

Selecting a Backup Solution

Ask your Backup Solution Provider these key questions when preparing to purchase a backup solution



Does the solution protect ALL of my workloads?

Identify the scope of your backup solution implementation — physical servers, virtual hosts and machines, cloud workloads, applications, user devices — both on-premises and remote. To ensure business continuity, reduce risks, and simplify backup management, look for a solution that satisfies all of your current needs.



Does the solution protect the workloads I have today and may have in the future?

As your business requirements evolve, you will need to protect more systems than what you have today — additional physical servers, different types of virtual hosts and machines, various cloud workloads, applications, user devices — both on-premises and remote. To ensure scalability and future protection and manage long-term risks, select a solution that can address your entire business infrastructure now and in the future. Don't limit your requirements to just an individual project or a single point in time.



Does the solution protect virtual hosts and VMs?

When a disaster strikes, reconfiguring virtualization hosts will take considerable time, increasing downtime and your recovery time objectives (RTOs). Look for a solution that completely protects your entire virtualization infrastructure, including virtual machines, host hypervisors, and their configurations.



Does the solution protect cloud workloads?

Seventy-eight percent of businesses are either using or implementing the cloud to support their operations and yet 80 percent experience data loss in the cloud. Ensuring business continuity means that you have to protect data stored in the cloud, just as you protect on-premise data. To ensure business continuity, reduce risks, and simplify backup management, look for a solution that protects both on-premise and cloud workloads.



Does the solution protect end-user devices?

Up to 80 percent of critical corporate data is stored on end-user devices. Your executive team, in particular, tends to store sensitive data on their PCs, Macs, and tablets. Choose a backup solution that protects the interests of your entire business — including user endpoints.



Is the solution capable of recovering workloads to dissimilar platforms?

The dynamic requirements of your business will require you to move workloads from one platform to another, e.g., physical-to-virtual (P2V), or physical-to-cloud (P2C). Select a solution that lets you quickly recover workloads to dissimilar hardware or other platforms.



Is the solution fast enough to meet your backup windows, recovery time objectives (RTOs) and recovery point objectives (RPOs)?

Your business must deliver results to your clients fast, which puts pressure on you to continuously reduce your RTOs and RPOs. Make sure to choose the fastest solution that includes cutting-edge features to help you meet the general and extraordinary objectives set by your business.



Is the solution user interface easy and straightforward to use?

Ever-increasing IT workloads, and requirements to reduce recovery times mean you have very little time to spend navigating through complex user interfaces. Choose a solution that is easy and straightforward so you can focus on reaching your primary objectives, not fighting the interface or reading the documentation.



Can I manage the solution from a mobile device such as my tablet?

Increasing demands on the business require IT to be “always on,” even when on the go. Choose a solution that lets you access and perform any backup operation from any device, including desktops, laptops, and tablets.



Does the solution preserve my organization’s safety, security, and privacy?

Latest high-profile data leaks prove that your organization’s safety, security, and privacy are more important than ever. Your company data must be protected, encrypted, and always under your control whether your data is located on-premises, in remote facilities, or in a private or public cloud. Be sure the solution provides complete transparency with respect to the safety, security, and location of your data, whether it is stored on-premises or in the cloud.

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