

Backing up the RIP Configuration

Xitron Navigator Technical Note

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It is a good idea to keep a copy of your RIP's configuration and fonts in a safe place, other than the system on which the RIP resides. If your RIP's configuration should be changed by mistake or a catastrophic event such as a power failure makes it necessary to reinstall the RIP, you will not have to recreate your settings from scratch.

Backup files can also be used by Xitron's support staff to diagnose problems with your system configuration. By requesting a copy of your RIP's backup, Xitron support can create a twin of your system at our office and use it to try and recreate and correct your problem.

To backup your RIP's configuration:

1. Start the RIP and choose "Print File" from the Xitron RIP menu.
2. Open the UTILS directory (a sub directory of the RIP's directory).
3. Locate the file named "CONFBAK.PS" or "BackupConfiguration.ps". Highlight the file and press the OK button.

The RIP will create a file named "CONFIG.PS" in the UTILS directory. This is a backup of your RIP's current configuration. Store it in a secure place. If this procedure has been requested by Xitron support, send the config.ps file to Xitron support in the agreed upon manner.

To back up your installed fonts follow the same procedure as above this time using the "FONTBAK.PS" or "BackupFonts.ps" file instead. A new file named "FONTS.PS" will be created and placed in the UTILS directory. This is a backup of your currently installed fonts. Store it in a secure place.

Note: some RIP configuration data cannot be stored in a backup. For this reason it is a good idea to make a note of the following configuration data, which will have to be manually restored to the RIP after the backup has been used to restore the RIP settings.

Items that are not stored in the backup are:

1. Settings in the Cassette Manager – including cassette names and media widths.
2. "Custom" devices that you have added to the Device Manager.

If you have to restore this information, you will want to follow the backup procedures above. Next, restart the RIP after the backup has been restored. After restarting the RIP, and before performing any other RIP related operations enter the values for Cassette Manager and Device Manager that you have manually recorded. Restart the RIP one more time and the restore process is complete.

To restore your configuration settings or your fonts:

1. Start the RIP and choose "Print File" from the Xitron RIP menu.
2. Locate the backup files "CONFIG.PS" and "FONTS.PS".
3. Highlight the one you wish to restore and press the OK button.

IMPORTANT: You must restart the RIP after you have run the backup files for the changes to take effect.

If you have a tape drive or other large format storage unit on the RIP it is also a good idea to do a complete backup of the entire system.