

In today's session we explored the use of 'VersionBackup' to protect our data files from loss or corruption.

Issue 4 of VersionBackup is available for free download from:-

http://www.freewarefiles.com/VersionBackup_program_22166.html

We also talked about other data files on your computer which you may not have realised were specific to you and not provided on a brand-new computer direct from the shop. The data below lists many of these files, with their actual location on our computer, and suggestions of how to find them on your own machine which may be set up slightly differently:-

Emails

XP:- (Outlook Express)

There is an 'export messages' function but you can't automate this
(File/Export/Messages)

Our loc'n - c:\Documents and Settings\David\Local settings\
Application Data\Identities\{111DD68D-3ECC-4A58-928D-E9748A03C594}\
Microsoft\Outlook Express

To determine - Run OE
Right click 'inbox' / Properties

Vista:- (WinMail)

There is an 'export messages' function but you can't automate this
(File/Export/Messages)

Our loc'n - c:\users\Jenny&David\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsMail
To determine - tools\options\advanced\maintenance\store folder

Windows 7:- (Windows live mail)

To determine loc'n - Windows Live Mail > Tools > Options > Advanced >
Maintenance > Store Folder.

Windows 8:-

You could try searching for files of type .eml

Address Book

XP:- There is an 'export address book' function but you can't automate this
(File/Export/Address book)

Our loc'n - c:\Documents and Settings\David\Application Data\Microsoft\
Address book

To determine - Use Windows 'search' for .wab

Vista:- There is an 'export address book' function but you can't automate this
(File/Export/Windows contacts)

Our loc'n - C:\Users\Jenny&David\Contacts
To determine - Use Windows 'search' for .contact

Windows 7:- (Windows live mail)

To determine - Use Windows 'search' for .contact

Favourites (Internet Explorer)

XP:- There is an 'export favourites ' function but you can't automate this
(File/Import and Export)

Our loc'n - C:\Documents and Settings\David\Favorites

To determine - Open IE. Click on favourites tab
Right click a favourite/properties/general tab/location

Bookmarks (Firefox)

XP:- There is an 'export bookmarks' function but you can't automate this
(Bookmarks/Show All Bookmarks /(Library) Import and Export)

Our loc'n - C:\Documents and Settings\David\Application Data\Mozilla\
Firefox\Profiles\7omzqbf8.default

To determine - Search C:\ for 'places.sqlite' and select one in
Firefox folder

Favourites (Google Chrome)

Email address setup file (Outlook Express)

XP:- Tools/accounts/(select account)/Export

Email address setup file (Winmail)

Vista:- Tools/accounts/(select account)/export

Skype Login

I haven't found a way to read back login data.

Skype Contacts

Cannot be automated - Contacts/Advanced/Backup Contacts