

Re: Backup solutions

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Peter Clutton wrote:

> On 11/17/05, mike@lanline.com <mike@lanline.com> wrote:

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>>Hi all,

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>> I'm looking into several backup options for my site. We have a

>>mixed (BSDI/FreeBSD/Linux) environment. We recently got a 2TB server and

>>I was wondering what the general consensus was on backups. I was either

>>considering writing some custom scripts to just tar, zip, and dump data

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> FWIW, i have read that by far the best is dump, because of the way it

> deals with the raw data. No need to worry bout files with holes in

> them (with other backup tools, this could mean you may not be able to

> fit the file system back on after backup, if there are core files etc)

> I believe i read this in the O'Reilly text Unix Power Tools, but could

> be wrong. They also referenced an extensive test that was done by

> someone, and gave the link. I will post it if i find it.

rsync handles sparse files just fine.

Eric

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