

# Four Windows server backup solutions

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For those who have a Windows server, backing it up is the most efficient protection you could have in place. Accidents are inevitable, and once it happens, there's nothing much you can do. It only takes a matter of time for the hardware to stop working, the system to get hacked or corrupted, and anything else that could leave your server useless.



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Fortunately, there are several backup solutions that you can use for the Windows server environment. Although they're not perfect, they can still keep the important data safe. Here, we list the most popular Windows server backup solutions available in the market right now.

## 1. Acronis Backup and Restore

A lot of people prefer the [Acronis Backup and Restore](#) as a Windows restore software. Although it's a little bit on the expensive side, every penny is worth it. For one, the newer version of Acronis does a remarkable job in ensuring that there's enough room on the external drive to handle the latest backup. However, depending on your preference, it's also possible to overwrite the old backup or utilize the cleanup rules made by the Acronis Echo.

Those who are open to the idea of trying this Windows restore solution, they ought to know that buying the Universal Restore feature is also advisable. This tool will allow you to take a full image of a backup and restore it to any hardware of your choice - though, it's important that it also meets the requirements of the chosen platform. By this, you don't have to produce an exact duplicate of the server hardware.

## 2. Symantec Backup Exec

The [Symantec Backup Exec](#) is more than just a backup solution, it also has a lot of other features that one can take advantage of. For one, it has an "at-a-glance" calendar that allows the user to easily know if the backup has succeeded or not. For those who are using the Symantec Backup Exec across different networks, you can feel at ease knowing that it only utilizes SSL for all network backup connections. Likewise, just like the Acronis backup software, the Symantec also provides solutions for both SQL and Exchange.

Those who have tried this program also acknowledge that it has the ability to manage Vaults and does this astonishingly

well. Though, it's still advisable to ensure that the vault has been permanently taken out - this will ensure that you won't experience problems during the process.

### 3. Carbonite

[Carbonite](#) is mainly for online backup, but if you purchase the Business and Business premier plan, you'll be able to back up an external drive as well. The purpose of this software though is to back up data only. When it comes to backing up documents, email, financial data, POS files, pictures, and other forms of multimedia, the Carbonite software does a remarkable plan.

If you are using a Windows server, it's advisable to opt for a BusinessPremier Plan that costs \$229 a year. This will allow you to include most servers that run on Windows 2003/2008/2011. Though, unlike Acronis, the Carbonite doesn't allow the users to backup an image of their server. It only functions as a data-only tool.

### 4. Cloud Backup Robot

[Cloud Backup Robot](#) is one of the best backup software released for Windows. With the use of this software, creation of databases has never been as simple and as convenient. Basically, all you have to do is configure the program once, and after that you'll be able to receive a universal "backup button" that will protect all of your data. This software is excellent in performing SQL server backups and supports Azure databases too.

Some of the most notable features that you can enjoy from the Cloud Backup Robot is the fact that there's no need to spend a lot of time trying to find your way around the complex menu other backup software has. Everything is simplified in a way where even beginners can backup their files with ease.

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