

### \*Backup4All - Backup Software

It is not often, really, that we do a review on a product that isn't freeware but we recently were informed of a product that we decided to take a look at. As it turns out, this product is a real contender in Backup Software market.

The product aptly named BackUp4All offers a shareware version that will hook you the first time you use it. It truly is simple for just about everyone.

The version of BU4A (BackUp4All), 2.3.2 is a nice change of pace compared to other Backup solutions.

The interface is very clean and the functionality is simple once you learn the developers Icons. Which, honestly, does not take all that much time. Below is a list of a few things that we noticed while using BU4A (Pro's and Con's)

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Pros:

\*The readability of the interface is very clean and clear - An "Outlook"/"Explorer" style paned window that keeps things organized and neat. This type of interface is always easy to work with!!

\*Nice list of options available for different backup sets (Full, Incremental, Differential) as well as program options.

\*Simple "newbie" style wizard walks the user through the process of creating a backup set. VERY NICE!!

\*Number of Backups stored/saved can be limited which helps manage drive space easier and manage backup sets

\*Includes Zip options for backup compression

\*Over-sized backup options that allow the user to control what happens if excessive sized differential backups are encountered

\*Secure Password options

\*User define-able/customizable filters

\*Built-in scheduler included in the Wizard interface

\*Advanced features that give complete flexibility over "before and after" operations of the backup. (e.g.- notification application can run after the backup has completed) Handy!!

\*File verification options/properties can be modified through the Wizard interface

\*Quick Access Buttons that allow the user to quickly view different files in a set according to their backup properties (changed, unchanged, deleted etc...)

\*Detailed log files with an easy to read output and tons of great info. This is a HUGE plus. Many times most backup software simply splashes text all over the log file or in such a linear listing that it is difficult to read. BU4A's logs are neatly organized. Very Cool!!

\*Restoring a backup is quick and easy. In our weekly backup process the restoration is always something we test for. What good is a backup if you can't restore it? BU4A makes this a simple process

...There are many more features but these are some of the ones that help Backup4All stand out in the crowd.

Cons:

\*Interface can be confusing at first. Icon buttons with no text (although there is popup text). But, just like any other app, the more you use it the easier it gets to use

\*The wizard has options sort of "scattered about" in certain steps. (This really isn't too much of a big deal though, like we said, once you use it a couple times...)

\*The scheduler for the backup requires that the application is running. It does not use the Windows Task Scheduler to run the Backups while the user is logged off or signed out. This is, unfortunately, a big minus. (NOTE - We have been in contact with the spokesperson for Backup4All and she let me know that this will be fixed in the next version)

All-in-all the application is an excellent option as a complete personal backup solution.

Even with it's miniscule "Cons" we still recommend it as a reliable and inexpensive option for just about any type of user.

Take a look [here](#) for more information and a free trial. Definitely worth a look!!