

# Using XCOPY

DOS' Xcopy command used basic, proven technology.

It works on all windows computers.

There is no need for special windows utilities.

The Xcopy command is useful for creating incremental backups.

The syntax:

```
xcopy C:\from\*. * d:\to /d:MM/DD/YY /s /e /v /y
```

copies all files and subdirectories from the path "c:\from \"  
to the path "d:\to"

provided they were created on or after MM/DD/YY

The most common arguments are:

/d: all since date (inclusive)

/s copy directories and subdirectories too

/e

/v verify

/y

/p ask if want to copy

/h copy hidden and system files

/f list while copying

Note: Some versions of Windows are slightly different.

# Preface

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The secondary purpose is to share this tutorial with the public. I appreciate the possibility that the general public may have some difficulty understanding the my personal abbreviations and my intuitive logic.

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