



# Insta Backup Gold

Version 2.0

## Installation Guide

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## Overview

Insta Backup Gold is a complete solution to backup files and drives. It provides different backup options such as, individual files backup, entire drives backup. Backup is the process of storing data in a different secure location. By using Insta Backup Gold, you can backup your files to your preferred location.

Insta Backup Gold backup process creates an image file with extension .rbf. All files that are included in a backup process are saved in this image file. You can only mount this image file. Also, you can restore your files directly by using Restore feature of Insta Backup Gold.

Insta Backup Gold provides a space named as Stellar secure zone. This zone is secure and reliable. You can backup your files in this zone. This zone is free from virus attacks. In addition, accessibility to this zone is minimal.

Cloning is the process of making an exact copy of the source. Insta Backup Gold allows you to clone your hard disk. Cloning a hard disk by using Insta Backup Gold is easy and fast. You can clone your hard disk without any technical knowledge by using Insta Backup Gold.

In case, your Operating System (OS) is not working you can boot your computer by using rescue disk and restore your OS to previous working state. Rescue disk feature allows you to create a bootable Compact Disc (CD) or Digital Versatile Disc (DVD). This CD or DVD can be used to boot your computer. You will need to download ISO image file and burn it to a CD or DVD to create a rescue disk.

## Key Features

- Backup of files, folders and drives at preferred location
- Restoration of backup image files at preferred location
- Stellar secure zone with increase size option that is you can increase the size of this zone at any time
- Cloning of entire hard disk
- Insta drive that shows files included in the backup image file, you need to mount full backup image file to view Insta drive in My Computer
- Rescue disk to boot computer in case of OS failure
- Configure backup processes at any time by using Task Scheduler feature
- View and save log report of processes

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## Getting Started

Insta Backup Gold enables you to take backup of your files and entire drive. You can also create a replica of your computer's hard disk that will work same as your original hard disk. Insta Backup Gold provides a secure zone named as Stellar secure zone where you can store your backup image files. This secure zone is safe from virus attacks and other unintentional actions. Since, this zone is available only during [backup](#) and [restoration](#) process.

You can view your files that are saved in backup image file by mounting backup image file -.rbf file. Mounting a backup image file creates a drive on your computer. You can copy your data from this drive to your preferred location. Click any of the given below link for more information.

- [Installation procedure](#)
- [Launching Insta Backup Gold](#)
- [User interface](#)
- [Interface icons](#)
- [Order and activate](#)
- [Using the software](#)

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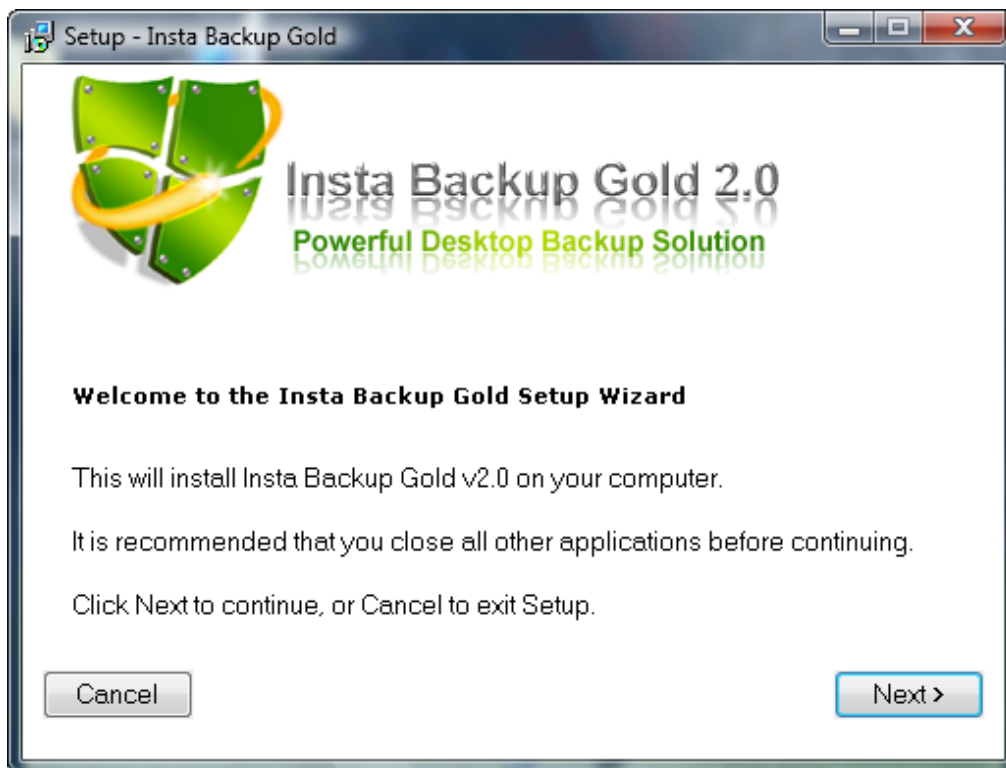
## Installation Procedure

Before installing the software, ensure that your computer meets the minimum system requirements.

- **Minimum system requirements**
  - **RAM:** 1 GB
  - **Hard Disk:** 50 MB
  - **Operating System:** Windows XP and Windows Vista

### To install the software:

1. Double-click InstaBackup.exe file. The Welcome to the Stellar Insta Backup Gold Setup Wizard opens. Click **Next**.
2. Click **Install** to install Insta Backup Gold.



3. The setup wizard will install Insta Backup Gold at drive in which Operating System is installed.
4. Click **Finish** to restart the computer.

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**Note:** You can also select the **No, I will restart the computer later** option and click **Finish** to continue without restarting your computer.

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On successful installation, Stellar Insta Backup Gold icon is automatically added to the Taskbar.



You can create rescue disk and perform backup by launching the Insta Backup Gold screen from Taskbar. Double-click **Insta Backup Gold** icon at Taskbar to launch Insta Backup Gold screen.



- Click [Create Rescue Media](#) to create rescue disk
- Click [Create Backup](#) to take backup of files
- Click **Minimize** to minimize the Insta Backup Gold screen
- Click **Exit** to remove Insta Backup Gold icon from Taskbar

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## Launching Insta Backup Gold

### To start Insta Backup Gold:

- Click **Start | All Programs | Insta Backup Gold** and select **Insta Backup Gold** to open the [main user interface](#) of Insta Backup Gold.

Or

- Double-click the Insta Backup Gold icon on desktop to launch the [main user interface](#) of **Insta Backup Gold**.

You can also click **Insta Backup Gold** icon at Taskbar to start creating [rescue disk](#) or start taking [backup](#) of files and drives.

## User Interface

Insta Backup Gold has a very easy to use Graphical User Interface (GUI). It has a single window interface where all options are provided. The main user interface of Insta Backup Gold is as given below:



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## Interface Icons

Different icons are provided in the [main user interface](#) of Insta Backup Gold. All tasks are carried by these icons.

- **Rescue Disk Icon**



Opens Create Rescue Disk dialog box. You can download rescue disk from the link given in this dialog box.

- **Task Scheduler Icon**



Opens schedule task wizard. This wizard allows you to [manage existing tasks](#).

- **Log Report Icon**

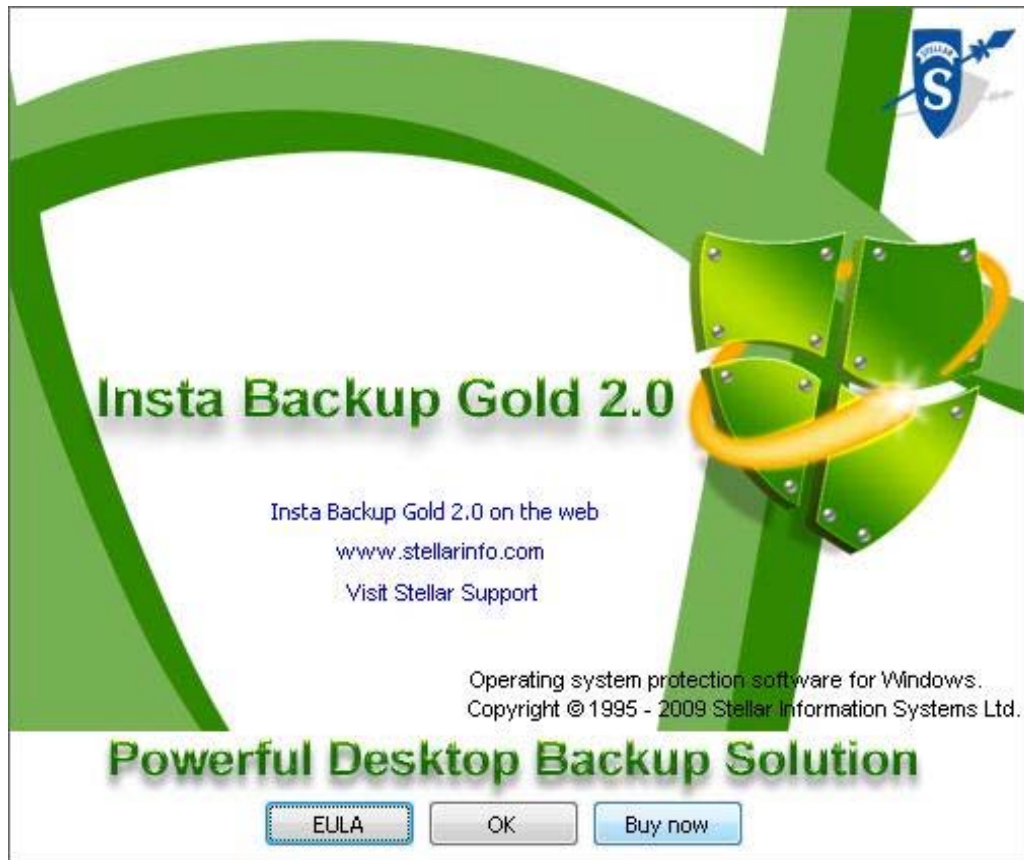


Allows you to view, save and clear [log report](#) of completed processes.

- **About Icon**



Opens the information window of Insta Backup Gold.



The advertisement features a green and blue color scheme. At the top right is the Stellar Information Systems logo, a blue shield with a white 'S' and a blue arrow. The main title 'Insta Backup Gold 2.0' is in a large, bold, green font. Below it, the text 'Insta Backup Gold 2.0 on the web' is followed by the website 'www.stellarinfo.com' and 'Visit Stellar Support'. A green shield with a blue and orange ribbon is positioned on the right side. At the bottom, the text 'Operating system protection software for Windows. Copyright © 1995 - 2009 Stellar Information Systems Ltd.' is displayed. The main slogan 'Powerful Desktop Backup Solution' is in a large, bold, green font. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'EULA', 'OK', and 'Buy now'.

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- **Help Icon**



Opens the user guide of Insta Backup Gold 2.0

- **Backup Icon**



Opens Backup Wizard. By using this wizard you can backup [files](#) and [entire drives](#).

- **Restore Icon**



Opens Restore wizard. By using this wizard you [restore](#) files and drives to your preferred location.

- **Secure Zone Manager Icon**



Opens Stellar secure zone manager wizard. This wizard allows you to create, [add space](#) and [remove](#) secure zone.

- **Drive Cloning Icon**



Opens drive cloning wizard. This wizard allows you to [clone](#) hard disks.

- **Mount Image Icon**



Opens mount image wizard. This wizard allows you to [mount](#) backup image files.

- **Unmount Image Icon**



Opens unmount image wizard. This wizard allows you to [unmount](#) a backup image file.

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## Order and Activate

All features of Insta Backup Gold are available with full version of Insta Backup Gold. You can order a full version of Insta Backup Gold or change or demo version to full version. Demo version can be activate to full version over Internet, without Internet or by using email.

### To know, how to:

- [How to Order](#)
- [How to Activate](#)

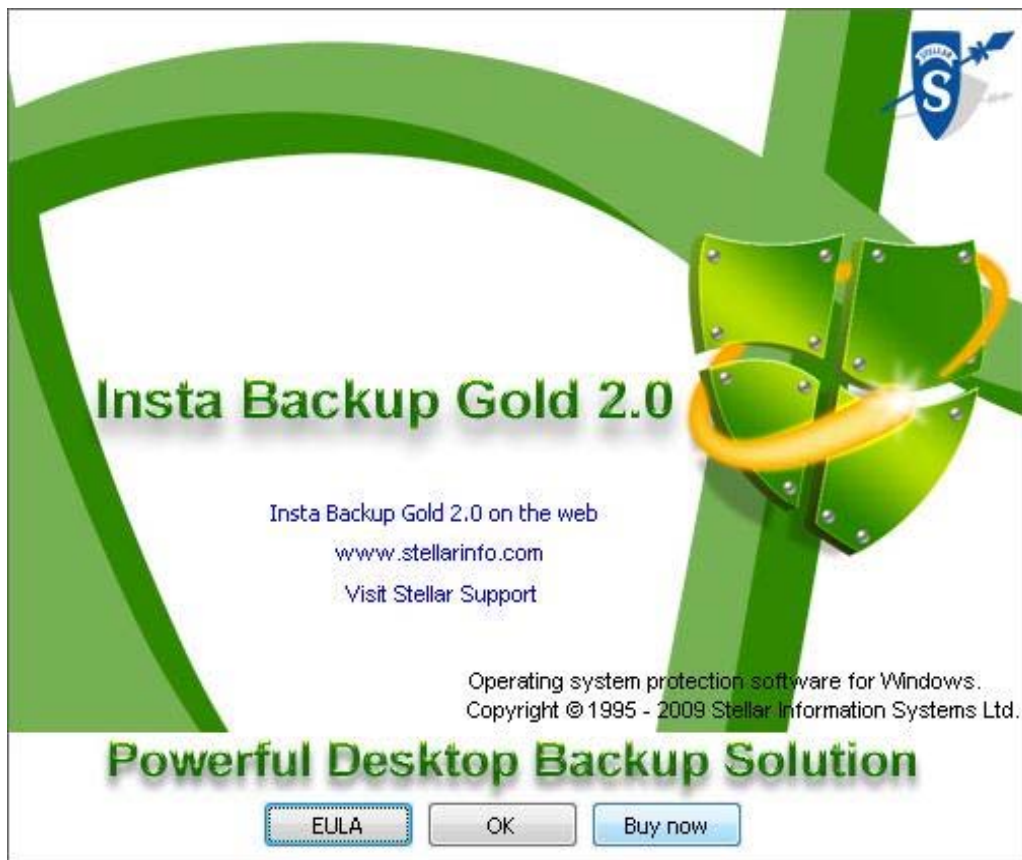
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## How to Order

Insta Backup Gold software can be purchased by making payments online using a credit card. Please visit <http://www.stellarinfo.com/stellar-instabackup-gold-prices.htm> for more information and to place an order.

Alternatively, if the demo version is installed then user can register the demo version. To register the demo version click **Help** and select Order Insta Backup Gold to launch the registration process.

Once the payment is complete, an activation serial number along with activation details is sent via e-mail.

The image shows a software interface for Insta Backup Gold 2.0. It features a large green shield with a yellow ring around it, set against a background of green curved lines. The Stellar Information Systems logo is in the top right corner. The main text reads "Insta Backup Gold 2.0" in a bold green font. Below this, it says "Insta Backup Gold 2.0 on the web" followed by the website "www.stellarinfo.com" and "Visit Stellar Support". At the bottom, it states "Operating system protection software for Windows." and "Copyright © 1995 - 2009 Stellar Information Systems Ltd." The phrase "Powerful Desktop Backup Solution" is written in a large, bold green font. At the very bottom, there are three buttons: "EULA" (highlighted with a blue border), "OK", and "Buy now".

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## How to Activate

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### Notes:

- If the software is downloaded from <http://www.stellarinfo.com/backup-data.htm> (i.e., ESD version), for the full functionality, the product must be activated using Serial Number (received through email after purchasing the product).
- If the software is installed using the product installation CD (i.e., BOX version), hardware lock[  ] is mandatory for the functioning of the software which is available with the software kit.

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Once the software has been purchased and the Serial Key received, the software needs to be activated.

- **To purchase full version**
  - click **Buy Now**
- **To activate the product**
  - click **Enter Key**

### Activating the software before application startup

When you run the demo version, reminder message window pops up. To activate the product, click Enter Key.

Enter the valid registration name and key (prepaid serial key received through email after purchase) and click **OK** to continue.

If the key entered is valid, confirmation message will appear, click **OK**. Now, you have successfully activated the product.

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## Using the Software

Insta Backup Gold is an easy to use software. Its Graphical User Interface (GUI) is simple and anyone can use this software without any technical knowledge. All processes included in Insta Backup Gold have simple step-by-step procedure. Insta Backup Gold has many features in addition to backup feature.

### **Stellar Secure Zone**

Stellar secure zone is a secure and reliable zone where you can store your backup image files. This zone provides security and reliability. This zone is not visible as a drive or folder. You can only access this secure zone by using Insta Backup Gold. Only in two cases, this Stellar secure zone is visible:

- When you take [backup](#) of your files this zone is listed in the destination screen
- When you [restore](#) your files this zone is listed in the select source screen

You can create only one Stellar secure zone in a hard disk. However, you can [increase space](#) of an existing Stellar secure zone.

Stellar secure zone can only be created from the unused space in the hard disk. If unused space is available in your hard disk then Stellar secure zone can directly be created by using the available unused space. You will need to create unused space in your hard disk. You can trim space from other drives to create unused space. You can allocate all the space available in unused space to Stellar secure zone.

You can trim space from other drives to increase the size of Stellar secure zone. However, you can trim space only from drives that has free space available.

You can remove Stellar secure zone at any time by using Insta Backup Gold. The space allocated to Stellar secure zone will be freed after removal of Stellar secure zone. However, you should [restore](#) files stored in Stellar secure zone to some other location. After deletion of Stellar secure zone, files contained in it cannot be recovered.

### **Advantages of Stellar Secure Zone:**

- An isolated partition that is safe from virus attacks
- Accessibility is only through Insta Backup Gold

### **Limitations of Stellar Secure Zone**

- In Windows XP, space cannot be trimmed from a drive that has File Allocation Table (FAT) file system
- In Windows XP, space cannot be trimmed from a partition that is defined as an [active partition](#)

### **Back up**

Insta Backup Gold provides backup of [individual files](#) and [entire drives](#). Backup is the process of saving files in to a different secure location. Backup process provides two options for selecting files and folders:

- **My Computer:** This option allows user to take backup of an entire drive. More than one drives can be selected by using this option.
- **My Data:** This option allows user to take backup of selected files and folders. This backup allows you to manually select files, folders or drives.

Insta Backup Gold creates an image file with extension .rbf. This image file is the output of the backup process. All the selected files, folders or drives are saved in this image file. A backup process is added as a task in Insta Backup Gold. When you configure a backup process, you define a task name to that backup process. A backup process will be denoted by its task name after running for first time.

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**Note:**

- You cannot take back up of selected data in the CD or DVD if the size of selected data is greater than the CD or DVD size.
- Minimum 300 MB free space should be available on the source drive to perform back up.

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After completing the backup process for first time, the backup process is added as a task in Task Scheduler utility. You can configure a completed backup process by using the Task Scheduler utility. This utility manages all backup processes. You can also [add](#) and [remove](#) tasks by using Task Scheduler utility.

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## **Backup Options**

Insta Backup Gold provides you three types of backup. Any of these backup type can be applied to a backup process.

- **Full Backup**

This option is the default backup type option. Whether, you specify incremental or differential backup, first time the backup process performs a full backup. If this option is selected as backup type option and scheduled to run at later time or intervals then:

- Every time process starts it will scan the all files or drives that are selected for full backup
- Replaces the old image file (.rbf) with newly created image file that is it overwrites the previous image file

- **Incremental Backup**

This backup option helps you to backup all changes made since last backup. When you create a backup task, by default, full backup is performed when the process runs for the first time. After first backup, process takes incremental backup if incremental backup is specified as backup type.

All changes made after the last backup will be saved in a new backup image file in incremental backup. The new image files have same name with the number starting from 2,3,4.... specifying the new images. This backup is fast as only the latest changes are backed up.

In incremental backup, all files must be available when you restore files from image file. Also, all files should be in the same directory. For example, you have created a backup task as Mybackup. This task is an incremental backup that is scheduled to run everyday at 10:00 AM. After a week, you want to recover files from the image file created on Wednesday only. Then, all previous image files that are created before Wednesday must be available to restore files included in the Wednesday's image file. If any of the file created before Wednesday is missing then you will not be able to recover files from Wednesday's incremental backup image.

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**Note:** If you specify the first image file created after incremental backup process for restoration then no other image file is required.

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Before starting restoration from an incremental backup image file, ensure that you have all previously created image files located at same location.

- **Differential Backup**

This option helps you to backup all changes made since last full backup. The first backup is a full backup as first time the backup process performs a full backup after that differential backup will be performed at defined schedule.

This backup takes less storage space than full backup but more than incremental backup. Each time the process runs on scheduled time it creates a new image file with same name. A number is also assigned to the new image file starting from 2,3,4.. specifying that the backup image is first one or second one. This backup requires full backup image files to perform restoration of files.

## Restore Data

Insta Backup Gold saves backup files as image files with .rbf extension. In order to recover or review files selected during backup process you need to run restore process. Since, all files are included in a backup image file. The Restore icon provides the restoration of files that are included in the backup process.

## Mounting Image

All files are stored in an image file by Insta Backup Gold when backup process is performed. This image file is saved with .rbf extension at the defined location. You will need to [restore](#) or mount image file for viewing or restoring files included in image files.

Only full backup image file can be mounted by mounting process. You cannot mount an image file that is a 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th .... incremental or differential file image. However, you can always mount the first image file created after backup process. Since, first backup is a full backup type in all backup type options-full, incremental or differential.

If you mount first image file of an incremental or differential backup type, changes made to files after the first backup process will not be shown in this image file.

- A Insta Drive is automatically created when you mount an image file. Computer lists this drive as a Insta drive. You can perform actions such as, view contents of files, copy and paste files included in this drive to other location.

## Rescue Disk

You can download an ISO image file provided by Insta Backup Gold to create a rescue disk. This ISO image file needs to be burned to a Compact Disc (CD) or Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) to make rescue disk. After burning the ISO image to CD or DVD the resulted disc is bootable and can be used to boot your computer. This means rescue disk is bootable.

In case, your operating system (OS) is not working, you can use the rescue disk to recover all your data from hard disk. You will need to boot your computer by using rescue disk. Rescue disk launches the restore wizard by using which you can [restore](#) data.

- In addition, you can restore your corrupted OS to previous working state by using rescue disk. If you have created backup image file of your drive that contains OS then you can restore the OS to its previous state. You should have the backup image file (.rbf) of the OS in your computer's hard disk to restore the corrupted OS.

## Cloning Drive

Insta Backup Gold cloning drive feature allows you to clone your hard disk. This feature creates an exact copy of your hard disk. Some points should be remembered before cloning a hard disk:

- Hard disk that is used as destination drive should have equal or greater size than the source hard disk
- Hard disk that contains operating system cannot be specified as destination drive
- Only entire hard disk can be cloned you cannot clone a specific volume

### Log Report

Insta Backup Gold generates a log report for each process automatically. You can view, save and clear log report of processes.

### Managing Tasks

The Task scheduler icon provides you options that can be applied to existing tasks. By using task scheduler, you can

- Schedule an existing task
- **Remove an existing task**
- **Create a new task**
- **Add files to an existing task**
- **Add drives to an existing task**
- **Remove files from an existing task**
- **Remove drives from an existing task**
- **Change backup type**

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