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Using Time Machine to Restore a Hard Drive

We covered setting up a *Time Machine* drive in December

http://www.scs-cc.com/sigs/Time_Machine.pdf

In January, we covered how to restore individual files or folders from a Time Machine backup.

<http://www.scs-cc.com/sigs/Mac-Jan-11-2011.pdf>

Hard drives are mechanical devices and the subject of failure is not *if but when*.

This month we will cover how to restore a hard drive from a Time Machine backup.

Assume that a new hard drive has been installed either because of a failure or an upgrade to a larger capacity drive.

You will need the OSX System DVD that came with your computer, or the latest OSX upgrade DVD.

- Start by connecting the external Time Machine drive to the computer.
- Insert the OSX DVD and reboot.
- Click on *Install Mac OSX.app*.
- On the next window click on *Utilities...*
- On the next window click on *Restart*.
- When the computer restarts
- On the *Utilities* menu select *Restore System From Backup...*
- On the next window click on *Continue...*
- Select *Time Machine* and click on *Continue...*

- Follow the prompts

Additional help with Time Machine is available on the Apple web site.

<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1427>

<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3275>

Adding PDF Files to an iPod, iPhone, iPad (iThing)

It is often convenient to have a document available on an iThing.

Using the Apple's iBooks App.

Download and install the iBooks App on your iThing.

Create or save a document as a PDF file.

Open iTunes and click on *Books* in the left column.

Drag the PDF file onto the Books window.

Sync with the iThing.

On the iThing, tap on the iBooks icon, then tap on the document.

Interesting Web Sites

Check the following USGS sites for the latest earthquake information:

Las Vegas area

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqsus/Maps/US2/35.37.-116.-114.php>

United States

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqsus/>

The World

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqsww/>