

Cant backup to cd/dvd rw - can it be ...



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I have a new HP ML350 G5.I've installed ESXi 3.5 U4 embedded. This came with an an optical SATA (ESXI 2.5 U4 would not pick up)which I have replaced with an Lite-on DVD-RW IDE drive. This only works in read only.

I have set up three VMs each being Server 2003r2. I have made on VM a backup server with Symantec Backup Exec 12.5 installed. The plan was to back up data of the other two server 200sr3 VMs and write/burn to a removabalbe media being a CDR/RW and or DVD-R/RW

How can get a CD/DVD writer to work?

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First of all a DVD only holds 8.5Gb of data if you are lucky. Most VM's probably require that at least. Secondly backing up to direct to a CD would be really really really slow. Disk is better, you can ARCHIVE to CD / DVD later.

And no you can't get this to work in a VM anyway.



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 in response to: [RParker](#)

Thanks for the reply

The amount of data we wanted to burn to a CD (or DVD) was small and was to be stored elsewhere (fire safe or taken of site weekly) in case of disaster.


Do you know why CDRW roms don't work with ESXi? What about tape drives, USB devices etc? Where can I found a list of limitation in regards to ESXi 3.5 U4

Cheers....Chris.W



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 in response to: [ChrisWilkins](#) Tape could work (using SCSI passthrough).

But must be SCSI or SAS and connected to a supported SCSI interface.

USB drive/tape/... are not supported into VM.

Andre