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Posted by [Rob Arsenault](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 02:17:52 GMT

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Subject: Re: Ghost saves the day

Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 16:39:09 GMT

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Posted by [duncan](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 19:14:10 GMT

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Subject: Re: Ghost saves the day
Posted by [Rich\[3\]](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 19:38:46 GMT
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Same here -- saved me more than once... well worth the cost.

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Posted by [Rob Arsenault](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 23:58:36 GMT
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Good luck bro.

Rob_A

"Chas. Duncan" <duncan5199ATsbcglobalDOTnet@> wrote in message news:of2p021ubut4rh1buo7herehut73816lgq@4ax.com...

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Posted by [duncan](#) on Tue, 07 Mar 2006 02:43:15 GMT
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Thanks Rob -- couldn't be clearer... And the proof is: even I
understand it...

moving on with confidence -- Chas.

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Subject: Re: Ghost saves the day
Posted by [wmarkwilson](#) on Tue, 07 Mar 2006 03:47:22 GMT
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I am still amazed at how many times, despite this simple life-saver precaution, the story goes a completely different direction.
W. Mark Wilson

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Subject: Re: Ghost saves the day
Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 07 Mar 2006 10:08:52 GMT
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Definitely true to always have good backups, though there are ways other than Ghost which I think has onerous licensing restrictions.

Also, if it's networked, don't forget to run the security patches and update the virus definitions when you can. Sometimes that's actually the problem--a

M\$oft patch that blew something up--but it's still good to know.

TCB

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