National Backup Day March 31

Have you made a backup of your data and site? If not, do it now!

National Backup day is March 31 but you don't need to wait to do a backup.

I strongly believe in a **1-2-3 Backup strategy**. That means that I have always have **three copies of my data**. One on an external drive, one on an second external hard drive (stored off site), and one in the cloud. I rotate the drives according to a schedule so that I can always recover files if needed.

Since I used to work as a LAN Administrator (Local Area Network) and was responsible to doing the server backups for the entire office for all staff, servers, and computers it is just something that I have continued after I retired from the day job.

A full backup strategy can use a variety of methods. Since I no longer have to maintain mission critical data for multiple staff I have tended to use a personal version of the Grandfather-Father-Son rotation scheme using multiple external hard drives that in my office.

Grandfather-Father-Son backup is a common rotation scheme for backup media,[1] in which there are three or more backup cycles, such as daily, weekly and monthly. The daily backups are rotated on a daily basis using a FIFO (first in first out) system. The weekly backups are similarly rotated on a weekly basis, and the monthly backup on a monthly basis. In addition, quarterly, half-yearly, and/or annual backups could also be separately retained. Often some of these backups are removed from the site for safekeeping and disaster recovery purposes.

Having a solid backup system and practicing it has saved countless hours of misery and frustration when something went

wrong or something was hacked.

If you would like some help or more details on creating and managing a backup strategy for your computer, laptop, tablets and smartphones just let me know. I will gladly share more details, tips, and tools for a backup plan that works. Just use the contact form to get in touch with me.