- 4. Click **OK** to close the dialog box and return to the wizard.
- 5. Click **Next** to continue to the next step in the wizard.





Step 8 of 8: Confirm configuration and exit the wizard

In the final step of the Account Setup Wizard, a Summary screen displays a list of the configured settings.

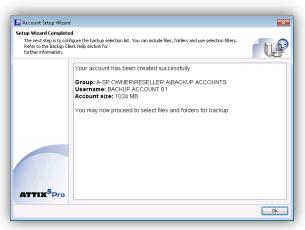
To confirm the Setup information:

- verify 1. Read and that information is correct, and then click Next.
- 2. The Backup Client will connect to Storage Platform configure the Backup Account. A message will be displayed to confirm that the Account was set up successfully.
- 3. Click **Ok** to close the message box.

The Setup Wizard Completed screen will confirm the Account creation/connection.

Now that a Backup Account has been configured/you have connected to an Account on the Storage Platform, you can select the files and folders you wish to back up.







4. Graphical User Interface (GUI)

You can use the Graphical User Interface (GUI) to:

- Select files for backup
- Launch backups
- Schedule automatic backups
- Find files in previous backups
- Restore files and folders from previous backups



Opening the Backup Client interface

To open the SE Client interface:

On the Start menu, point to All Programs, point to Attix5 Pro, and then click Backup Client SE.





Alternatively, if the Client interface is closed but the service is still running (if the 5 icon displays in the system tray), double-click the Attix5 Pro icon or right-click it, and then click Open:



Note: The first time you open the Backup Client, the Account Setup Wizard launches automatically. For more information on creating a Backup Account, see Chapter 3, "Account setup."

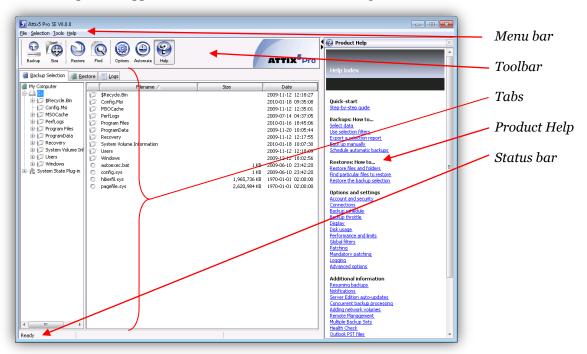


The Client interface explained

You can manage and monitor backups using the Backup Client application window, the system tray icon or the notification bubbles that appear when certain processes occur. Below are descriptions of each of these items and the options they provide.

Application window

The Backup Client application window contains the following areas:





Menu bar and toolbar buttons

All Backup Client functions can be performed from the menu bar. Shortcuts to the most commonly used menu bar functions are also available on the toolbar and right-click menus.

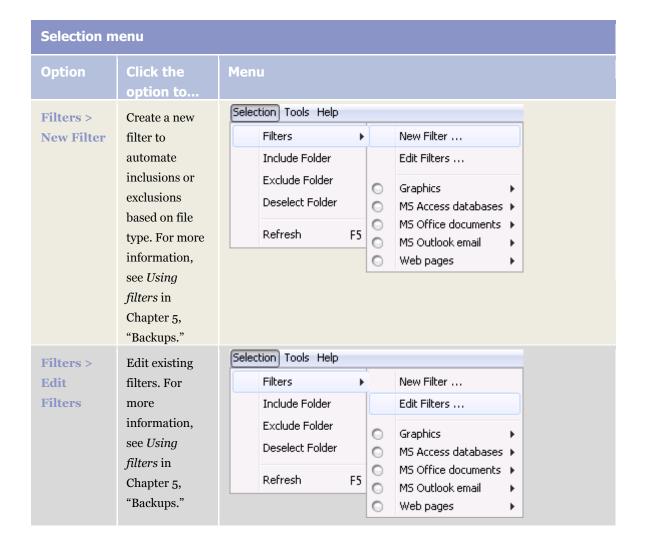
Menu bar

Each menu on the menu bar contains one or more options. The tables below describe the options available.

File menu			
Option	Click the option to	Button	
Backup Now	Initiate a Backup immediately.	Backup	
Restore	Switch to the Restore view in the Client. Tip: For faster access to the Restore view, click the Restore tab instead of using the File menu.	Restore	
Calculate Size	Determine the total size of the data included in the backup selection. For more information, see <i>Determining the backup selection size</i> in Chapter 5, "Backups."	Size	
Find Files in Backups	Access the Find Files in Backups dialog box. This box enables you to search for particular files in your backups. For more information, see <i>Finding files in backups in Chapter 6</i> , "Restores."	Find	
Export Selection	Export a list of all backup inclusions and exclusions to an html file for future reference. For more information, see Exporting a selection report in Chapter 5, "Backups."	File Selection Tools Help Backup Now Restore Calculate Size Find Files in Backups Export Selection Exit	



File menu	File menu continued		
Option	Click the option to	Button	
Exit	Close the Backup Client application window. Tip: You can re-open the Client window at any time via the Windows Start menu or by double-clicking the icon in the system tray.	X	









Selection menu continued			
Option	Click the option to	Menu	
Include Folder	Include the selected folder for backup.	Selection Tools Help Filters Include Folder Exclude Folder Deselect Folder Refresh F5	
Exclude Folder	Exclude the selected folder from the backup selection.	Selection Tools Help Filters Include Folder Exclude Folder Deselect Folder Refresh F5	
Deselect Folder	Clear the selected folder of any inclusions or exclusions.	Filters Include Folder Exclude Folder Deselect Folder Refresh F5	
Refresh	Refresh the selection being displayed.	Filters Include Folder Exclude Folder Deselect Folder Refresh F5	



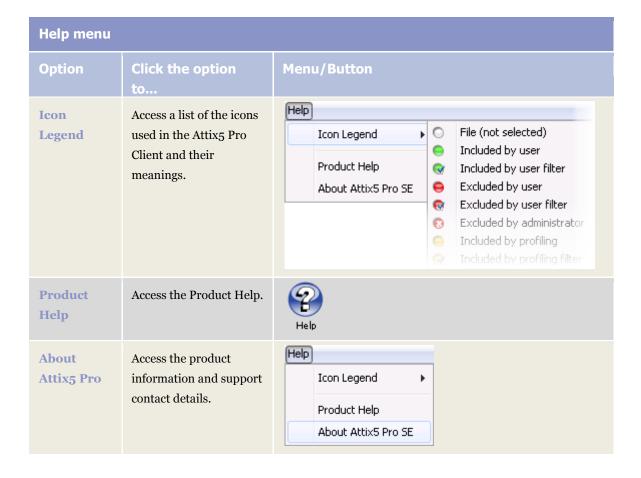
Tools menu		
Option	Click the option to	Menu
Add Network Volume	Add a network volume. For more information, see <i>Add network volume</i> in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."	Tools Help Add Network Volume Additional Backup Sets Automatic Backups Account Setup Wizard Remote Management Health Check Snapshot Plug-ins Options
Additional Backup Sets > Add	Create additional backup sets. This enables you to have separate backup selections that you can recover as separate sets of files. For more information, see <i>Multiple Backup Sets</i> in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."	Tools Help Add Network Volume Additional Backup Sets ▶ Add Automatic Backups Manage Account Setup Wizard Remote Management
Additional Backup Sets > Manage	Access the Backup Schedule page in the Options and Settings dialog box. Using the settings in this dialog box, you can manage the schedule(s) of your backup sets. For more information, see <i>Multiple Backup Sets</i> in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."	Tools Help Add Network Volume Additional Backup Sets ▶ Add Automatic Backups Account Setup Wizard Remote Management
Automatic Backups	Access the Backup Schedule settings in the Options and Settings dialog box. Configure the settings in the Automatic Backups area to set up one or more automatic backups. For more information, see <i>Scheduling automatic backups</i> in Chapter 5, "Backups."	Tools Help Add Network Volume Additional Backup Sets ▶ Automatic Backups Account Setup Wizard Remote Management



Tools menu continued			
Option	Click the option to	Menu	
Account Setup Wizard	Launch the Account Setup Wizard, which enables you to change the Backup Account settings. For more information, see <i>Account Setup Wizard</i> in Chapter 3, "Account setup."	Tools Help Add Network Volume Additional Backup Sets ▶ Automatic Backups Account Setup Wizard Remote Management	
Remote Management	Access the Remote Management Settings dialog box. Using the settings available, you can enable Remote Management of the Client via the SP Console. For more information, see Remote Management in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."	Account Setup Wizard Remote Management Health Check Snapshot Plug-ins Options	
Health Check	Access the Health Check dialog box. Performing a Health Check enables you to highlight possible issues. For more information, see <i>Health Check</i> in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."	Account Setup Wizard Remote Management Health Check Snapshot Plug-ins Options	
Snapshot > Export Backup Snapshot	Access the Export Backup Snapshot dialog box, which enables you to configure the next backup to be a Snapshot backup to a specific location. For more information, see <i>Backup Snapshots</i> in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."	Export Backup Snapshot Import Restore Snapshot	
Snapshot > Import Restore Snapshot	Access the Import Backup Snapshot dialog box, which enables you to configure Restore Snapshot settings. For more information, see <i>Restore Snapshots</i> in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."	Export Backup Snapshot Import Restore Snapshot	



Tools menu continued			
Option	Click the option to	Menu	
Plug-ins > Email Notification	Access the Email Notification settings dialog box, which you can use to enable/disable Email notification and configure its settings. For more information, see <i>Email Notification plug-in</i> in Chapter 9, "Plug-ins."	▶ Email Notification	
Options	Opens the Options and Settings dialog box that enables you to modify a range of Client settings. For more information, see Chapter 8, "Options and settings."	Options	

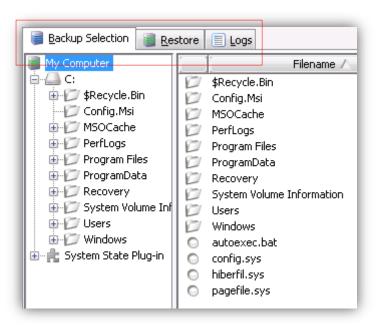




Tabs

There are three tabs available in the Backup Client:

- Backup Selection: This tab displays the files and folders on the computer, enabling you to select the items to be backed up. For more information, see Selecting data to back up in Chapter 5, "Backups."
- **Restore:** Use this tab to browse previous backups and restore files and folders.
- **Logs:** Use this tab to view detailed information on each backup and restore.
- Tip: In the right-hand pane on the **Backup Selection** and **Restore** tabs, you can click any of the column headings to sort the list according to their values.



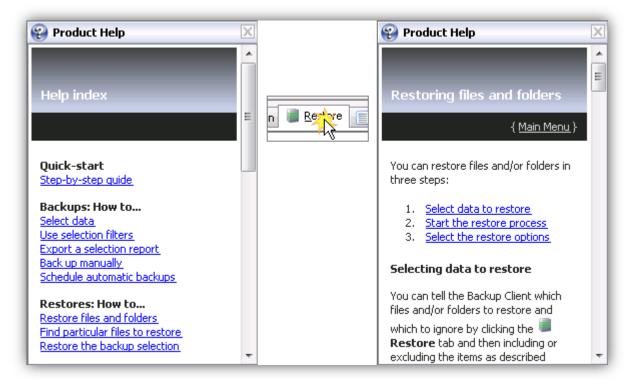


Product Help



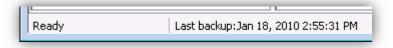
You can access the Backup Client Help by clicking **Product Help** on the **Help** menu. Alternatively, click the **Help** button on the toolbar.

As you navigate the Client, the Help pane will display information relevant to the selected tab.



Status bar

This area displays the date and time of the last backup performed by the system.





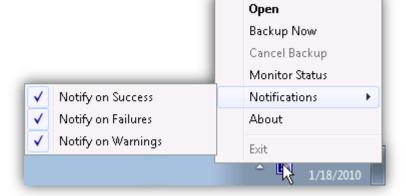
System tray icon

The System tray icon indicates the backup activity status and can be used to perform various tasks.



An animated icon indicates that the service is busy with a backup process.

Right-click the system tray icon to view the menu options available.





i Note: On the Windows 7 operating system, the system tray icon is hidden by default. To display the icon, click the **Show hidden icons** arrow, click **Customize**. In the dialog box that appears, expand the Behaviours drop-down next to SERunner.exe, and then select **Show icon and notifications**.

System tray menu	
Options	Click the option to
Open	Opens the Attix5 Pro Client application window. Tip: Users can also double-click the system tray icon to open the application window. For more information, see "Application window" earlier in this chapter.
Backup Now	Manually initiates the backup process without opening the Backup Client application window.
Cancel Backup	If the service is busy with a backup (when the b icon is animated), Cancel will stop the process.



System tray menu continued		
Option	Click the option to	
Monitor Status	Opens a small window above the system tray displaying the progress of the current process. This enables you to monitor the status and progress of the task being performed without opening the application window.	
Notifications	Provides you with options to enable/disable backup notifications. For more information, see "Notifications" later in this chapter.	
About	Displays a window containing the edition and version details. Click anywhere in the window to close it. ATTIX ⁵ Pro Server Edition V6	
Exit	Removes the icon from the system tray. Note: This will not stop the Attix5 Pro service from running scheduled backups.	
	To see the icon in the system tray again, simply open the Attix5 Pro Client interface using the Windows Start button. For more information, see "Opening the Backup Client interface" earlier in this chapter.	



Warning: The Backup Service must be running at all times for backups (manual or scheduled) to take place.



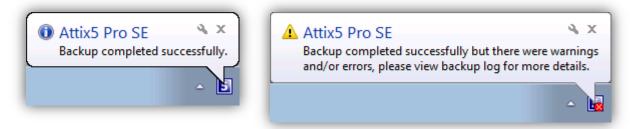
i) Note: To stop or start the Backup Service, open Administrative Tools in the Control Panel, and then double-click Services. In the list of services that appear, select Attix5 **Pro SE** and select **Stop** or **Start** on the toolbar. A red cross will appear in the corner of the system try icon when the service is not running: \blacksquare

Notifications

The system tray icon can display a number of notifications once a backup has completed. The following notifications are available:

- Backup successful (popup message displayed for 5 seconds)
- Backup successful with errors (message displayed for one minute)
- Backup failed (message displayed until you click it) text

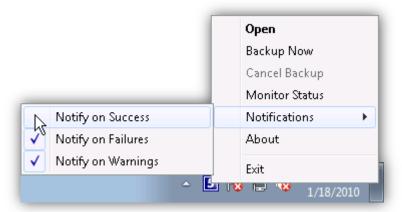
When a notification is available, a pop-up will display information. If there were warnings or errors, the system tray icon will also flash a red cross.



Note: To view related log file information, click anywhere within the pop-up.

To disable notifications:

Notifications are enabled by default but you can disable them individually by right-clicking the system tray icon and then clearing the check mark next to the relevant **Notifications** option.





5. Backups

After installing Attix5 Pro Server Edition (SE) and creating a Backup Account, you can tell the Backup Client which files and/or folders to back up and which to ignore by creating a backup selection (see "Selecting data to back up" below). You can then start a backup manually or schedule automatic backups (see "Performing a manual backup" and "Scheduling automatic backups" below).



Note: Any changes, additions or deletions to included files and folders will be backed up intelligently with every manual or scheduled backup.

How to back up

The following sections describe how to:

- Select data to back up
- Use filters to specify files and/or folders to be excluded from the backup selection.
- Determine the backup selection size
- Start backups (automatically and manually)
- Cancel a backup
- Resume a failed or cancelled backup

Selecting data to back up

You can make your first backup selection or modify a backup selection at any time using the Backup Selection tab as described below.

To select files and folders for backup:

- 1. Click the **Backup Selection** tab.
- 2. In the Backup Selection tree, navigate to the folder or directory containing the file or folder.
- 3. Include or exclude files and/or folders, as described below.



Tip: Once a file or folder is included in the backup selection, any modifications to it will be backed up automatically. For more information, see Patching in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."



Warning: If you have limited space on the drive running the Backup Client, it is recommended that you move the Cache, Logs and Temporary folders as well as the selection database to another location. For more information, see Disk Usage in Chapter 8, "Options and Settings."

To include an individual file:

In the right-hand pane, click the file icon or right-click the file name, and then click **Include**. An included file is displayed with a green icon:

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To deselect a file, you can either click the icon again or right-click the file name, and then click **Deselect**. A folder containing some included files is displayed with a green tinted icon:

To include an entire folder:

Right-click the folder icon \square , and then click **Include Folder**. Alternatively, you can select the folder in the Backup Selection tree, and then click Include Folder on the Selection menu. Included folders are displayed with a green icon: .



Note: All files in the included folder and its subfolders will be included in the next backup. Any changes made within this folder or its subfolders will automatically be included as well.

To deselect a folder, right-click the folder icon, and then click **Deselect Folder**.

To exclude a file or subfolder:

If an entire folder is included but you wish to exclude a particular file or subfolder, right-click the file or folder icon, and then click Exclude or Exclude Folder. Excluded items are displayed with red icons: Θ or \square . Included folders that have some files or subfolders excluded are green with a red tint: 📂.



Tips:

- You can create different backup selections for different backup sets. For more information, see Multiple Backup Sets in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."
- You can use filters to automate file selection based on file types.
- Once you have selected all files to be included and excluded, it may be useful to check the size of your backup selection before initiating your first backup. For more information, see Using filters later in this chapter.



1 Note: Some files and directories are forcefully excluded from the backup selection. On Windows machines, these are the pagefile.sys and hiberfil.sys files; and the Backup Client **cache** and **to backup** folders.



Using filters

You can use filters to automate file inclusions or exclusions within a folder, based on file types.



Example: A *.doc filter will include or exclude all Word documents within a folder, as well as any new Word documents that are added to that folder later.

To apply a predefined filter to a specific folder:

- 1. In the Backup Selection tree, right-click the folder icon.
- 2. Point to **Filters**.
- 3. Point to one of the available filters in the list (e.g. **MS Office documents**).
- 4. Click Include or Exclude.

To modify an existing filter:

- 1. In the Backup Selection tree, right-click the folder icon, point to Filters, and then
- 2. Select one of the filters and then modify its properties in the **Edit filter** box.
- 3. Click OK.



Tip: To add a new filter from within the Edit filters dialog box, click the New button, supply a name that describes the filter, enter the file type(s), and then click OK.

To add a new filter via the Backup Selection tree:

- 1. Right-click the folder icon, and then click **New filter**.
- 2. In the **Filter name** box, type a name to be used in the Filters menu.
- 3. In the **Filter** box, specify the file extensions to which the filter will apply.
- 4. Click OK.

The filter will be added to the Filters menu and you will be able to use it to include or exclude all files matching its criteria.

To remove filters from a folder:

- 1. Right-click the folder icon.
- 2. Point to Filters.
- 3. Point to the name of the filter you wish to remove.
- 4. Clear the check mark next to the selection (**Include** or **Exclude**).

To identify files and folders selected by filters:

Look at the icon state. Files and folders included in the backup selection by filters display with icons containing blue check marks: • and •.

Profiled inclusions and exclusions

Some inclusions and exclusions are enforced at administration level on the Storage Platform. This is called "profiling". For more information, see Profiling in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."

Files and folders affected by profiling display with the following icons:

Icon	Status
9	File inclusion
⊗	Filtered file inclusion
€ 3	File exclusion
	Folder inclusion
	Filtered folder inclusion
10	Folder exclusion



i Note: Profiled selections cannot be modified from within the Backup Client and can only be changed on the Storage Platform. For more information, please refer to the Attix5 Pro Storage Platform Console User Manual.

Global filters

Global filters enable you to specify files and/or folders to be excluded from the backup selection. They also enable you to specify which file types should not be compressed before backup.

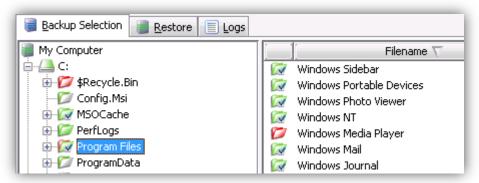
To add Global Filters:

- 1. Click the **Options** button on the toolbar, and then click **Global Filters**.
- 2. Select the type(s) of filters to apply and then specify their values. (For more information, see Global Filters in Chapter 8, "Options and settings.")
- 3. Click OK.



Icon legend

On the Backup Selection tab, each file and folder is displayed with an associated icon. The colour of the icon indicates the file or folder's backup selection status.



The following icon legend lists the Attix5 Pro icons and the statuses they indicate. You can access this legend by clicking Icon Legend on the Help menu.

Note: For more information on backup selections (inclusions and exclusions), see "Selecting data to back up" earlier in this chapter.

Icon legend		
Icon	Status	Description
0	File (not selected)	The file exists in the folder or directory but is not <i>included</i> in the backup selection (neither included nor excluded).
0	Selected by user	The Backup Client user has <i>included</i> the file in the backup selection.
⊗	Selected by user filter	The Backup Client user has applied a filter to the parent folder or directory. That filter has <i>included</i> the file in the backup selection.
0	Excluded by user	The Backup Client user has <i>excluded</i> the file from being backed up to the Storage Platform.
8	Excluded by administrator	The Backup or Storage Platform Administrator has <i>excluded</i> this file or its file type. Files displaying this icon will not be backed up to the Storage Platform.
0	Included by profiling	The Backup or Storage Platform Administrator has <i>included</i> this file or file type. Files displaying this icon will be backed up to the Storage Platform and cannot be deselected from within the Backup Client.



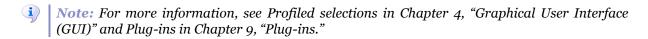
Icon legend continued		
Icon	Status	Description
Q	Included by profiling filter	The Backup or Storage Platform Administrator has applied a filter to the parent folder or directory. That filter has <i>included</i> the file in the backup selection. Files displaying this icon cannot be <i>deselected</i> or <i>excluded</i> from within the Backup Client.
8	Excluded by profiling	The Backup or Storage Platform Administrator has <i>excluded</i> this file or its file type. Files displaying this icon will not be backed up to the Storage Platform and cannot be <i>included</i> in the backup selection from within the Backup Client.
	Folder (not selected)	The folder exists in the directory but it is not <i>included</i> in the backup selection.
	Some files selected by user	The Backup Client user has <i>included</i> some files in the backup selection.
	All files selected by user	The Backup Client user has <i>included</i> all files in the backup selection.
	All files selected by user, some excluded	The folder contains no unselected files. Each file is either included or excluded.
	All files excluded by the user	The Backup Client user has <i>excluded</i> all files in the folder from being backed up to the Storage Platform.
	Filter applied by user	The Backup Client user has applied a filter to the folder. The filter has <i>included</i> one or more files within the folder.
	Filter applied by user, some excluded	The Backup Client user has applied a filter to the folder that has <i>included</i> and <i>excluded</i> files within it.
(7)	All files included by profiling	The Backup Administrator has <i>included</i> all the files contained in the folder. All files will be backed up to the Storage Platform. These inclusions cannot be changed by the Backup Client user.
₩.	Filter applied by profiling	The Backup Administrator has applied a filter to the folder. This filter cannot be removed by a Backup Client user.
₩	Filter applied by profiling, all items excluded	The Backup Administrator has applied a filter to the folder, resulting in the folder being <i>excluded</i> from the backup selection. This filter cannot be removed by a Backup Client user.



Icon legend continued		
Icon	Status	Description
	Filter applied by profiling, some items included by user	The Backup Administrator has applied a filter to this folder using profiling and some items have been manually <i>included</i> by the Backup Client user (see "Selecting data to back up" earlier in this chapter).
	Filter applied by profiling, some items included and some items excluded by user.	The Backup Administrator has applied a filter to this folder using profiling. Some items have been <i>excluded</i> and others <i>included</i> by the Backup Client user (see "Selecting data to back up" earlier in this chapter).
	Filter applied by profiling but items excluded by user.	Items in the folder have been <i>included</i> using filters (see "Using filters" earlier in this chapter.)
(5)	Folder excluded by Global Filter.	The folder has been <i>excluded</i> using Global Filters.
₽	All files excluded by profiling	The Backup Administrator has <i>excluded</i> all files in the folder. These <i>excluded</i> files cannot be <i>included</i> by a Backup Client user.
ık	Plug-in node (not selected)	The plug-in exists but is not selected for backup to the Storage Platform.
Æ	Some items selected by user	The Backup Client user has selected some of the items in the plug-in for backup to the Storage Platform.
Æ	All items selected by user	The Backup Client user has selected all items in the plug-in for backup to the Storage Platform.
Æ	All items selected by user, some excluded	The Backup Client user has <i>included</i> and <i>excluded</i> items in the plug-in.
Æ	All items excluded by user	The Backup Client user has <i>excluded</i> all items in the plug-in from being backed up to the Storage Platform.
r de la companya de l	Filter applied by user	The Backup Client user has applied a filter to the plug-in; specifying that certain file types must be <i>included</i> for backup to the Storage Platform.



Icon legend menu continued		
Icon	Status	Description
r de la companya de l	Filter applied by user, some excluded	The Backup Client user has applied a filter to the plug-in; specifying that certain file types be <i>included</i> for backup to the Storage Platform but some items have been <i>excluded</i> either through the use of an exclusion filter or by manual exclusion.





Determining the backup selection size

It is useful to determine the backup selection size before starting the backup process to avoid Over Limit errors.



Note: The Backup Client compares your backup selection size with the Backup Account limit (specified by your Backup Administrator) at the beginning of the backup process. If the selection size exceeds the Account limit, the backup process will stop and an Over Limit error message will be displayed.

To calculate the backup selection size:

- A. On the File menu, click Calculate Size.
- B. Alternatively, click the **Size** button on the toolbar:



The Backup Selection Size dialog box that appears displays total size of your backup selection (i.e. all files included for backup).

Backup set index prepared in < 1s Files and directories: 1 Total size: 24 bytes Mandatory files: 0 Total size: 0 bytes



- If your backup selection size exceeds your Account limit, you need to remove some items from the selection or ask your Backup Administrator to upgrade your Account limit.
- If a backup fails and an Out of Memory error message is recorded in the backup log, you need to increase the default amount of server memory you wish to allocate to the backup service.

To remove a file from the backup selection:

A. In the **Size** dialog box, right-click the file's icon: . The icon will turn red to indicate that it is excluded: 😑.



Note: To exclude multiple files at once, click a file name in the list, hold down the Shift key and drag the mouse pointer to highlight the files. Right-click the selection, and then click **Exclude**.

B. Alternatively, on the **Backup Selection** tab, deselect or exclude files or folders that are currently selected for backup. For more information, see Selecting data to back up in Chapter 5, "Backups."

Exporting a selection report

After creating a backup selection, you can export a list of all backup inclusions and exclusions to an html file for future reference.

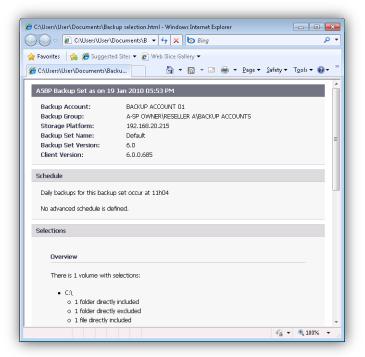
The selection report will specify:

- Files and folders included in the backup
- Files and folders excluded from the backup
- How each item was selected (user-selected, filters, profiling or mandatory patching)
- Where each item is located on the machine
- The total number of items in the backup selection

To export a selection report:

- 1. On the **File** menu, click **Export Selection**.
- 2. In the Save As dialog box, select the location in which to save the file, type a file name in the File name box, and then click Export.

The file will be saved to the specified location and can be viewed in any Internet browser.





Starting a backup manually



Tip: It is recommended that you run a backup manually after creating your backup selection to ensure immediate data transmission to the Storage Platform. Thereafter, automatic backups will ensure hassle-free continuous backups. For more information, see "Scheduling automatic backups" later in this chapter.

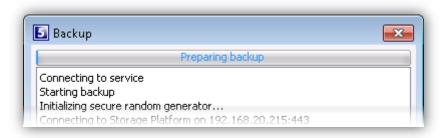
To start a backup manually:

1. On the File menu, click Backup Now. Alternatively, click the Backup button on the toolbar.



Backup

The **Backup** dialog box appears and displays the progress of the backup:



If Multiple Backup Sets are enabled and their backup windows overlap, a backup queue will display in the Backup dialog box, enabling you to cancel the current backup in favour of the next, should you wish to do so. For more information, see Multiple Backup Sets in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."

2. To close the Backup Client after the backup process has started, click the **Hide** button. This will **not** cancel the backup process and the Backup Client can be re-opened at any time to view the progress of the backup.



- You can monitor the backup progress at any time by right-clicking the system tray icon and then clicking Monitor Progress.
- To view backup logs, click the **Logs** tab. Backup log dates are displayed in blue.

Scheduling automatic backups

Automatic backups are usually enabled and configured during the Account Setup process (see Step 5 of 8: Schedule Backup Process in Chapter 3, "Account Setup") but you can enable and schedule them at any point in time using the **Options and Settings** dialog box.

To schedule daily automatic backups:

- 1. On the Tools menu, click Options. Alternatively, click the Options button on the
- 2. In the **Options and Settings** dialog box, click **Backup Schedule**.
- 3. If multiple backup sets are enabled, ensure that the correct set is selected in the Backup Set drop-down box. (For more information on backup sets, see Multiple Backup Sets in Chapter 8, "Options and settings.")
- 4. Select the Daily Automatic Backups check box, and then specify a backup time in the Back up every day at box.
- 5. Click OK.

To schedule advanced backups:

- 1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Options**.
- 2. In the Options and Settings dialog box, click Backup Schedule.
- 3. If multiple backup sets are enabled, ensure that the correct set is selected in the Backup Set drop-down box. (For more information on backup sets, see Multiple Backup Sets in Chapter 8, "Options and settings.")
- 4. Select the **Advanced Schedule** check box.
- 5. In the **Week Day** box, select a day on which a backup should be initiated.
- 6. Specify the time in the **Backup time** box.
- 7. Click the **Add** button to add the day and time to the **Additional Schedule** box.
- 8. Repeat steps 5 to 7 above until you have added all desired schedules to the **Additional** Schedule box.



- You are advised to back up at night when the server running the Backup Client is not in use. It must be switched on at the scheduled backup time(s), but the Windows user does not need to be logged in.
- Configuring automatic backups ensures that all selected data is backed up automatically, without the need for any user interaction. This is a safer alternative to relying on manual backups.



Backups will initiate at the scheduled times and the **Backup** dialog box will appear displaying the progress of the backup:



If Multiple Backup Sets are enabled and their backup windows overlap, a backup queue will display in the Backup dialog box, enabling you to cancel the current backup in favour of the next, should you wish to do so. For more information, see Multiple Backup Sets in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."



Tips:

- To close the Backup Client after the backup process has started, click the **Hide** button. This will **not** cancel the backup process and you can re-open the Backup Client at any time to view the progress of the backup.
- You can monitor the backup progress at any time by right-clicking the system tray icon and then clicking **Monitor Progress**.
- To view backup logs, click the **Logs** tab. Backup log dates are displayed in blue.



Backups will be stored on the Storage Platform and accessible via the Restore tab. For more information on restoring data, see Chapter 6, "Restores."

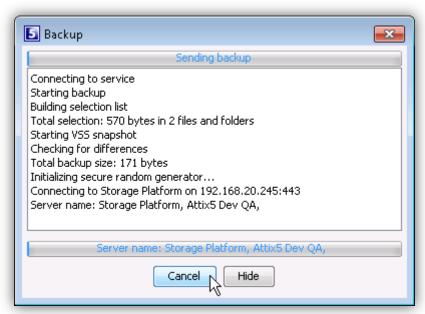


Cancelling a backup

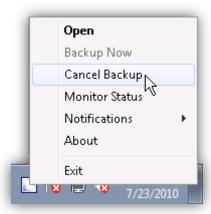
Once a backup is in progress, you can cancel the process via the Backup progress window or using the system tray icon.

To cancel a backup:

- 1. Perform one of the following actions:
 - a) In the Backup progress window, click the Cancel button.



b) Alternatively, you can right-click the runner icon in your system tray, and then click Cancel.

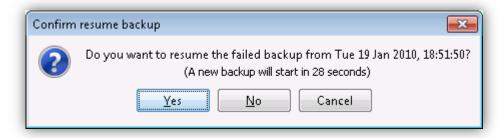


2. In the confirmation dialog box that appears, click Yes.



Resuming a backup

By default, the Backup Client tries to connect to the Storage Platform four times before cancelling the backup process. If, however, the previous backup was not successful and a manual backup is initiated, the Backup Client will display the prompt: "Do you want to resume the failed backup...?" with a 30 second countdown.



Click Yes to instruct the Backup Client to try to continue from where the process failed during the previous backup. Click No to initiate a new backup or Cancel to return to the Backup Client application window.



Notes:

- You can only resume a backup if the backup completed the Processing stage.
- A new backup will be initiated automatically after the countdown has elapsed.

6. Restores

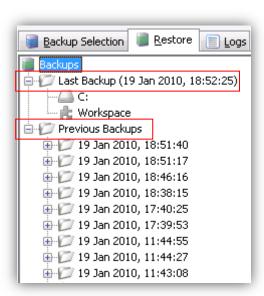
On the **Restore** tab, you can browse a tree structure representation of all successful backups and their files and folders.

How to restore

The following sections describe how to select data to restore, start the restore process, and search for specific backed up files.

Selecting data to restore

On the **Restore** tab, the Restore tree gives you access to backed up files via two main nodes: Last Backup and Previous Backups.



The Last Backup node contains the file/folder structure of the last successful backup and displays the date and time it occurred in parentheses "()".



Note: Restores done from the Last Backup node are typically faster than those done from the **Previous Backups** node as the Backup Client may be able to retrieve the data from the cache instead the Storage Platform.

When you expand the **Previous Backups** node, the Backup Client retrieves the list of previous backups from the Storage Platform and displays them in the tree.

To select and restore data from the last backup:

- 1. Click the **Restore** tab.
- 2. Expand the **Last Backup** node to view the files/folders.
- 3. Include a single file by clicking the icon next to the file or by right-clicking the file name and then clicking **Include**. Each included file is displayed with a green icon: .
- Include an entire folder by right-clicking the folder and then clicking **Include folder**. Each included folder is displayed with a green folder icon:
- If an entire folder is included but you wish to exclude a particular file or subfolder, right-click the file or folder icon, and then click Exclude or Exclude



- **Folder.** Excluded items are displayed with red icons: \bullet or \square . Included folders that have some files or subfolders excluded are green with a red tint: .
- 6. Once all the files and folders to be restored are selected, start the restore process by clicking Restore on the File menu or the Restore button on the toolbar. For information on the restore options available, see "Restoring data" later in this chapter.

To select and restore data from previous backups:

- 1. Click the **Restore** tab.
- 2. Expand the Previous Backups node to connect to the Storage Platform and retrieve a list of all previous backup dates.
- 3. Expand the relevant backup node, and then click the folder/directory containing the
- 4. Include a single file by clicking the icon next to the file or by right-clicking the file name and then clicking Include. Each included file is displayed with a green icon: .
- 5. Include an entire folder by right-clicking the folder and then clicking **Include folder**. Each included folder is displayed with a green folder icon:
- 6. If an entire folder is included but you wish to exclude a particular file or subfolder, right-click the file or folder icon, and then click Exclude or Exclude Folder. Excluded items are displayed with red icons: 🖲 or 🎾. Included folders that have some files or subfolders excluded are green with a red tint: .
- 7. Once all the files and folders to be restored are selected, start the restore process by clicking Restore on the File menu or the Restore button on the toolbar. For information on the restore options available, see "Restoring data" below.



Restoring data

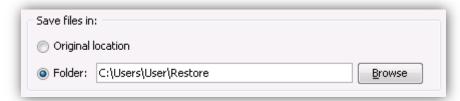
After you have selected the files and folders to restore, you can start the restore process as described below.

To start the restore process:

1. On the File menu, click Restore. Alternatively, click the Restore button on the toolbar:

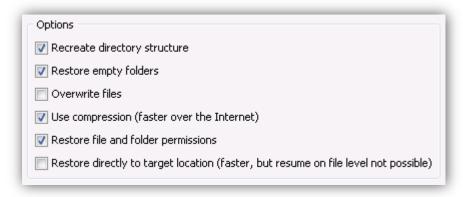


The **Restore** dialog box will prompt you for a restore location:



- 2. Select **Original location** to restore the files to the same location that they were backed up from or select **Folder** and then browse to a new location.
 - Warning: If Original location is selected, the restored files will overwrite any existing files with the same name in that location. A warning will, however, be displayed before the Backup Client overwrites any files.

In the Options area, specify the restore options.



For more information on restore options, see the "Restore options" table below.

3. Click OK.



Restore options	
Option	Description
Recreate directory structure	By default, the folder structure is recreated in the Restore folder. To specify that all files be restored to one location, clear the Recreate folder structure check box. Note: If restoring files from different folders with the same file names, you need to recreate the directory structure to prevent overwriting the files.
Restore empty folders	To restore all empty folders within the directory structure, select the Restore empty folders check box. Clear the check box to restore only those folders containing backed up files. Note: This option is only available when Recreate directory structure is selected.
Overwrite files	Select this option to prevent the Backup Client displaying a prompt before overwriting existing files. *Warning: If this check box is selected, files with matching filenames in matching directories will be overwritten without warning.
Use compression	Select the Use compression check box to enable the Storage Platform to compress files before transmitting them to the Backup Client. Tip: You are advised to enable this setting when restoring over a slow Internet connection as it will reduce the size of the files, making the transfer process faster.
Restore file and folder permissions	Clear this check box to prevent the Backup Client restoring file and folder permissions. You would typically only select this option after a complete server failure (to restore files before user accounts are re-created).



Restore options continued	
Option	Description
Restore directly to target location	Select this check box to write files directly to the specified folder without using a temporary working folder. The restore process is faster using this option due to less disk access. However, a file-level restore resume is not possible. Should there be a communication error during a file transfer, the complete file will be resent.



Note: You can view restore logs on the Logs tab. Restore log dates are displayed in green.





Finding files in backups

To find a specific backed up file, it may be easier to use the Find function than to browse the Restore tree.

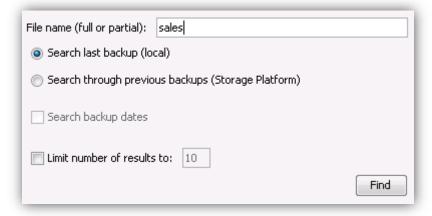
You have the option to scan only your last backup (locally), or you can connect to the Storage Platform and search through previous backups.

To search for a file in your latest backup:

1. On the File menu, click Find Files in Backups. Alternatively, click the Find button on the toolbar:



2. Type the file name or part thereof in the File name box, and then click Find.



- **Example**: If "sales" is searched for, the Backup Client will display a list of all files in the last backup containing "sales" in the filename.
- *Tip:* Use the * and ? wildcards for advanced search queries.

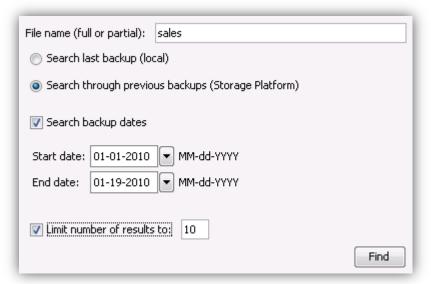


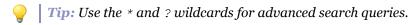
To search for a file in previous backups:

On the File menu, click Find Files in Backups. Alternatively, click the Find button on the toolbar:



- 2. Type the file name or part thereof in the File name box.
- 3. Select the Search through previous backups (Storage Platform) check box.
- 4. If you wish to limit the search to particular dates, select the Search backup dates check box and then use the **Start date** and **End date** boxes to specify a time period.
- 5. To limit the number of results that display, select the Limit number of results to check box and then type a number in the box provided.
- 6. Click Find.



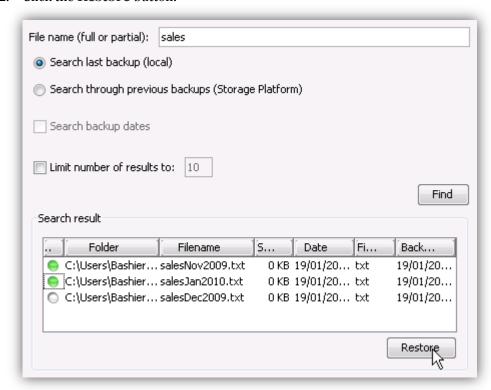


Note: If Search backup dates is selected, the backup date is used for the search instead of the file create or file modified date.



To restore files from the Find Files in Backup dialog box:

- In the search results list, include the files to restore by clicking the icons next to the file names or by right-clicking each file name and then clicking Include.
- 2. Click the **Restore** button.



The **Restore Options** dialog box will appear, enabling you to specify the location in which to save the restored files. For more information on restore options, see "Selecting data to restore" earlier in this chapter.



Restoring a backup selection

By default, with every backup performed, a copy of the backup selection is saved on the Storage Platform. For more information on backup selection, see "Selecting data to back up" earlier in this chapter.

This enables you to restore, not only your backed up files and folders, but the selection you used to back them up as well.



Note: This is especially useful in disaster recovery cases, as it enables you to restore your entire backup setup to perform exactly as it did at the last backup.

To restore a backup selection:

- 1. Click the **Restore** tab.
- 2. Expand the relevant backup folder, and then click the **Workspace** node.



3. In the right-hand pane, click the icon next to the name of the backup set to include it for restore. If you have not enabled Multiple Backup Sets (see Multiple Backup Sets in Chapter 8, "Options and settings"), include the only entry that displays.



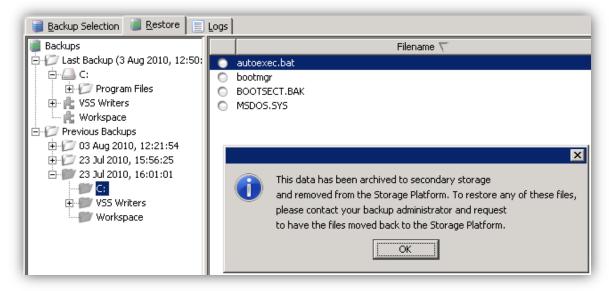
- 4. Click the **Restore** button on the toolbar.
- 5. Select the appropriate restore options. (See "Selecting data to restore" earlier in this chapter.)
- 6. Click OK.

The backup selection will be restored to the location specified in the restore options.



Restoring archived data

Attix5 Pro allows Backup Administrators to archive Backup Clients' data to tape or another disk drive using the Hierarchical Storage Management (HSM) feature. Once data has been archived, the backups will display in the Restore tree as greyed out folders, allowing you to browse the file/folder structure of the backups. However, if you try to restore archived data, you may receive a message informing you that the data has been archived to secondary storage, as illustrated in the screenshot below.



Note: Grey folders indicate archived data. However, if you do not see these folders in the Restore tree, it does not mean that no archived backups are available. In such cases, please consult your Backup Administrator for further details about archived backups.

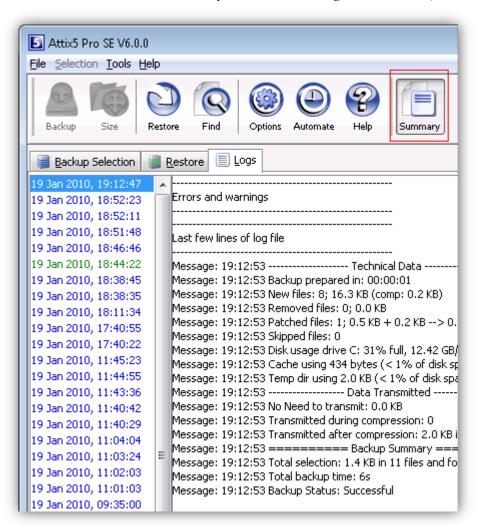
You can access archived data by requesting that your Backup Administrator import the HSM data to the Storage Platform. Once the data has been imported, it will be available for restore in the same manner as all other backups.

7. Logs

The Backup Client logs all backup and restore processes and their results in log files that you can view on the Logs tab. The following sections describe how to access log files and modify their settings.

Accessing log files

The Logs tab in the Backup Client provides detailed information about each backup and restore. An additional toolbar button appears when the Logs tab is opened: the Summary button. Use the button to view only errors and warnings and the last 14 lines in the log file.





Tip: You can use the Up arrow, Down arrow, Page Up, Page Down, Home and **End** keys to navigate the log.



Changing log file settings

You can specify your logging preferences on the Logging page in the Options and Settings dialog box.

Modifiable settings include:

- level of detail included
- date inclusion/exclusion in time stamp
- log file retention period

For information on configuring the log file settings, see Logging in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."



8. Options and settings

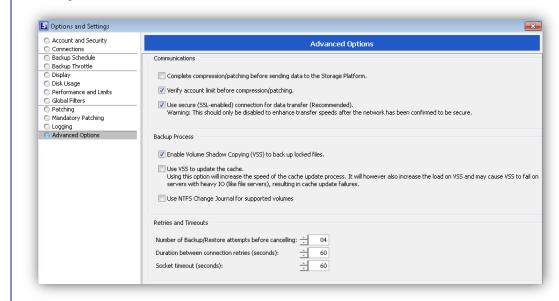
To access the Options and Settings dialog box:

- On the Tools menu, click Options. x
- Alternatively, click the **Options** button on the toolbar:



The various options and settings are grouped in the left-hand pane according to their functions. Click an item on the left to view the full set of options related to that function.

Example: Click **Advanced Options** in the left-hand pane to view all advanced options on the right:





Warning: The Options and Settings dialog box controls advanced features in the Backup Client. Please read through this section carefully before changing any settings. Incorrect settings could cause critical errors.

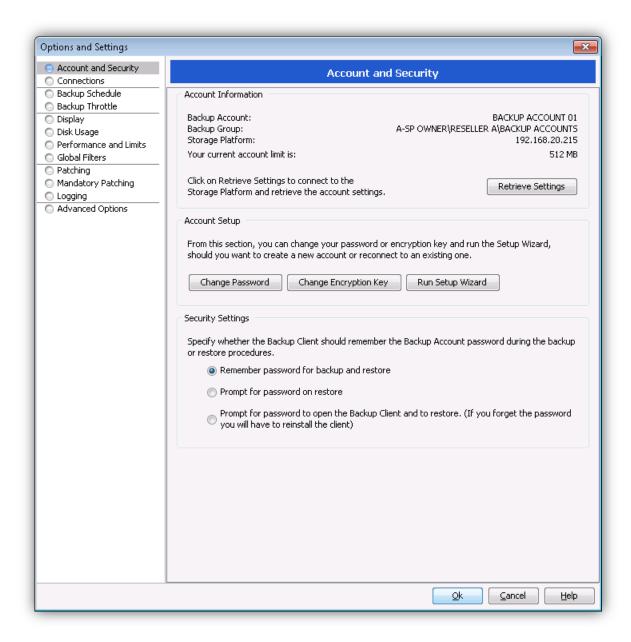
Account and Security

You can use the Account and Security page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box to:

- **Update Account information**
- Change your password, encryption key or Backup Account properties



Modify Client security settings





The Account and Security page consists of the following areas:

- Account Information
- Account Setup
- **Security Settings**

Account Information area

This area displays your Backup Account information as it is configured on the Storage Platform. You can use the **Retrieve Settings** button to update your Account settings.



Tip: This button is useful to verify that the Account limit has been modified after requesting a change from the Backup Administrator or to update Backup Group *Profiling settings.*

Account Setup area

You can use the **Change Password** and **Change Encryption Key** buttons to overwrite the current password and encryption key. To change your Backup Account settings, click the Run Setup Wizard button. For more information, see Account Setup Wizard in Chapter 3, "Account setup."



Warnings:

- Changing the encryption key involves intensive processing on the Storage Platform and may take several minutes. You should avoid doing this unless the encryption key has been compromised.
- Disaster recovery is not possible without the encryption key. Please ensure that this key is kept in a safe place. THIS ENCRYPTION KEY IS NOT STORED ON THE STORAGE PLATFORM AND CANNOT BE RECOVERED OR RESET IF LOST.

Security Settings area

In the Security Settings area, you can select whether or not the Backup Client should remember the Backup Account password when running a backup or a restore.

There are three options available:

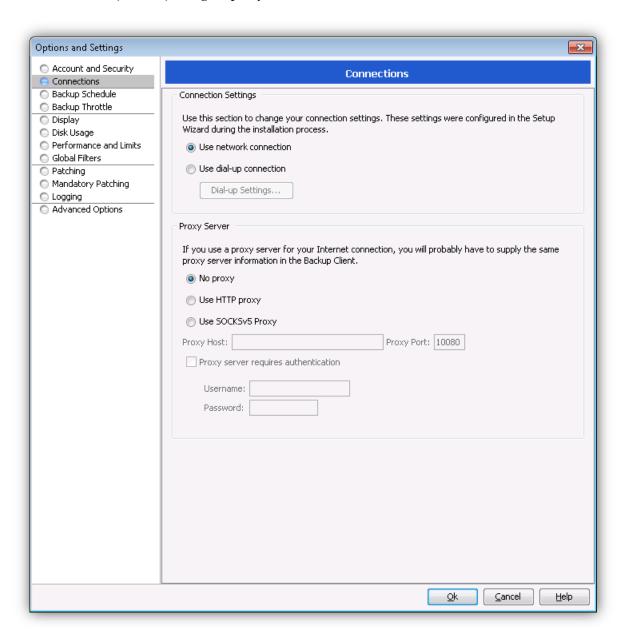
- Remember password for backup and restore: The Backup Client remembers the Backup Account password when doing a backup or restore. This is the default setting.
- **Prompt for password on restore**: The Backup Client prompts for the Backup Account password during the restore process.
- Prompt for password to open the Backup Client and to restore: The Backup Client prompts for the Backup Account password when opening the Backup Client and the **Restore** tab.



Connections

You can use the Connections page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box to:

- Modify Storage Platform connection settings
- Enable/disable/configure proxy server details





The Connections page consists of the following areas:

- **Connection Settings**
- **Proxy Server**

Connection Settings area

In this area, you can change the type of connection that the Backup Client uses to connect to the Storage Platform. You can choose between a network or dial-up connection.



Note: The *Dial-up Settings* button is enabled if you select *Use dial-up connection*. Click this button to select an existing dial-up connection configured on the computer and then supply the username and password for that Internet connection.

Proxy Server area

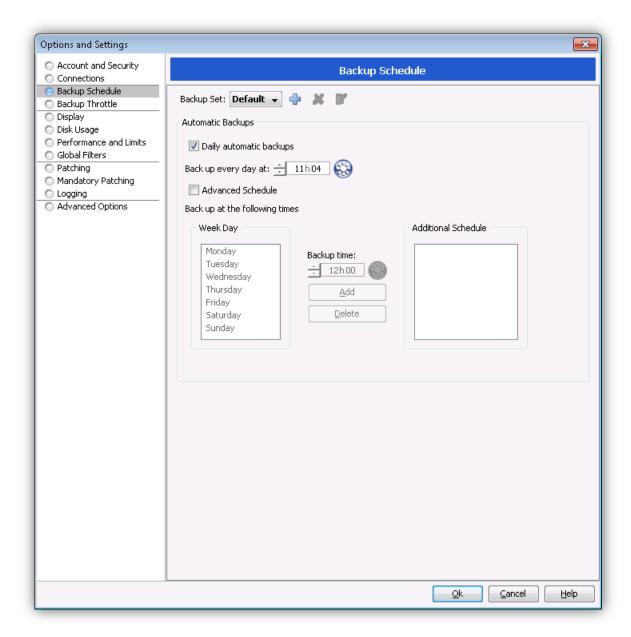
In this area, you can specify whether or not the Backup Client should connect to a proxy server when connecting to the Internet. If you select that it should, you can specify the proxy server details in the relevant boxes.



Backup Schedule

You can use the Backup Schedule page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box to:

- Enable/disable daily automatic backups
- Create advanced automatic backup schedules



The Backup Schedule page consists of the Automatic Backups area.



i Note: If using Multiple Backup Sets, use the **Backup Set** drop-down at the top of the dialog box to specify which backup set schedule you wish to configure. For more information, see Multiple Backup Sets in Chapter 8, "Options and settings."

Automatic Backups area

In this area, you can enable or disable automatic backups.



Tip: Daily automatic backups are enabled by default unless disabled during the Backup Account setup. If disabled, you can enable it by following the instructions below.

To enable automatic backups:

- 1. Select the **Daily automatic backups** check box.
- 2. Specify a time in the **Backup every day at** box
- 3. Click Ok.

To disable automatic backups (not recommended):

- 1. Clear the **Daily automatic backups** and **Advanced Schedule** check boxes.
- 2. Click **Ok** to close the **Options and Settings** dialog box.



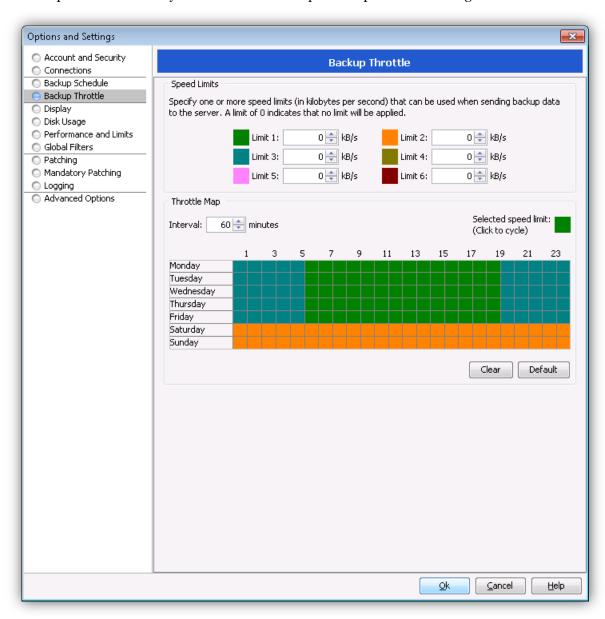
Warning: This option is not recommended. If an automated backup schedule is not created, backups will have to be run manually. Enabling automatic backups is strongly advised.

For detailed instructions on how to enable and schedule automatic backups, see Scheduling automatic backups in Chapter 5, "Backups."



Backup Throttle

The Backup Throttle page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box enables you to specify the Client's bandwidth usage speed limits. You can do this by creating a backup throttle map. Backup data will then only be transferred at the specified speed limits during each interval.





The Backup Throttle page consists of the following areas:

- **Speed Limits**
- Throttle Map

Speed Limits area

In this area, you can specify one or more speed limits (in kilobytes per second) that can be applied when sending backup data to the server.

To specify a speed limit:

Choose a colour to represent the limit and specify the limit in that colour's **Limit** box. You can now schedule the speed limits in the Throttle Map area as described below.



Note: A limit of 0 indicates that no limit will be applied.

Throttle Map area

In this area, you can indicate when the speed limits specified in the Speed Limits area should apply by creating a throttle map.



Tip: By default, a throttle map is provided with different colours indicating week day office hours, out-of-office hours and weekends (using intervals of 60 minutes). You can either set speed limits for the colours used in this default map or you can click the **Clear** button and create a new map by following the instructions below.

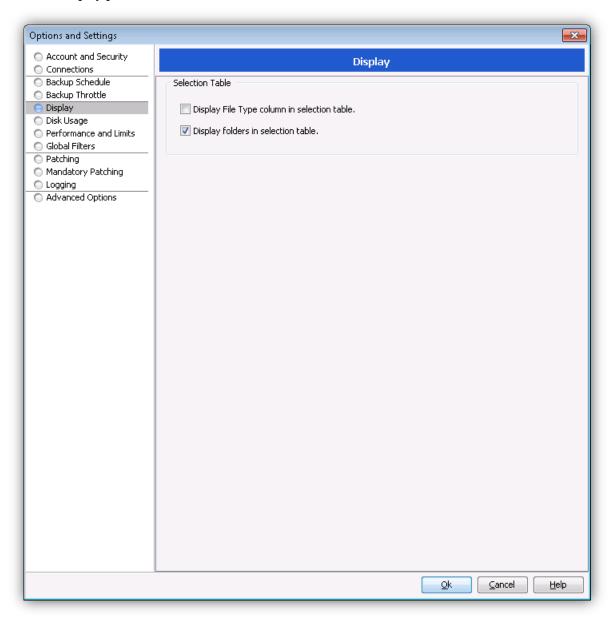
To create a throttle map:

- 1. In the Interval box, specify the number of minutes that each block in the graph should
- 2. In the Speed Limits area, click a speed limit colour.
- 3. In the Throttle Map area, click the schedule interval boxes you wish to apply the limit to. The colour of the selected interval boxes will change to match that of the chosen limit.



Display

You can use the Display page in the Options and Settings dialog box to select your Backup Client display preferences.





The Display page consists of a Selection Table area that provides you with the following options:

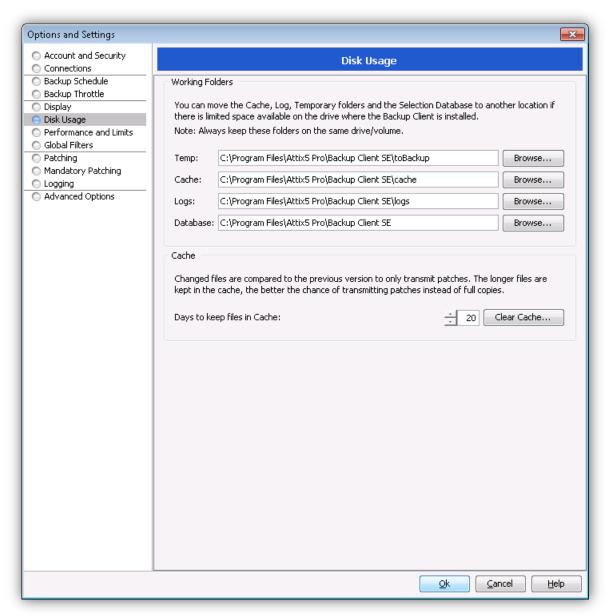
- Display File Type column in selection table Adds a File Type column to the right-hand pane of the $\bf Backup\ Selection$ and $\bf Restore$ tabs.
- Display folders in selection table Enables the Backup Selection tab's righthand pane to display subfolders.



Disk Usage

You can use the Disk Usage page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box to:

- Move the working folders and cache to a different location
- Specify the number of days that files are to be kept in the cache





The Disk Usage page consists of the following areas:

- **Working Folders**
- Cache

Working Folders area

If you have limited space on the drive running the Backup Client, you can move the **Cache**, **Logs** and **Temporary** folders as well as the selection database to another location.

The following locations are configurable in this area:

- Temp Used as temporary workspace when the files are patched, compressed and
- Cache Keeps a local, compressed and encrypted, copy of the selected files for a specified number of days.
- **Logs** Stores all backup and restore logs.
- **Database** Compares the latest backup selection with the previous backup to determine the changes.



/ Warnings:

- *The* **Cache** *and* **Temp** *folders must reside on the same drive/volume.*
- If the database or any of the folders are stored on a network share, please ensure that the Backup Service has the correct permissions to connect and write to that

Cache area

When modifications are made to a file, the Backup Client only transmits changes to that file, as opposed to transmitting the complete file again. This is accomplished by the use of a local cache.

By default, recently modified files are kept in the Cache for 20 days, after which they will be deleted. Once a file has been flushed from the cache, a full copy will be backed up when any modifications are made to the file. The longer files are kept in the Cache, the better the chance of only transmitting patches instead of full copies and thus reducing the amount of data that needs to be transmitted. If there is limited disk space available, consider shortening the time files are kept in the cache.



Note: If you specify 0 days for caching, patching is disabled. All files in the Cache will be deleted, and full copies of changed files will be transmitted to the server during each backup.

To delete the current cache, use the Clear Cache button. If the cache is deleted, full copies of the selected files will be re-sent to the Storage Platform during the next backup.



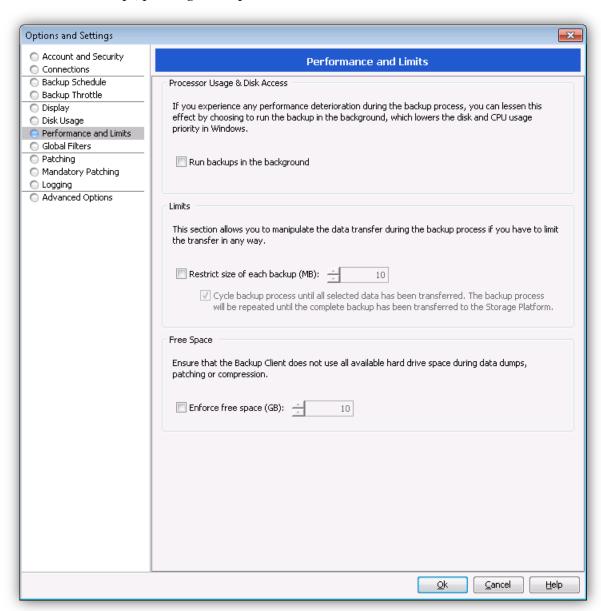
Note: The Backup Client will log the message Doing monthly cache cleanup once a month. This maintenance task is to ensure that there are no redundant files in the Cache.



Performance and Limits

You can use the Performance and Limits page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box to:

- Enable/disable the Run backups in the background option (Windows Server 2008) or increase/decrease Backup Client processor and disk usage (Windows Server 2003)
- Set data transfer limits
- Ensure that a certain amount of free space is always available on the hard drive during data dumps, patching or compression





The Performance and Limits page consists of the following areas:

- Processor Usage & Disk Access
- Limits
- Free Space

Processor Usage & Disk Access area

The Backup Client uses a fair portion of available processor power to patch, compress and encrypt files during the backup process. If you use the computer at the same time, you may experience some performance deterioration. To lessen this effect, you can choose to run backups in the background on Windows Server 2008 machines or lower the processor usage and/or disk access on Windows Server 2003 machines.

Windows Server 2008

On Windows Server 2008 machines, a Run backups in the background check box enables you to instruct the Client to run all backups in the background, thereby lowering the disk and CPU usage priority in Windows and allowing other applications to run faster.



i Note: The Run backups in the background check box is deselected by default.

Windows Server 2003

On Windows Server 2003 machines, two sliders enable you to adjust the processor usage and disk access settings to limit performance deterioration.





Warning: If you use the highest Processor Usage setting, it will affect server performance during the backup.



Note: If you use the High Disk Access setting, the Backup Client will continuously use all available disk access to read and write to the disk, ensuring that the process completes as quickly as possible. The process will take longer if this setting is lowered but other disk-intensive applications will perform better.



Limits area

Select the Restrict size of each backup (MB) check box and specify a maximum value to limit the total amount of data that may be transmitted to the Storage Platform during each backup.



Note: If this option is enabled, it may take several backups before all files are transmitted to the Storage Platform. This feature is especially useful when using a slow Internet connection and there are problems with transmitting large backups.

Cycle backup process... - You can use this setting in conjunction with the backup size restriction to cycle backups successively until all data included in the backup selection has been transmitted to the Storage Platform. This setting is only available if a backup size restriction has been specified.

Free Space area

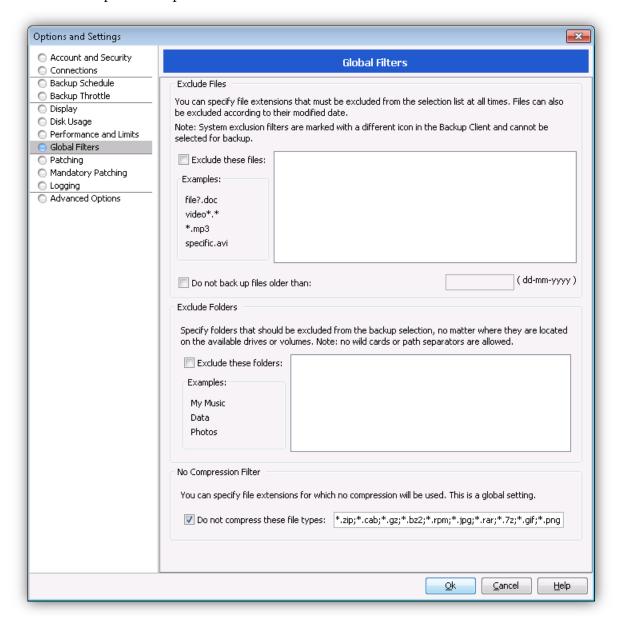
To ensure that the Backup Client does not use all available hard drive space during data dumps, patching or compression, you can select the Enforce free space check box, and then specify the maximum amount of disk space the Client will be allowed to use.



Global Filters

You can use the Global Filters page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box to:

- Exclude files globally
- Exclude folders globally
- Set up a No Compression Filter





The Global Filters page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box consists of the following areas:

- **Exclude Files**
- **Exclude Folders**
- No Compression Filter

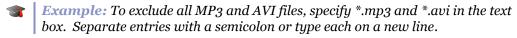
Exclude Files area

In this area, you can specify that files with certain file names, extensions or last modified dates be excluded from all backups.

To exclude files based on their file names or extensions:

- 1. Select the **Exclude these files** check box.
- 2. Type the file name(s) and/or file extension(s) in the box provided; separated by semicolons or listed beneath each other.

Tip: You can use wildcards. E.g. *.mp3 will exclude all MP3 files from backups.



3. Click OK.

To exclude files based on their 'last modified' dates:

- 1. Select the **Do not back up files older than** check box.
- 2. In the box provided, type the date in dd-mm-yyyy format.
- 3. Click OK.

Exclude Folders area

In this area, you can exclude certain folders from all backups.

To exclude folders:

- 1. Select the **Exclude these folders** check box.
- 2. Type the folder names in the box provided; separated by semi-colons or listed on separate lines.

Notes:

- Wildcards and path separators are not supported in this area.
- Entries are case sensitive.
- 3. Click OK.



No Compression Filter area

In this area, you can specify the file types that the Backup Client should not compress during the backup process.



Tip: Compression is not effective on all file types as some files may already be compressed or cannot be compressed at all. The Backup Client could spend some time and processing usage trying to compress these files. You can use this filter to specify a list of file extensions that the Client should not attempt to compress during the backup process. The list of file types already specified are types that typically do not compress

To exclude files from compression:

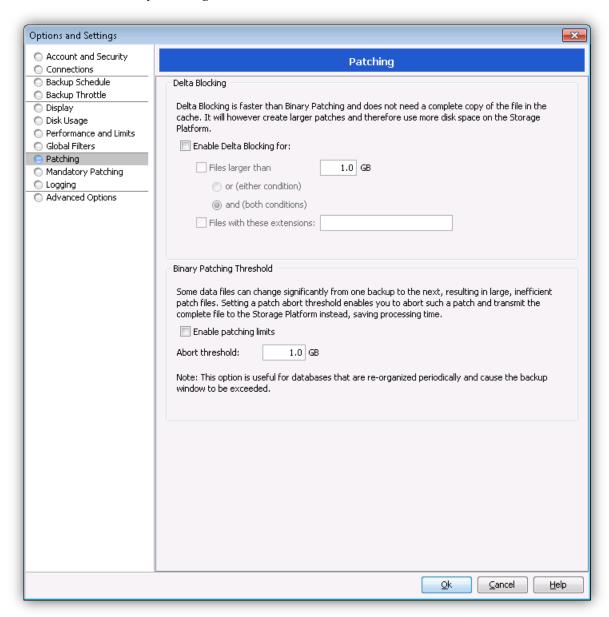
- 1. Select the **Do not compress these file types** check box.
- 2. Type the file extensions in the box provided, separated by semi-colons.
- 3. Click OK.



Patching

You can use the Patching page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box to:

- Enable/disable Delta Blocking
- Enable Binary Patching limits





The Patching page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box consists of the following areas:

- **Delta Blocking**
- **Binary Patching Threshold**

Delta Blocking area

Delta Blocking is an alternative to Binary Patching and compares changes on a block level. It is significantly faster than Binary Patching and does not require a complete copy of a file in the Cache to calculate the patch, only a footprint file. The footprint file requires very little free disk space - 0,0006% of the original file. However, Delta Blocking patches are much larger than Binary patches.



Note: Please read through this section before enabling this option in the Backup Client.

To enable Delta Blocking:

- 1. Select the **Enable Delta Blocking for** check box.
- 2. The Delta Blocking file selection criteria can be set in two ways: by file size or file type. Select the applicable condition(s) and supply the necessary information. Any recently changed files not matching these criteria will be patched using Binary Patching.



Marning: Some database files may not be suitable for Delta Blocking since data is shifted at the beginning of the file. When this happens, it will result in a patch as large as the complete file. It is advisable to closely monitor the sizes of the patches when Delta Blocking is enabled and disable it if it turns out to be ineffective.

Binary Patching Threshold area

Binary Patching is the most effective form of patching. It is CPU-intensive but will deliver the smallest patches. The process is only possible if a complete copy of an older version of the file is available in the Cache.



Note: Binary Patching is enabled by default and nothing needs to be configured on this tab for normal use.

Enabling patching limits: It is possible that a file could be modified in such a way that it becomes impractical to patch it. An example would be a database that is re-indexed.

In such a case, the patching can take extremely long (it may exceed the backup window) and will eventually create a patch that is the same size as the complete file. It would be better to abort the patching and compress the new file instead. The patching limit indicates when patching will be aborted and the complete file compressed and resent to the Storage Platform instead.



To specify patching limits:

- 1. Select the $\bf Enable\ patching\ limits\ check\ box.$
- 2. In the **Abort threshold** box, specify the abort threshold (in gigabytes).



i Notes:

- When this limit is reached, patching will be aborted and the complete file will be compressed and resent to the Storage Platform.
- Patching limits should only be enabled if you have severe patching problems with large files.

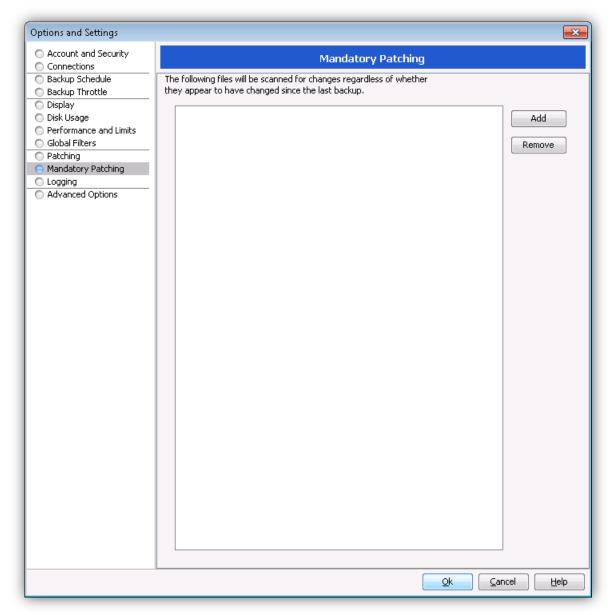


Mandatory Patching

You can use the Mandatory Patching page in the Options and Settings dialog box to instruct the Backup Client to scan certain files, regardless of whether or not they appear to have changed since the last backup (i.e. even if the file's timestamp remains the same).

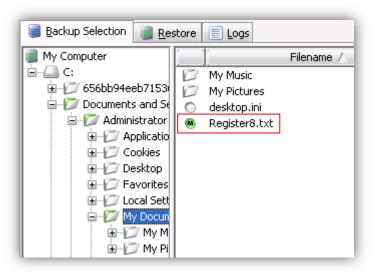


Tip: This is useful in situations where files are held open by an application (internally the file changed, but the change is not reflected in the last modified date on the file system or in the size of the file itself).





Files selected for mandatory patching display on the Backup Selection tab with a green icon containing the letter "M": .



To select files for mandatory patching:

- 1. Click the **Add** button.
- 2. In the **Open** dialog box that appears, navigate to and select the file(s), and then click **Open**. The file(s) location(s) will display in the Mandatory Patching list.
- 3. Click **OK** to save your settings.



Tip: Select more than one file at a time by holding down the **SHIFT** key and selecting the files with your keyboard or mouse.

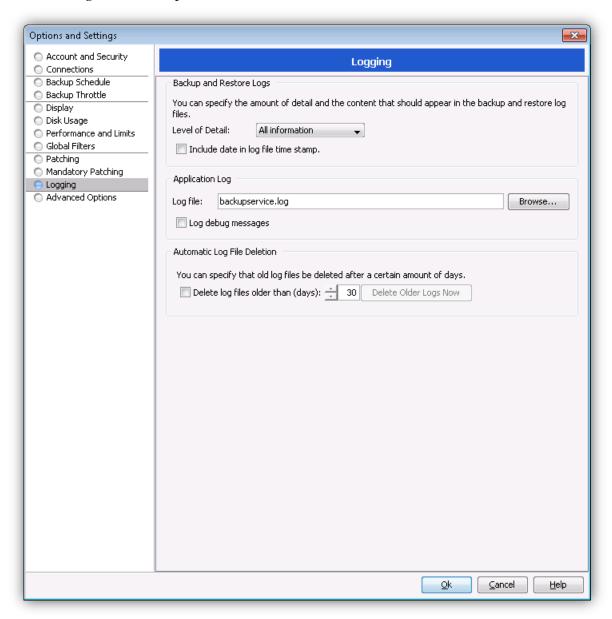


Logging

You can use the Logging page in the Options and Settings dialog box to specify your logging preferences.

Modifiable logging settings include:

- Level of detail included
- Date inclusion/exclusion in time stamp
- Application log location and debug inclusion/exclusion
- Log file retention period





The Logging page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box consists of the following areas:

- **Backup and Restore Logs**
- **Application Log**
- Automatic Log File Deletion

Backup and Restore Logs area

In this area, you can specify the level of information to be included in the log files by selecting one of the options provided:

- All information (logs all messages)
- Suppress detail
- Log warnings and errors (logs only warnings and errors)

Select the **Include date in log file time stamp** check box to add the date to every line in each log file.

Application Log area

In this area, you can specify where the Backup Client's application log file should be saved and whether or not debug messages should be logged.

Automatic Log File Deletion area

In this area, you can enable a log file retention period by specifying that the Backup Client delete files older than a particular number of days. To do this, select the **Delete log files older than** check box, and then specify the number of days in the box provided.



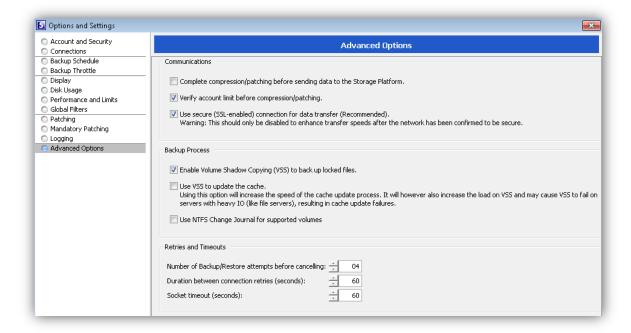
Tip: To delete all logs older than the specified number of days immediately, click the **Delete Older Logs Now** button.



Advanced Options

You can use the Advanced Options page in the Options and Settings dialog box to configure the following Backup Client options:

- Storage Platform communication
- Backup process
- Retries and timeouts





The Advanced Options page in the **Options and Settings** dialog box consists of the following areas:

- Communications
- **Backup Process**
- **Retries and Timeouts**

Communications area

Complete compression/patching before sending data to the Storage Platform

Select this option if you do not wish to make use of the concurrent backup processing feature to speed up the backup process. (Concurrent backup processing is typically needed when using a dial-up Internet connection. For more information, see "Concurrent backup processing" later in this chapter.) With this setting enabled, the Backup Client will compress all new files and patch all modified files before starting to transmit data to the Storage Platform.

Verify account limit before compression/patching

With this setting enabled, the Backup Client verifies the Backup Account limit on the Storage Platform before starting compression and/or patching. This is useful as it will flag Account limit issues before starting these possibly time-consuming processes.

Use secure (SSL-enabled) connection for data transfer...

This option is selected by default, enabling SSL encryption for Client-to-StorageServer data transfers. Deselecting this option disables SSL encryption for data transfer. This enhances transfer speeds but should only be done within a secure network environment.



Notes:

- Disabling this feature will only have an effect on security for the actual data transfer and not the encryption of the data on the Storage Platform.
- Secure data transfer connections can only be disabled if the StorageServer has been configured to accept non-secure connections. If the StorageServer cannot accept non-secure connections, an SSL-enabled connection will automatically be used instead.



Warning: If you wish to disable SSL encryption, please ensure that the backup environment is secure.



Backup Process area

Enable Volume Shadow Copying to back up locked files

Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) provides a solution by creating a snapshot of data at any given point in time without any interruption to any applications. Using this option enables the backup of open or locked files.



Warning: Please use relevant plug-ins to back up databases.

Use VSS to update the cache

Using this option will increase the speed of the cache update process.



Warning: This setting will increase the load on VSS and may cause VSS to fail on servers with heavy I/O (e.g. StorageServers), resulting in cache update failures.



Use NTFS Change Journal for supported volumes

Select this check box to enable the Backup Client to use the NTFS Change Journal to determine the file and folder changes on the drive instead of performing a full scan on the drive before every backup. For more information, see "Microsoft NTFS Change Journal use" under Advanced tools later in this chapter.



Tip: This is especially useful when backing up large selections that would result in lengthy scanning processes.

Retries and Timeouts area

Number of Backup/Restore attempts before cancelling

By default, the Backup Client tries to connect to the Storage Platform four times before cancelling the backup process. You are advised to increase the number of attempts when using a slow Internet connection. The backup will continue from the previous point of failure and not resend the entire backup.

Duration between connection retries

By default, if the connection is dropped, the Backup Client will try to reconnect to the Storage Platform after 60 seconds. This setting enables you to increase/decrease the duration between the retries.

Socket timeout

If the Backup Client is connected to the Storage Platform and there is no communication between the two, the time specified in this box (in seconds) is how long the Backup Client will stay connected before dropping the connection. The default socket timeout is 60 seconds.

Advanced tools

SE includes tools that allow advanced users to modify, enhance and streamline the Backup Client.

Concurrent backup processing

SE supports concurrent backup processing. Files will be transmitted to the Storage Platform using a second thread as soon as the files are compressed or patched while the backup process continues to compress/patch files using the original thread in the background.

This method of backup processing is the default method and will improve the total backup speed significantly. If, however, you wish to disable this method, you can deselect the Complete compression/patching before sending data to the Storage platform check box on the Advanced Options page in the Options and Settings dialog box. For more information, see "Advanced Options" earlier in this chapter.

Add network volume

The Backup Client provides the option to add network volumes and include files located in these locations to the backup selection.

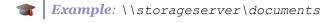


Warning: Please ensure that the backup service is started by a user with sufficient permissions to browse and access the network shares to be included in the backup selection.

The Backup Client will only be able to back up files from a network volume after the share has been accessed and authenticated by the server on which the Backup Client is installed.

To add a network volume:

- 1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Add Network Volume**.
- 2. In the UNC Path box, type the UNC network path, starting with "\\". Alternatively, use the **Browse** button to browse to the network path.



On the Backup Selection tab, network volumes are listed in the left-hand pane, accompanied by a network icon \blacksquare .



Files in the network volume can now be included or excluded. For more information on how to include and exclude files, see Selecting data to back up in Chapter 5, "Backups." If some files are included for backup, the icon will display with a green tint: 🕮. If the entire share is included it will change to a green icon: 💂. Excluded network volumes are marked with red network icons:

To remove a network volume from the Backup Client:

- 1. Right-click on the entry in the left-hand pane.
- 2. Click Remove Network Volume.

The network volume will be removed from the left-hand pane.



Remote Management

Remote Management enables the Backup Administrator to remotely access and configure the Backup Client using the Storage Platform Console.

To enable Remote Management:

- 1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Remote Management**.
- 2. In the **Remote Management Settings** dialog box that appears, select the **Enable** Remote Management check box.
- 3. In the Connection area, ensure that the port number in the **Port** box is correct (9091 is specified by default). If incorrect, modify as required.
- 4. If the server has multiple IP addresses available, you can specify whether the Remote Service must bind to all available IP addresses or to only one IP address.
- 5. In the Access area, select the access credentials to be allowed.



- Allow SP controlled access enables Backup Administrators with the correct access permissions to use their Storage Platform User Access Management usernames and passwords to connect to and administer this Backup Client. If you clear this check box, Storage Platform administrators will not have remote access.
- Select **Allow custom access** and supply a username and password if you do not wish to make use of the above-mentioned Storage Platform Access Accounts. These custom access credentials must be specified in the Storage Platform Console for its user to gain remote access.
- 6. Click **OK** to save the settings. Services will restart automatically to apply the settings.



Note: You can use the command-line interface (CLI) to run the SE Setup Wizard remotely, enable SE Remote Management and to send a wide range of backup and restore commands to any SE Backup Client connected to a LAN. For more information, see "Command-line backups and restores" later in this chapter.



Multiple Backup Sets

When a backup is initiated, the backup selection is sent to the Storage Platform as a "backup set"; a set of included files and folders. You can restore the entire backup set (all its files and folders structured as they were at the time of backup), or restore individual files and/or folders within it.

The first backup selection you make in the SE Client is automatically saved as the "default backup set". For more information, see Selecting data to back up in Chapter 5, "Backups." You may, however, create more than one backup set. This enables you to back up different data selections at different times.



Example: A full backup of all data on a server can be scheduled to run once a week (e.g. over the weekend, when there are no resource limitations) and another backup of only the SQL database on that same server can be scheduled to run every day. This ensures that the SQL database is backed up regularly, using minimal resources, and that the entire server is still backed up but at more convenient and practical time intervals.



including the default backup sets are allowed (including the default backup set).

To create a new backup set:

- 1. On the **Tools** menu, point to **Additional Backup Sets** and then click **Add**. Alternatively, click the **Add** button above the **Backup Selection/Restore** Logs tabs.
 - Note: The Add button will only be available above the Client tabs when at least two backup sets exist. If this is your first addition, you need to use the Tools menu.
- 2. In the **Backup set name** box, type a display name for the set, and then click **OK**.
- 3. Ensure that the new name is selected in the **Backup Set** drop-down box.
- 4. Configure the schedule as desired. For detailed instructions on how to schedule backups, see Scheduling automatic backups in Chapter 5, "Backups."
 - Note: If backup set schedules overlap due to manual schedule configuration or overlapping backup windows, the backups will be placed in a queue. Three seconds after the first backup in the queue is complete, the next will run. Backup sets are queued alphanumerically. If, however, two or more backups are scheduled for the same backup set and their backup windows overlap, the first backup will run to completion and duplicates will be excluded from the queue.
- 5. Click **OK**. The **Options and Settings** dialog box will close and the SE Client will display the new backup set name in a **Backup Set** drop-down box above the **Backup** Selection tab.



Note: The **Backup Set** drop-down and **Add** and **Schedule** buttons only display in the SE Client if more than one backup set is enabled. If only the default backup set exists, these items will not display.

The Backup Selection, Restore and Logs tabs now display information relevant to the new backup set and they can be used to configure, restore from and monitor it accordingly.

6. Select the data to be backed up in this backup set.

Included data will be backed up at the times specified in the backup set's backup schedule and can be restored using the **Restore** tab.

To rename a backup set:

- 1. Click the **Manage** button **above** the **Backup Selection/Restore/Logs** tabs.
- 2. Select the backup set name in the **Backup Set** drop-down list.
- 3. Click the **Rename** button **Z**.
- 4. Type the new name in the **Backup set name** box.
- 5. Click Ok.

To modify a backup set's backup schedule:

- 1. Click the **Manage** button above the **Backup Selection/Restore/Logs** tabs.
- 2. Select the backup set name in the **Backup Set** drop-down list.
- 3. Configure the schedule. (See Scheduling automatic backups in Chapter 5, "Backups.")
- 4. Click Ok.

To delete a backup set:

- 1. Click the **Manage** button above the **Backup Selection/Restore/Logs** tabs.
- 2. Select the backup set name in the **Backup Set** drop-down list.
- 3. Click the **Delete** button *****.
- 4. In the Confirmation dialog box that appears, click Yes.
- 5. Click Ok.



Plug-ins and Multiple Backup Sets

The following plug-ins function only on the default backup set:

- Oracle
- Lotus Domino
- MS Exchange Server
- Exchange Single Mailbox Recover (SMR)
- SIMS
- System State
- Script

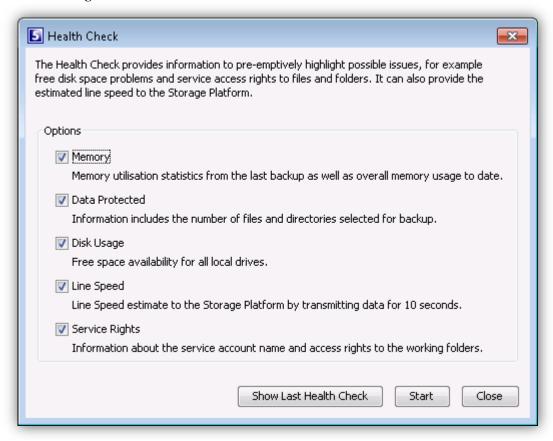
The following plug-ins function on additional backup sets if they have items included for backup:

- Exchange Single Item Recovery (SIR)
- Exchange Single Item Recovery Plus (SIR Plus)
- SharePoint
- MS SQL Server
- VMware
- VSS



Health Check

The Backup Client Health Check provides information to highlight possible issues before backup (e.g. free disk space or file/folder access problems). It can also provide the estimated line speed to the Storage Platform.



The following options are available:

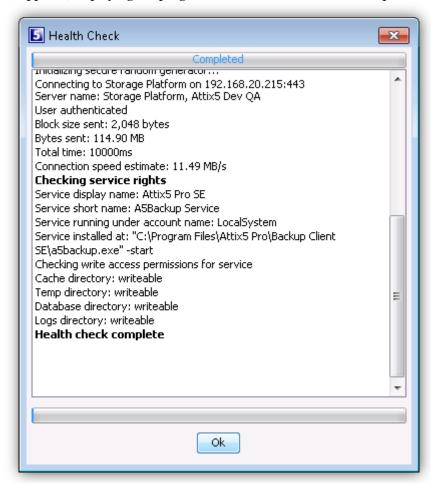
- **Memory** Memory utilisation statistics from the last backup as well as overall memory usage to date.
- Data Protected Information includes the number of files and directories included in the backup selection.
- **Disk Usage** Free space availability for all local drives.
- **Line Speed** Line Speed estimate to the Storage Platform (determined by transmitting data for 10 seconds).
- Service Rights Information about the service account name and access rights to the working folders.



You can specify which checks to run by selecting or clearing the relevant check boxes in the Options area. Use the Show Last Health Check button to see the last report. You can **Print** and/or **Export** the Health Check reports.

To run a health check:

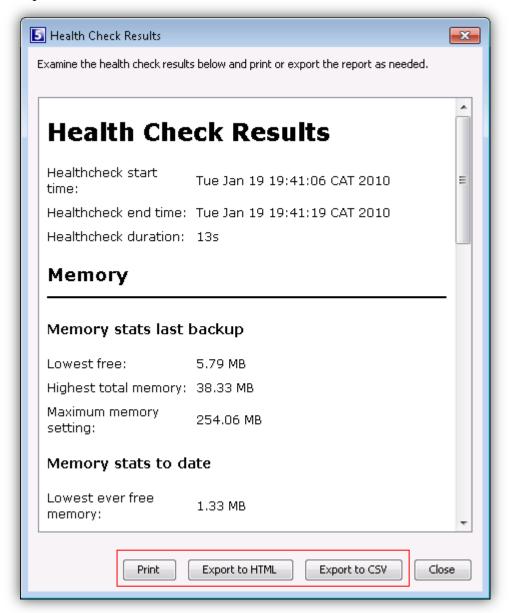
- 1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Health Check**.
- 2. In the **Health Check** dialog box that appears, specify which checks to run by selecting or clearing the check boxes next to the options. Five checks are available (see above).
- 3. Click the Start button to begin the health check process. The Health Check dialog box appears, displaying the progress of the health check until completion.



4. When the message: "Health check complete" displays, click **OK**.



The Health Check results display in a new dialog box with options to print, export to HTML and export to CSV.





Backup Snapshots

The Backup Snapshot feature enables you to create a backup of all items included in your backup selection and send it to a disk drive. This snapshot data can then be moved to the Storage Platform.

You can use this feature to reduce the initial backup window if there is a large amount of data to be transferred, typically over a slow Internet/network connection. A similar procedure enables you to restore a large amount of data (e.g. during a disaster recovery). For more information about restore snapshots, see "Restore Snapshots (Disaster recovery)" below.



Note: A snapshot backup uses Blowfish 448 encryption and the backup encryption key to encrypt the data.



Warnings:

- This procedure should only be performed with the assistance of the Backup Administrator.
- Ensure that you have an active Backup Account.
- It is advised to perform a test backup that transfers only a small amount of data before beginning the Backup Snapshot process.

To export a Backup Snapshot:

- 1. On the Tools menu, point to Snapshot, and then click Export Backup Snapshot.
- 2. Select The next backup must be a Snapshot backup.
- 3. Specify a destination in the box provided (C:\Backups\Export\Snapshot-Backup is specified by default on Windows Serve r 2008 machines.)
- 4. Click OK.
- 5. Initiate a backup.

The Snapshot data is now stored in the location specified in step 3 above and can be moved to the Storage Platform. The Backup Administrator can then import the snapshot data to the StorageServer using the Storage Platform Console. (For more information, please refer to the Storage Platform Console User Manual.)



Note: The Backup Account will be disabled at this point to ensure that the Snapshot data is the most recent. Once the data has been successfully imported to the Storage Platform, the Account will be enabled automatically and backups can proceed as usual.



Restore Snapshots (Disaster recovery)

The Restore Snapshot feature enables you to restore large amounts of data from a locally connected device to a machine via the Backup Client.



Notes:

- Before you can perform the steps outlined below, the snapshot data needs to be exported from the StorageServer to a mobile storage device by a Backup Administrator. For more information, please refer to the Storage Platform Console User Manual.
- A snapshot restore uses Blowfish 448 encryption and the backup encryption key to encrypt the data.

To restore data from a Snapshot:

- 1. Connect the mobile storage device containing the snapshot data to the Client machine or to a Local Area Network so that it has access to the Client machine.
- 2. On the Tools menu, point to Snapshot, and then click Import Restore Snapshot.
- 3. Select whether you wish to restore the data from a disk drive or recovery server.
 - a. If restoring from disk, select the Show Restore Snapshot(s) in Restore panel check box and then specify the path to the data in the Snapshot location box.



Warning: The default snapshot location specified is: C:\Backups\Import\Snapshot-Restore. If you wish to use this location, you need to create the folder structure on the machine and then paste the snapshot data onto the Snapshot-Restore folder. This folder is not created automatically. Alternatively, you can use the **Browse** button to browse to the location in which you have saved the snapshot data.



Note: You need to specify the snapshot data's parent folder, NOT the snapshot folder itself. (E.g. If your snapshot data folder is called 20100506124347 and you've pasted it to your Desktop, you need to specify C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop in the Snapshot location box, NOT C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\20100506124347.)

- b. If restoring from a recovery server, select the Do restores from recovery server check box and then specify the server address and port number in the boxes provided. If using a proxy server, select the Use proxy settings for recovery check box.
 - i) Note: This option can only be used if the Backup Administrator has prepared a recovery server.
- 4. Click OK.

The Snapshot data will display as an entry in the Restore tree, enabling you to browse a directory of its contents and restore files and folders. For more information, see Chapter 6, "Restores."



Command-line backups and restores

You can use the command-line interface (CLI) to run the SE Setup Wizard remotely, enable SE Remote Management and to send a wide range of backup and restore commands to any SE Backup Client connected to a LAN.

The CLI.bat file is included with each SE installation file. Using this file, you can connect to any SE Backup Client in your organisation, should you prefer to manage Clients from a central location.



Warning: The SE Backup Client is required and must be installed on the computer using the CLI.bat file before the following commands can be used.

To configure a Backup Account or Remote Management settings:

Run cli -configure {account|remote}.

Usage:

```
cli {restore|dates|status|backup|cancel}
        [-rd restoredateidx] [-rp restorepath | -original]
        [-fd filterdate] [-fp filterpath] [-fext filterext]
        [-backupset backupsetguid] [-compression on|off] [-overwrite]
        [-nopermissions] [-noemptyfolders]
```



Notes:

- -rp <restorepath> must be an absolute path and the service must have full write access to the directory.
- When restoring, the default policy is to skip existing files. Specify -overwrite to overwrite existing files.
- Specify -nopermissions to not restore file and folder permissions.
- Specify -noemptyfolders to not restore file empty folders (useful with -fext).



Examples:

- To start a backup of the default backup set: cli backup
- To start a backup of a specific backup set: cli backup -backupset ac0be91b-08b2-461d-97618c529f46
- To view the status of a task currently being performed by the backup service:
- To start a restore from the last backup made, extracting files to the default restore temporary directory:

cli restore

- To view a list of available backup dates to restore from:
- To restore from a different date index obtained with the dates command: cli restore -rd 2



Examples continued...

• To restore all .XLS files starting with the path C:\Documents and Settings and newer than 1 April 2002:

```
cli restore -fd 04/01/2002 -fext .XLS -fp "C:\Documents and
Settings"
To cancel a task:
```

cli cancel



Profiling

Profiling enables your Backup Administrator to propagate certain client-side settings from the Storage Platform to your Backup Client.

It can be used to enforce the following settings:

- Backup schedules
- Inclusions and exclusions
- Most options and settings accessible via the Tools menu



1 Note: Profiled settings take priority over settings specified in the Backup Client. When the Backup Client connects to the Storage Platform, it receives a list of all profiled settings. These changes are implemented in the Backup Client. You can, however, connect to the Storage Platform and update profiled settings manually.

To update profiled settings manually:

- 1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Options**.
- 2. On the Account and Security page of the Options and Settings dialog box, click the **Retrieve Settings** button.

The Backup Client will retrieve any profiled settings from the Storage Platform and update its options and settings accordingly.



Note: Profiled settings are greyed out, and cannot be modified from within the Backup

Inclusions /exclusions applied by profiling are displayed with yellow icons in the Backup Client:

File icons:

- Included file
- File included by filter
- Excluded file

Folder icons:

- Included folder
- Folder included by filter
- Excluded folder

Microsoft NTFS Change Journal use

The Microsoft Windows NTFS Change Journal keeps track of every change made to files and/or directories on an NTFS volume from one point in time to another.

The Backup Client can use this Change Journal to determine the changes made to a volume since the last backup. This enables it to skip the process of scanning all files and directories before initiating the backup.



Tip: This is especially useful when backing up a large selection that would result in a lengthy scanning process.



Example: If you have thousands of files selected for backup and would like to do a successive backup after having changed only one file, with Use NTFS Change Journal for supported volumes enabled, the Client will not need to scan through all the files to find the change and can start the backup immediately after obtaining the change record from the Change Journal instead.



Note: This feature can only be used on NTFS-formatted drives and is therefore not supported on MAC or Linux.

Limitations

In the following instances, the Backup Client will not use the Change Journal and will revert to performing normal scans instead:

- If junction points are used (when a folder points to another folder on a different drive)
- If the backup selection changes. (Changing your backup selection results in NTFS not seeing a change on your drive, so the Backup Client will have to rebuild the index. The Backup Client will only be able to use the Change Journal from the next backup onwards.)
- If the Change Journal logs an error
- If the Change Journal wraps and overwrites entries

Enabling/disabling NTFS Change Journal use:

- Click the **Options** button on the toolbar, and then click **Advanced Options**.
- 2. In the Backup Process area, select/clear the Use NTFS Change Journal for supported volumes check box.
- 3. Click OK.



9. Plug-ins

Attix5 Pro Server Edition provides solutions for numerous databases and applications in the form of plug-ins to the Backup Client.

This User Manual includes instructions for the Email notification and System State plug-ins, as they are distributed with the SE Backup Client. Please refer to the Attix5 Pro Server Edition Plug-ins User Manual for detailed information on the other available plug-ins and settings.

Attix5 Pro Plug-ins currently available:

- MS Exchange 2003/2007
- MS SQL Server 2000/2005/2008
- SharePoint 2003/2007/2010
- VSS (Exchange 2003/7/10, MS SQL 2005/8)
- Lotus Domino 6.5/7
- Oracle 9i/10g
- **Email Notification**
- Script
- System State
- Single Mailbox Recovery (SMR)
- VMware (ESX 3.5):
 - 5 VMs
 - **20 VMs**
 - 50 VMs
 - Plus (Unlimited VMs)
- Exchange Single Item Recovery (SIR)
- Exchange Single Item Recovery Plus (SIR Plus)



Email Notification plug-in

The Email Notification plug-in enables you to receive email notification on backup activity. You can configure the plug-in to send emails to specified email addresses, notifying the recipients of the status of backups.

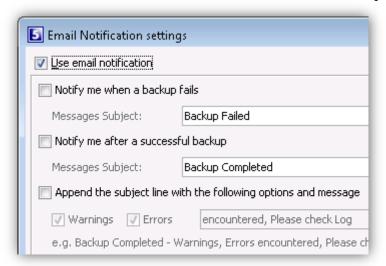


Notes:

- This plug-in has been included in SE installers since v4.2. If it is not installed, run the Plug-in Installer and select the **Email Notification** plug-in.
- The Plug-in Installer will run automatically during the SE Client installation if located in the same folder as the Client MSI.

To configure the email notification plug-in:

- 1. On the **Tools** menu, point to **Plug-ins**, and then click **Email Notification**.
- 2. Select the **Use email notification** check box to enable the plug-in.



- 3. Select the types of notifications to be emailed. The following options are available:
 - Notify me when a backup fails
 - Notify me after a successful backup
 - Append the subject line with the following options and message:
 - Warnings
 - **Errors**



Notes:

- You can modify the Email subjects and content by clicking in the **Messages Subject** and **Warnings/Errors** boxes, and then editing the text.
- The Backup Account name is automatically included in the subject, e.g. "Backup Completed [Backup Account name]".



4. In the Mail Settings area, type To and From email addresses in the fields provided and supply the SMTP server address and authentication information if necessary.



Tips:

- In the **SMTP Server** box, you can specify the SMTP Server name in isolation (e.g. mail.attix5.com) or you can include the port number (e.g. mail.attix5.com:80).
- When no port is specified, 25 will be used by default.
- i Note: The SMTP password is encrypted for added security.
- 5. Click the **Test** button to verify that the settings are correct. A test email will be sent to the address specified in the To box and a message will appear confirming if the email was sent successfully. Click OK to close the message and return to the Email Notification settings dialog box.
- 6. Select the Attach files check box to include a log file and/or backup selection report as attachments.
- 7. In the Attachment settings area, select from the following options:
 - Summary, warnings and errors
 - Entire log file (as per Advanced Options log level setting)
 - Backup selection report Provides a summary of the backup selection
- 8. Click **Ok** to save the settings and close the **Email Notification settings** dialog box.

The email notification plug-in is now activated and configured and will start emailing reports during the next backup.

System State plug-in

When the System State plug-in is selected for installation, two plug-ins are actually installed. The plug-in used to perform a System State backup or restore depends on the operating system that it's installed on:

- System State (using WSB) for Windows 2008 and later
- System State (using NTBackup) for operating systems prior to Windows 2008

Installation

To install the plug-ins, run the Plug-in Installer and follow the steps outlined below to completion.



Notes:

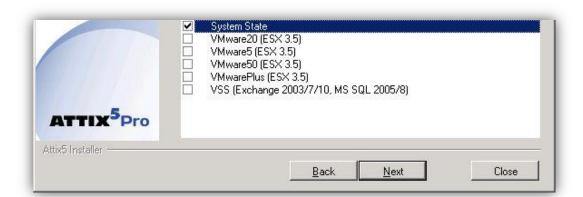
- The Attix5 Pro Server Edition Client must be installed on the computer before you can install any plug-ins.
- SE plug-ins require working space for the cache and disk space for creating a data dump and patches.

Step 1: Specify Backup Client folder location

- 1. Ensure that the correct Backup Client folder location is selected. If not, click the **Browse** button, select the correct folder, and then click **OK**.
- 2. Click Next.

Step 2: Modify plug-in selection

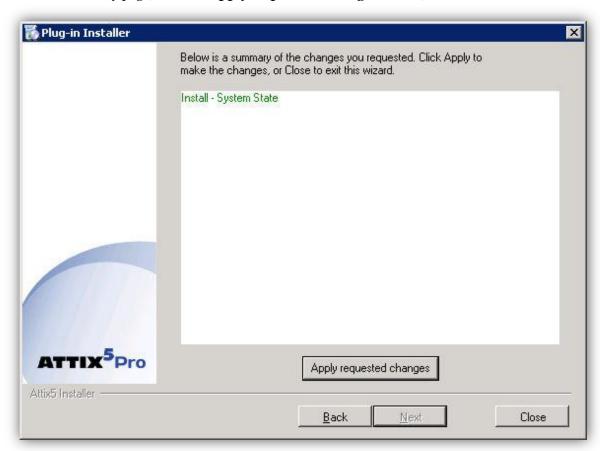
- 1. Select the **System State** check box.
- 2. Click Next.





Step 3: Apply changes

On the Summary page, click the **Apply requested changes** button, and then click **Next**.



Step 4: Close Plug-in Installer

Click **Finish** to close the Plug-in Installer.



System State (using WSB) for Windows 2008 and later

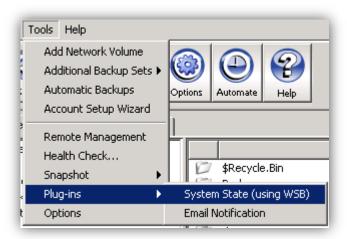


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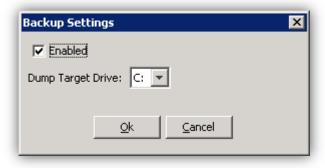
- On a new Windows Server 2008 R2 installation, Windows Server Backup Features are not installed by default. To install Windows Server backup and recovery tools, follow the instructions as specified by Microsoft: http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc732081.aspx.
- **Space requirement:** Because the WSB plug-in splits the VHD into separate files, the drive where the System State backup is stored needs to have enough space for two copies of the System State backup. For example, if the System State backup is 8 GB, a drive with at least 16 GB of space is required.

Enabling the System State (using WSB) Plug-in

1. On the **Tools** menu, point to **Plug-ins**, and then click **System State (using WSB)**.



2. In the **Backup Settings** dialog box that appears, select the **Enabled** check box.



- 3. Select a dump target drive.
 - Note: A System State Backup can be over 10 GB large. Ensure that you choose a drive with enough disk space.
- 4. Click Ok.



Backing up

Once the plug-in is enabled, you can select other data to back up, and then schedule backups or initiate one manually by clicking the **Backup** button on the toolbar.



Warning: If installed on a Windows 2008 server, the plug-in will also back up Remote Installation server images. These are included in the backup selection and can inflate the backup significantly.



Tip: While the backup is in progress, it is useful to monitor its status in detail. To do this, open a Command Prompt window and run the following command: Wbadmin get status.

Restoring the System State using WSB

To restore the System State via WSB, you need to restore the System State data to its original location and then launch the Windows Server Backup restore process via the command prompt.

To restore System State data:

- 1. In the Backup Client, click the **Restore** tab.
- 2. Under the System State Backup target drive node, navigate to the WindowsImageBackup folder.
- 3. Right click the folder name, and then click **Include**.
- 4. Click the **Restore** button on the toolbar.
- 5. In the Save files in area of the Restore Options dialog box, select Original location.
- 6. Click **Ok**.
- 7. Once the contents of the WindowsImageBackup files are restored to their original locations, you can invoke the Windows Server Backup tool to complete the restore process.

To launch the Windows Server Backup restore process:

- 1. In Windows Explorer, navigate to: <System State Backup target drive>\WindowsImageBackup\<Machine Name>\SystemStateBackup.
- 2. Open the **restore.txt** file and follow the instructions contained therein.



System State (using NTBackup) for operating systems prior to Windows 2008

The Attix5 Pro System State plug-in enables you to back up a collection of system-specific components as a unit to a target directory that is automatically included in the daily backup routine. These components include the following (depending on the operating system):

- Boot files, including system files, and all files protected by Windows File Protection (WFP)
- The registry.
- **COM+ Class Registration database**
- **Active Directory**
- SYSVOL directory

This plug-in is included in the SE installer. If it is not installed, run the Attix5 Pro Plug-in Installer and select the System State Backup plug-in. After the installation, open the SE Client application window.



Note: This plug-in is used for Windows Server 2003 only.

Installation and Configuration

Windows Server 2003

- On the Tools menu, point to Plug-ins, and then click System State.
- 2. In the System State Backup dialog box that appears, select the Enable System State backups check box.
- 3. A local target folder is required to create the System State backup. Type the path to a folder in the Backup to box or use the Browse button to specify it, and then click OK. If the target folder does not exist, the SE Client will display a message asking if it should create the folder. Click Yes. This folder will be included in the backup selection list automatically.

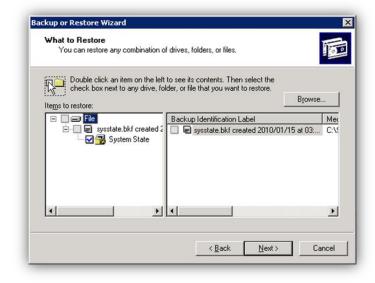
The System State plug-in is initiated at the beginning of each backup and uses Windows Backup and Recovery tools to create the backup file. SE continues with the rest of the backup procedure after the System State backup has been saved in the specified target folder.



Restore process

Windows Server 2003 (complete recovery):

- Click the **Restore** tab in the Backup Client.
- 2. Expand the backup date folder to restore from in the left-hand pane and restore the sysstate.bkf file located in the target folder.
- 3. Open the Windows Backup and Recovery application (Start > All **Programs** Accessories > System Tools > Backup).
- 4. If the Restore Wizard does not appear by default, click **Restore Wizard** on the Tools menu. In the Restore Wizard, click Next to proceed to the Backup \mathbf{or} **Restore** step.



- 5. Select **Restore files and settings**, and then click **Next**.
- 6. Browse to the restored sysstate.bkf file. (The default restore location is C:\SystemState.)
- 7. In the left-hand pane, expand File > sysstate.bkf created, and then select the System State check box.
- 8. Click **Next**, and then click **Finish** to complete the Restore Wizard.



10. Reference

Keyboard shortcuts and hotkeys

Keys	Action
F ₅	Refresh active window
SPACEBAR x1	Include selected file/folder
SPACEBAR x2	Exclude selected file/folder
SPACEBAR x3	Clear inclusion/exclusion
SHIFT+↑/↓	Select multiple files
ALT+Underlined letter on menu bar	Open the corresponding menu
^	Select previous item, or scroll up if you are in the Logs tab
V	Select previous item, or scroll down if you are in the Logs tab
Page Up	Scroll up one page
Page Down	Scroll down one page
Home	Scroll to the beginning of the page if you are in the Logs tab
End	Scroll to the end of the page if you are in the Logs tab



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