

A Quick Backup Batch File
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This is quick enough to use at the end of each day's work. It can take only a few seconds, depending on various factors, to copy the contents of your main WP folder to a backup folder on the desktop.

Having a backup on the desktop makes it easy to restore a file. Double clicking on the folder icon opens the folder in Windows Explorer.

If, for example, your screen color settings change unexpectedly just copy the WP{WP}.SET file from the backup to replace the changed one.

Installation

The WPBACK.BAT batch file initially assumes the path to your main WP directory to be C:\WP51. If yours is different, right-click on the BAT file. Select Edit, open in Notepad, and change the path in line 3.

If you want to change the name of the backup folder that it creates, which is initially WPBAK, change the three instances of it in the BAT file.

Save the Notepad file, making sure it has a BAT file extension, not TXT or some other extension.

Usage

Double click the BAT file to update the existing WPBAK folder, if there is one. This deletes the existing folder, then creates a new one and copies to it the contents of the C:\WP51 folder (or a different one if you have edited the BAT file).

For longer term retention of a backup file, rather than having it replaced next time the batch file is run, rename the WPBAK folder on the desktop, perhaps adding a date, by right-clicking on the folder icon and renaming it. Perhaps move it to another folder or drive.

The backup will be created in whichever folder contains the BAT file (the desktop is a folder). So, perhaps for a weekly backup, the batch file can be copied to another drive, such as a USB drive, and run from there.

By editing the batch file and changing the path and new folder name, it can make backups of any folder or program, not just versions of WP. There can be more than one copy of the batch file on the desktop for different programs. Make a copy with a different name, keeping the BAT extension. Right-click, copy, paste in desktop, rename the copy then edit the path and backup folder name as above.