

05/11/09 - Two quick tips for protecting your critical data

Benjamin Franklin once said that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." In a world where hard drives crash, files corrupt, and viruses wreck havoc, we need safeguards for protecting critical data. Here are two quick and easy tips.

1) Work on the web as much as you can so that backups are handled without even needing to think about it. An example would be using webmail, such as [GMail](#), so that your emails are stored somewhere other than just your local hard drive. Using the web has the additional benefit of being able to access your data wherever you are, and on whatever computer happens to be convenient.

2) If you have a lot of documents, pictures, and music, you're probably going to need to come up with a backup plan for those things. You'll need a second hard drive where you'll be copying your data. [FBackup](#) is a free application for handling backups and is easy to use. Once you set up a schedule for it, it'll run your backups in the background automatically.