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Administrator Guide

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CHAPTER 1

Preface

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About Acronis True Image Module

The Plesk-integrated Acronis True Image Enterprise Server management module (hereafter referred to as the ATIS module) provides a graphical interface to manage the Acronis True Image Server (ATIS) for Windows application installed on the same Plesk-enabled server. Acronis True Image Server creates server disk backup images without interrupting server operations and allows for easy and fast recovery of the entire system.

Using this ATIS module, the Plesk administrator can schedule backup tasks, launch manually backup tasks, select the compression level for backup images, etc.

This document describes how to work with the ATIS module for Plesk. Therefore, this guide does not cover the entire ATIS functionality. If you have questions related to the use of the Acronis True Image Server application, please refer to the relevant documentation.

Documentation Conventions

Before you start using this guide, it is important to understand the documentation conventions used in it.

Typographical Conventions

The following kinds of formatting in the text identify special information.

Formatting convention	Type of Information	Example
Special Bold	Items you must select, such as menu options, command buttons, or items in a list.	Go to the QoS tab.

	Titles of chapters, sections, and subsections.	Read the Basic Administration chapter.
Italics	Used to emphasize the importance of a point, to introduce a term or to designate a command line placeholder, which is to be replaced with a real name or value.	These are the so-called *shared VPSs*. msiexec /i <*name of the aforementioned *.msi file or GUID*>
`Monospace`	The names of commands, files, and directories.	Install Plesk into the `"c:\plesk bin"` directory
Preformatted	On-screen computer output in your command-line sessions; logs; source code in XML, C++, or other programming languages.	`05:31:49 Success. Admin John Smith was added.`

Feedback

If you spot a typo in this guide, or if you have thought of a way to make this guide better, we would love to hear from you!

If you have a suggestion for improving the documentation (or any other relevant comments), try to be as specific as possible when formulating it. If you have found an error, please include the chapter/section/subsection name and some of the surrounding text so that we could find it easily.

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CHAPTER 2

Installing ATIS Management Module

This chapter describes installation of the ATIS management module with Plesk 8.1.

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Installing ATIS Module

Acronis True Image 9.1 Enterprise Server for Windows can be installed by default when you deploy the Plesk 8.1 installation package. To do this, select typical or full installation when installing Plesk 8.1.

In case the custom installation was selected and you did not installed Acronis True Image 9.1 Enterprise Server for Windows, you can install ATI using standard Windows Add or Remove Programs option:

- Select Plesk 8 for Microsoft Windows, then click Change.
- Select the Modify option and follow the instrations of the wizard.

Note. After installation of ATIS module the server should be restarted.

For more information on installation of Plesk 8.1 for Windows, refer to the Plesk 8.1 for Windows Installation Guide.

CHAPTER 3

Using ATIS Management Module

This chapter describes how to manage the Acronis True Image Enterprise Server application using the ATIS management module interface.

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Logging Into Module

You can log into the ATIS management module only if you are logged under the Plesk administrator's account.

➢ *To log into the ATIS management module:*

1 Click Server in the navigation pane.

2 Click Acronis True Image in the Services group to start management of ATIS application.

Creating Backup Image

➢ *To configure one-time backup:*

1. Click Server in the navigation pane.
2. Click Acronis True Image in the Services group.
3. Click Backup Now.
4. Select the partitions for backup using the corresponding checkboxes in the Partitions for backup table.
5. Select the compression level for ATI in the Compression level list.
6. To enable incremental backups, select the Incremental backup checkbox. Acronis True Image allows creating incremental backups, when files added since the last backup are simply added to an old backup archive, thus eliminating the need to backup information, which was not changed.
7. If required, enter the password and its confirmation in the corresponding fields to set password on the archive with backup.
8. Select the location for the backup file.
9. Enter the archive filename with full path in the appropriate field. File names and paths should be specified in the standard Windows notation (C:\folder1\folder2\filename.extension for local files and \\computer_name\path\filename.extension for network files).
10. Click OK.

Note. If Network storage option was selected, you should supply correct login and password for the account on a remote machine.

Managing Scheduled Backup Tasks

Using the ATIS management module interface, you can schedule the creation of backup imaging tasks at specified time. The tasks will be performed by the ATIS application installed on your server. The current implementation of this feature in Plesk allows adding only one task for recurring backup.

➢ *To set up a recurrent backup:*

1. Click Server in the navigation pane.
2. Click Acronis True Image in the Services group.
3. Click Scheduled Backup Settings.
4. Select the Enable recurring backup checkbox to activate the backup.
5. Specify the Backup period and Backup time in the appropriate lists.
6. Select the partitions for backup using the corresponding checkboxes in the Partitions for backup table.
7. Select the compression level for ATI in the Compression level list.
8. To enable incremental backups, select the Incremental backup checkbox. Acronis True Image allows creating incremental backups, when files added since the last backup are simply added to an old backup archive, thus eliminating the need to backup information, which was not changed.
9. If required, enter the password and its confirmation in the corresponding fields to set password on the archive with backup.
10. Select the location for the backup file.
11. Enter the archive filename with full path in the appropriate field. File names and paths should be specified in the standard Windows notation (C:\folder1\folder2\filename.extension for local files and \\computer_name\path\filename.extension for network files).
12. Click OK.

Note. If Network storage option was selected, you should supply correct login and password for the account on a remote machine.

➢ *To disable a recurrent backup:*

1. Click Server in the navigation pane.
2. Click Acronis True Image in the Services group.
3. Click Scheduled Backup Settings.
4. Clear the Enable recurring backup checkbox to disable the backup.

After the scheduled task creation procedure is complete, the backup creation task will appear in the Configured backup task list.

Viewing Status of Running Tasks

➢ *To view the status of running backup creation task:*

1 Click Server in the navigation pane.

2 Click Acronis True Image in the Services group.

3 View the status of the backup task in the Configured backup task list.

Note. The current state of a running backup is marked by an icon: for the service running, for the service stopped, and if service is not installed or its management capabilities are not supported.