Windows System Backup Version 1.3

Windows System Backup is a small, Windows 3.x utility designed to backup your important Windows files such as *.ini, *.pif, *.grp and your autoexec.bat and config.sys files. It will also print out four of your system files, Win.ini, System.ini, Autoexec.bat and Config.sys. It is quite simple in function, yet it can save the day. I thought of writing it one day when my Windows 3.0 crashed (buy Windows 3.1 if you haven't already) and I had to reinstall it .   All the work I had put into getting my desktop just right was gone, and it took me quite a while to restore things. Realizing that all of that information was in a few easily backed up files, I immediately did so. Finding it a bit cumbersome to use File Manager, I wrote this utility to make easy such a task. I hope that it proves useful.

        The working of the program should be self-explanatory. Simply select what you want to do and do it (tough instructions, huh?). Some things to note:

        - the program will backup while iconized and even disappear when it's done. It will allow you to use Windows while it is running, but floppy disk access is pretty busy and things will be a bit herky-jerky.

        - The program will not let you backup or print with invalid paths. It will account for just about any error in entering paths that I could think of except one -- spaces at the BEGINNING of a path. Please don't do that.

        - The program looks for your autoexec.bat and config.sys files in the root c: drive directory. If for some reason you have any other drive as your boot drive, edit 'SYSBACK.INI' (found in your windows directory and created by this program) to reflect your setup.

        - Sysback should print on any printer. It checks your Win.ini file for the current printer and uses those parameters. If anyone has any trouble with printing, let me know. I don't anticipate any problems. For those of you with very long lines in your system files, this program will not print any more than 80 characters on a line. Sorry.

        I am distributing this program as shareware. Take a look at, use it, and if you like it and want to keep using it, please send me two

dollars. That's really not much at all. I hate looking at a shareware program that is cool but is way over priced. This one is not. I won't get into the definition of shareware or lay any big guilt trips on you, but don't use shareware if you don't pay for it. It's only fair. I don't provide any support or manuals or anything. That would be a bit ridiculous for this program, don't you think? Sending in money gives you peace of mind, though. Pretty nice thing to have.   Plus, I might just write that specific little utility you wished someone would write if I get a reasonable amount of support.

        I distribute this program 'as is' with no guarantees of performance or compatibility with anything at any time. I won't be held liable for anything that gets broken because of this program. Use it at your own risk. (Pretty official, huh?).

        This program may be distributed by any Shareware reseller as long as a reasonable charge is asked for the distribution disks. SYSBACK.ZIP itself may not be sold for any price. It may be freely distributed as long as it is not altered in any way and this Write file is included with it.

        Windows Backup was written in Turbo Pascal for Windows 1.0, an excellent development tool. I look forward to Borland's forthcoming upgrade, TPW 1.5. I wrote this using Windows 3.1 and seems to run fine there. If you encounter any bugs, problems or questions, please call or write me; I'd love to hear from you. Also get a hold of me if you have any suggestions for improvement or enhancement.

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