

Backup for Vista comes in varying degrees of functionality depending on the version of Vista you have. Vista Starter Edition does not have an ability to backup your files. Home Basic has very limited options. Vista Business, Ultimate, and Enterprise editions have a program called "Complete PC Backup" which does an image backup. This means you can backup and Restore your hard disk with have to reinstall again. Also, should you be on a network, you can backup to a network place in all versions except the Basic Edition. Without going into full details here please go to the url following which will explain.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/features/details/backup.mspx#complete>

Of course System Restore is available for all versions but this is not the complete solution as it only deals with files and settings and not programs.

If you have not laid out the big money for the Ultimate version etc and do not wish to use the Microsoft offering there is an excellent free backup program that I have placed on my website. Go to <http://www.chessmancomputers.com.au/courier.htm> for the link. It is called DriveImage XML. I have also placed a link to a "YouTube" tutorial on the page.