

FileBackupEX 1.0 Series

Instruction Manual

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Installing FileBackupEX

FileBackupEX was designed to be easy to use and install. The provided installer for *FileBackupEX* is merely a convenience for single use scenarios or when extensive customization is not desired. Below, both situations are described. Pick the one that best describes your needs.

Using the provided installer

Run ***FileBackupEX-Install.exe*** by double clicking on it with a mouse. After agreeing to the *EULA*, the options are fairly generic. You have the choice of creating *short cut folders* and of where to install ***FileBackupEX.exe*** itself. Although *FileBackupEX* does not need administrator rights, the installer does as required by Microsoft Windows®.

Using the advanced manual install method

This method is for those who wish to deploy *FileBackupEX* to many computers in an organization or who wish to have more control in how *FileBackupEX* should appear on workstations. Run ***FileBackupEX-Install.exe*** and after agreeing to the *EULA*, select the *Advanced Manual Install* method. This will cause the installer to extract additional files to the directory you choose.

When complete, you will be working with the following:

- AdvancedManualInstall.reg – settings that control various options for *FileBackupEX*
- FileBackupEX.exe – the program executable
- Manual.pdf – the document you are currently reading

Read the ***AdvancedManualInstall.reg*** file carefully. It is commented and will explain how to control the various options. When you are ready to deploy *FileBackupEX*, you only need to create a batch file or script. In your script, you will copy the above files to your chosen directory and then import the registry file.

Transferring to a new system

The *Job* database and log files are stored in the %AppData%\GOFF Concepts\FileBackupEX folder.

Configuring new Jobs

Adding a new job is fairly self explanatory with options to name and describe the *Job* for future reference. Adding *Locations* is where you will likely spend the most time at first. This area refers to both the *Source* and the *Target* backup locations. Options for *Scripting* and to *Schedule* times are also available.

Locations

You may enter multiple *Target* and *Source* locations per *Job* to create an organized backup schedule.

- The *Source* location is the complete path to a folder, drive, or UNC path you wish to copy **From**.
- The *Target* location is the complete path to a folder, drive, or UNC path you wish to copy files **To**.

Targets have two special options. Firstly, you may define a folder structure. A folder structure can be anything you want, however, if you click the “...” button you be given the choice of the original source path, or the last directory of the source. This way, when the time comes to restore files, you will have an idea of which folder to put them back into.

The second option for a *Target* is a check box labeled, “*Remove target objects that no longer exist on source*”. This causes *FileBackupEX* to delete files and folders in the *Target* which are no longer present at the *Source*.

Enable Scripting

If you have programs or scripts you wish to run *before* or *after* a **Job** schedule, enable and specify them here.

- The **Before** option runs a programs prior to a *Job*. The “*Wait this many seconds*” option allows forcing the *Job* to start even when the program takes too long. It is always preferable to specify extra time since the *Job* will start immediately after it detects the program has exited.
- **After** runs a program or script following a *Job*. The option labeled, “*Do not run if Before script has errors*”, allows you to keep the *Job* from running. Note, that the script must be configured to return error codes.
- The option labeled, “*Run all scripts hidden from view*”, allows for keeping the display free from pop-ups created by your scripts. When testing you should leave this option **unchecked** to ensure they run correctly.

Schedule

An extensive set of *Interval* scheduling options are provided allowing you to execute the *Job* at the time you feel is best. By default the *Job* schedule is in a *Manual* start state. To start a *Job* manually, simply right click on the *Job* (as visible from the main screen) and then choose *Run Now*.

Keyboard shortcuts

F1	Show the help file.
F2	Edit the selected item.
F5	Refresh view.
F10	Puts focus on the menu bar.
F11	Maximizes the application.
ALT	Puts focus on the menu bar.
ENTER	View the currently selected item.
DELETE	Delete the currently selected items.
CTRL+A	Select all items.
CTRL+D	Delete selected items.
CTRL+W	Closes the application.

Technical Information

There are two bugs with version 1008 and older which may affect you.

One

When adding or editing a *Job*, an access violation error may occur. If this happens, restart *FileBackupEX*.

Two

The scheduled start time for a job will be off by one hour and for one iteration if **DST** occurs. As an example: if you have a job set to fire at 8 am every morning, then the morning of DST (say the November 1st) the job will fire at 9 am for that day **only**. The next iteration should be properly calculated.