

### **What is Tivoli CDP?**

Tivoli CDP is a very modern “backup” product, specifically designed for typical end-users. This inexpensive software has some very important unique features:

- 1) It's real time...it will make a copy of your important files the moment they change.
- 2) It will make a copy both locally and to some other device or network that you specify.
- 3) It understands that off-machine targets are not 100% available, and will quietly wait and continue your backup properly.

### **How is CDP different from other desktop backup products?**

The big differences are those three stated above (real-time, on + off machine targets, and network-aware). In addition, the product is very light weight, very inexpensive, and very flexible regarding what material is backed up and where it is sent. It is a brand new product designed from the bottom-up with today's modern users in mind; it is not a re-branding or down-market version of any older product.

### **Does CDP backup everything?**

It can, but most people accept the standard configuration that avoids Program Files and Windows system areas. Typically, the most important files for most people are the Word and PowerPoint (Office documents) plus their family pictures and email. CDP is specifically designed to protect those types of files.

### **Where can I send my backup data?**

CDP is very flexible. Most users have CDP send the data to either a removable USB disk (e.g. “E:”) or a network “share”. Most homeowners now run small networks with several computers and might designate one computer as the “backup target” (there is very little overhead of CDP so even that “backup computer” can still be an active computer for a user). If you have web-space from your ISP CDP can also send the data there.

### **Do I need to buy some server software?**

Nope. CDP is simple. It pushes data to any target and that target does not need any special software.

### **Can CDP be used to backup a server?**

Yes, the same software can protect a file server as well. CDP is not designed, however, to backup special application servers like Exchange or SQL. For such machines, please consider buying Tivoli Storage Manager (TSM).

### **Can CDP be managed, perhaps for large user groups?**

Yes. Although CDP is simple and a client-only program, there are built-in tools to administer larger networks and have global configuration files and locked-down configs etc.