

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF "ACRONIS TRUE IMAGE HOME 2012"

## SUMMARY:

"Acronis True Image Home 2012" has been out for about 3 months so here are some first impressions--both the good and the bad..

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

We love the not-free "Acronis True Image.." software product line. They have been popping out with a new version every year for about 9 years.

However, the nature of computer backups is that there are lots of "gotchas" and technical hurdles for you to surmount before you can succeed with it.

Gene Barlow's "[User Group Relations](#)" company provides members of computer user groups with deep discounts for the purchase of "Acronis.." products. His Web site is also a great source of technical information about these software products.

# THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY!

When you start the Synchronization function in "Acronis True Image Home 2012", they force you to sign up for an "Online" storage account and give you a 30-day trial for free.

At the end of the 30-day trial, they probably want you to give them a credit card number or other means of monthly or yearly payment.

At the time that they are initially forcing you to get this online account, they fail to disclose that they want periodic payments forever, with only the first 30 days being free.

The synchronization function is two-way so if you accidentally delete a file in either hard drive, the file is history. One-way sync is preferable for this reason.

"Acronis True Image Home 2012" has "activation" similar to the way Microsoft does it for "Windows" and "Microsoft Office".

If you have already purchased a copy of "Acronis True Image Home 2012", Acronis will not send you an activation code for a 30-day trial of the trial version.