

DSpace

Backup and Restore

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Backup Vs. Export/Import

- Backup is meant for guarding the data from disk crash, virus attack, hacking or any calamity
- Export/Import is meant for exchange of digital objects across repositories

Hardware Required for Backup

- Any one of the following
 - CD-ROM/DVD-ROM
 - DAT Drive
 - External Hard disk
 - Another system on the LAN

DSpace Directory Structure

- /dspace/assetstore
- /dspace/assetstore (bitstreams – most important)
- /dspace/bin (commands to be used at command line, can always be generated from dspace-source files)
- /dspace/config (you might have customized it, one time backup is good enough)
- /dspace/handle-server

DSpace Directory Structure

- /dspace/lib (can always be generated from dspace-source)
- /dspace/logs (essential to generate statistical reports and bug tracing)
- /dspace/reports (can be generated from Log files)
- /dspace/search (can be regenerated using index-all command)

Where DSpace stores data

- /dspace/assetstore directory will have all the
 - Bitstreams and licenses
- PostgreSQL databases contains information on
 - Communities
 - Collections
 - e-groups
 - E-persons, thier passwords
 - Host of other information

What should be Backedup

- Your DSpace postgresSQL database
- /dspace/assetstore (minimum backup)
- /dspace (entire directory)

Creating Backup Directory

- Create one directory where backup files will be stored
- Eg
 - #mkdir /dspacebkp
 - #chmod 777 /dspacebkp

tar Command (compress)

- To back up /dspace directory
 - `$tar zcvf /dspacebkp/dspace060913.tar.gz /dspace`

- To back up only /dspace/assetstore

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$tar -zcvf /dspacebkp/asset060913.tar.gz /dspace/assetstore/
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Untar (uncompress)

- To untar and unzip the tar.gz file, you may use the following command
- `$tar -zxvf /dspacebkp/dspace060913.tar.gz`
- **WARNING:** The safer approach is to use the above command in temp directory and copy it to dspace directory only after successfully un-taring the file

Backup of database

The following commands are for Postgresql database backup

- Run `pg_dump` as `dspace` user

- Ex: `#su – dspace`

Enter password for `Dspace`

- `$pg_dump dspace`

- `>/dspacebkp/db06092013`

Backup of database

Where

– dspace is name of the database

/dspacebkp/db06092013

file is backup file in which all the table definitions and contents will be stored

Restoring the backup data

One can use any of the following commands:

- psql command OR
- pg_restore

Restoring the Database

- **WARNING:** You do not need to restore, unless your data got corrupted.
- Not to be used as a routine
- Of course backup should be done periodically

Using psql to Restore

- `$ psql -d dspace -f /dspacebkp/dspace_db_060913`
 - Where `dspace` is the name of database
 - `dspace_db_060913` is the backup file taken on 6th September 2013.