

Techie Top Tip Tuesday: Do a test restore from your backups today
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Most of us have a backup system in place. And we make sure we run our backups regularly. But when was the last time you did a test restore to prove the system still works, and you can recover your data?

It is vitally important to do occasional test restores to prove everything is still backing up correctly.

What you need to do is pick a random file that is important to your business. We are going to pretend that you accidentally corrupted this file or fourteen days ago. You are going to recover that file as it was fifteen days ago from your backups (Monday 28th Oct). Do make sure you recover this file to a different location, you don't want to overwrite your real data in this instance.

If you can successfully get this file back, as it was fifteen days ago, you have proved that your backup system still works.

My advice is test your backups today, before it is too late.