

# The Bytes of Las Vegas

Las Vegas PC Users Group

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## Review: Acronis True Image 11 Home

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This program can make a full backup that is an exact copy of your PC which will protect your application configuration settings. You can also make incremental and differential backups after you have made a full backup. Backups can be made automatically at the times you specify. New features include Acronis Cleanser, File Shredder and System Clean-up to protect your privacy.

I made a full backup by booting the computer from the Acronis program CD. Using the bootable CD eliminates any conflicts with software on your hard drive. The menu screen gives you a choice to Backup the entire hard drive or Recover the entire hard drive or individual files. The same menu screen allows you to pick a tool to validate a backup archive, activate Acronis startup recovery manager and manage Acronis secure zone. Since you are not using your operating system at that time, a link to a help folder is available on the left side of the screen.

During the backup process an estimate of time remaining is provided. As in using other programs that estimate the time remaining for a long procedure, the estimates are not accurate until the process is almost complete. The time for completion will vary depending upon many factors including the amount of the storage on the hard drive, the speed of your CPU and the amount of ram memory on your computer. My backup was initially estimated to take 57 minutes, but took 80 minutes. The time was well spent, but the backup can also be done automatically when you are not using the computer.

In addition to running on Windows 2000 and XP, it has been updated for Windows Vista as well.

Acronis products are available at a special LVPCUG club discount from User Group Relations, St George, UT (<http://ugr.com>)

Product Rating (scale 1 to 100 - 100 is best)

Presentation 100 | Features 100 | Controls 100 | Ease of Use 100 | Durability 100 | Overall 100

# Conversation in the Computer Room

Reported by Don Sabatine, LVPCUG.

*The names were changed to protect the innocent.*

Rob: Hey Don. Have got any new software?

Don: No. But I found a feature I did not know about.

Rob: On which program?

Don: On Diskeeper.

Rob: What does it do?

Don: While I was running the standard defragmentation, it stopped to tell me I was almost out of space in the File Allocation Table.

Rob: So what did you do?

Don: I followed the instructions to create more space.

Rob: Is it working ok now?

Don: Yes. I think that is a great feature. I never heard it mentioned, but people talk about "set and forget it" over and over.

Rob: Thanks for the information. Talk to you later.

*DiskKeeper info may be found on the web at <http://www.diskeeper.com/>*

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TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH ITS NEW SOFTWARE."

# December 2007

| Sunday  |                           | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday                       | Thursday                     | Friday | Saturday   |     |
|---|---------------------------|---|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--|-----|
| 25  | Nov                       | 26  | 27      | 28                              | 29                           | 30     | 1  | Dec |
|   |                           |   |         | 6:30p -8:30p Board of Directors |                              |        | 11:00a -3:00p Systems / Applications Review.<br>3:00p -4:30p Social at Fry's Electronics Cafeteria |     |
| 2   | 3                         | 4   | 5       | 6                               | 7                            | 8      |  |     |
|   |                           |   |         |                                 | 6:15p -8:30p General Meeting |        | 1:00p -3:00p Office Suites<br>3:30p -5:30p Systems/Applications/Review                             |     |
| 9   | 10                        | 11  | 12      | 13                              | 14                           | 15     |  |     |
| 12:00p -2:00p Digital Imaging Techniques                              |                           |   |         | 6:30p -8:30p Windows Developers |                              |        |  |     |
| 16  | 17                        | 18  | 19      | 20                              | 21                           | 22     |  |     |
| 1:00p -3:00p Linux/Open Source<br><br>4:00p -6:00p Novice (new Users) | 7:00p -9:00p Internet Sig | 6:30p -8:30p Databases at New Horizons Canceled until January |         |                                 |                              |        | 9:15a -2:30p How-To-Workshop Canceled until January<br>2:30p -4:30p Wi-Fi Canceled until January   |     |
| 23  | 24                        | 25  | 26      | 27                              | 28                           | 29     |  |     |
|   |                           | Christmas (Fed)   |         |                                 |                              |        |  |     |
| 30  | 31                        | 1   | Jan     | 2                               | 3                            | 4      | 5  |     |
|   | New Year's Eve            | New Year's Day (Fed)  |         |                                 |                              |        | 11:00a -3:00p Systems / Applications Review.   |     |



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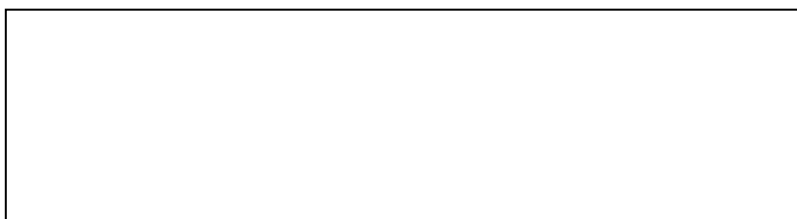
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# *The Bytes of Las Vegas*

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*Join us for our next **General Meeting***

**Thursday, December 6th 2007 at 6:15 pm**

*at the West Charleston Library*

*6301 W Charleston (East of Torrey Pines)*

Our special guest presenter will be **Wendy Jaroslowski**, LVPCUG's reigning Vice President, long-standing SIG-Coordinator, and leader of the [Using Office Suites SIG](#). She will show us how to keep up-to-date on a budget with *Useful Gadgets and Software Available for Under \$100*.

The meeting will begin with presentation and question/answer session with **Harold Rozinski**, our Executive Director and leader of the [Wi-Fi SIG](#).

We've all grown accustomed to our meetings being opened by "Fix-It" George Yocum, but unfortunately he's not available for this meeting. Harold will open the meeting at 6:15PM and Wendy will follow at 7PM. The meeting will conclude around 8:30PM with a door prize drawing for members.