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Subject: HDD Image

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 14 Jul 2008 23:48:01 GMT

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Ok so I wrote a big long post and the forum decided to error when I tried to post it and I lost it. In short my HD is dying and I need a way to direct copy it to another HD without having to reinstall everything. I've only been using this HD for 3 months and it has started to show signs that it is going to die. I really dont want to go through that hassle again so soon of reinstalling everything. So do you guys know of any programs that could do this? Preferably from a bootable CD.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image

Posted by [Caveman](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 00:29:17 GMT

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Nero imagedrive might be helpful to you.. Give that a try.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image

Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 00:33:39 GMT

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Posted by [Caveman](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 00:48:24 GMT

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Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 05:57:28 GMT

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Posted by [\\_SSnipe\\_](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 06:31:32 GMT

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i saw this torrent file....of AIO how to copy your hdd and it did what you wanted but id have to find it

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Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 06:52:38 GMT

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But there is definitely better out there. If you want to have more freedom go with Acronis True Image.

The first question for TS is whats your budget? Because Ghost/Acronis normally costs money.

There is free programs/opensource out there though that will be able to do what you want. Google, if you want to have some of the more pro stuff hyrens \*hint\*

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 15:24:10 GMT

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Right and he called me a moron because he believes Norton is an effective imaging program and because I said not to install, somehow translates into it doesn't work very well.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 15 Jul 2008 17:38:39 GMT  
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Alright, enough bickering. I share the sentiment that Symantec makes shoddy software. I will look into Acronis as someone on IRC suggested that as well. Have any of you ever heard of or used DDRescue? Aparantly that is the best and its actually open source however it is too complicated for me to figure out. It's very linuxy. Also if any of you are subscribed to the Newegg newsletter theres a real nice Seagate 750GB HDD for 99\$ with free shipping today only.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 21 Jul 2008 19:16:48 GMT  
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My HD has arrived. Now I am scrambling to figure out what to do here...

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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [djlaptop](#) on Tue, 22 Jul 2008 07:01:40 GMT  
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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 22 Jul 2008 08:52:47 GMT  
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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 22 Jul 2008 09:22:35 GMT  
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Send to sniper .

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Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Tue, 22 Jul 2008 09:32:51 GMT

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I was pointing that out to but don't forget that Hiren's is full of warez.

p.s. nice computer config

@ts glad it worked out without hassle

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Subject: Re: HDD Image

Posted by [renalpha](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 2008 09:13:32 GMT

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standard crap of ppl flaming to software

its just because they dont know how to use it.  
or they got owned by the software for downloading it.

However i stick to nero

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Subject: Re: HDD Image

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 2008 17:46:11 GMT

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Doitle wrote on Tue, 22 July 2008 03:52 Now I need to figure out what to do with a 280 Gig SATA drive of questionable reliability...

It could always be used, or sold as a 'conversation starting paperweight' .

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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 2008 20:42:16 GMT  
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if its only 3 months old isnt there a warranty you can claim on it? i mean its of no use to you now, so you could send it back to the manufacturer and not be bothered by the long waiting time.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sat, 26 Jul 2008 04:08:50 GMT  
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It was only in my computer for three months. It was in an external drive for like 2 years. Also I don't return things on warranty. I feel bad. I know the company tried their best. Sometimes bad things happen.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Sat, 26 Jul 2008 04:57:44 GMT  
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Just call the company and tell them it failed, you have a 5 year warranty on it, most likely they will send you a new one without even caring if you ship it back. I called up Western Digital because I had an old 20gb drive that had 10 days left on its 5 year warranty. They sent me a new 160gb drive to replace it; 'nuff said.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 26 Jul 2008 05:13:47 GMT  
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Doitle wrote on Sat, 26 July 2008 00:08Also I don't return things on warranty. I feel bad. I know the company tried their best. Sometimes bad things happen.  
Errr, if the company's profit margin is under 20%, then I can see your point. Otherwise, I don't feel bad.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image  
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sat, 26 Jul 2008 18:10:31 GMT  
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Like I said, it's not a big name HD like a Western Digital. It shows up in Windows and the Bios as "GENERIC DRIVE". It is out of a... What was the name of it... Fantom! External Drive. I'm sure just taking apart voided the warranty. They certainly wouldn't warranty that drive after it has been taken out of the enclosure and used as a desktop drive for a while.

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Subject: Re: HDD Image

Posted by [djlaptop](#) on Mon, 28 Jul 2008 14:42:56 GMT

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Your warranty is more than likely voided for the external drive, but odds are the manufacturer of the external drive didn't manufacture the hard drive inside - which may still be under warranty. If you can't figure out who made it though, you're kinda S.O.L. You can try to Google the code that comes up for the drive in your BIOS.

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