



Replacing Backup Exec?

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Find the right Retrospect solution for your environment

Replace the platform without compromising recoverability.

Match Retrospect to your workloads, storage, and recovery goals, then transition with confidence.

1 Start with your environment

Your Backup Exec license count alone does not identify the right replacement. Start with the systems you protect, how backups are stored, and what the business expects during recovery.

Do not size from license quantity alone

Map server OS workloads, endpoints, VMs, NAS, applications, tape, and cloud.

What to inventory

- ✓ Physical Windows, Mac, and Linux servers
- ✓ VMware or Hyper-V hosts and protected VMs
- ✓ SQL, Exchange, NAS, endpoints, and remote users
- ✓ Disk, cloud, tape, and offsite destinations
- ✓ Retention, immutability, RPO, and RTO requirements

2 Choose the right Retrospect solution

Select by workload type and scale. Final sizing should be validated against your actual environment.

Single Server

- 1 For one protected server, with endpoint coverage based on the selected edition and added server clients as needed.

Multi Server

- 2 For multiple physical or virtual server OS workloads, plus Windows, Mac, and Linux endpoints.

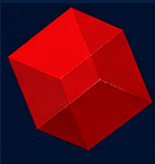
Retrospect Virtual

- 3 For VMware or Hyper-V environments that need image-level VM protection and virtual recovery workflows.

Premium and add-ons

- 4 Consider application protection, Open File Backup, Advanced Tape, and email protection when required.

Many multi-server estates fit Multi Server. Validate before buying.



Plan a Controlled Move from Backup Exec

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Confirm the fit, validate recovery, and preserve access to historical backups

Confirm these requirements

- ☐ Every physical server, VM, endpoint, NAS device, database, and cloud workload is in the inventory.
- ☐ The proposed Retrospect edition includes enough server and endpoint licenses for the complete scope.
- ☐ SQL, Exchange, open-file, tape-library, and other application requirements are identified.
- ☐ Existing disk, cloud, and tape destinations are compatible with the proposed design.
- ☐ Retention periods and recovery point and recovery time objectives are documented.
- ☐ At least one backup copy will be offsite, isolated, or immutable and separated from production credentials.
- ☐ Representative file, system, VM, and application restores will be tested before cutover.
- ☐ Historical Backup Exec media and a working restore path will be retained for the required period.

Any unchecked item should be resolved in the solution design or migration plan before purchase.

A safer replacement path

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Assess

Inventory workloads, destinations, retention, and recovery priorities.

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Select

Choose the Retrospect edition, add-ons, storage architecture, and resilience controls that fit.

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Validate

Run Retrospect in parallel and test representative file, system, and application restores.

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Transition

Move active protection in phases while retaining controlled access to historical Backup Exec media.



Ready to replace Backup Exec?

Request a Retrospect Solution Review

Competitive upgrade pricing may be available with valid proof of ownership.

Sources: Retrospect Backup product information and ransomware-protection documentation. Product capabilities depend on edition, platform, configuration, and storage provider.