

# Re: recursive copy in VMS

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In article <8764cq3kbb.fsf@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, prep@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx writes:

JF Mezei <jfmezei.spamnot@xxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

Due to the disk space growing at a faster rate than tape drives (in my case anyways), I have often employed the SET FILE/NOBACKUP for files that I know are copies of stuff than can be obtained elsewhere.

For instance, when I backup a mac to my vax, all those files are then marked /NOBACKUP so that they don't take up huge amounts of space on a tape (and slow the backup process). Similarly, large patches that can be downloaded from the HP site get marked /NOBACKUP.

You are aware that you will get those files restored but with a big load of zero as content? So they will LOOK ok, but be useless for anything except getting you to delete the other copy.

This is NOT a good idea!

I think that's exactly what he wants. He's satisfied that he won't lose his Mac's disk and his VMS system's disk at the same time, just like I'm satisfied that I won't lose my VMS systems' disks and their tape backups at the same time.

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