



Brainy's Articles on BullCharts Backup and Restore

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Introduction

There is very useful backup and restore feature in BullCharts (since version 3.6).

Why would you want to use this feature? Well there are a couple of reasons, the most obvious one of which is just in case something happens to your files, and you need to reinstate them. Which files? See more information below.

The worst possible situation would be if your computer was stolen (or the house burns down, heaven forbid). In a situation like this, could you manage without your computer and the software? You can easily reinstall the software, but any data or files that you customised yourself would be gone.

Of course, you should already have in place a Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP), or at least a Business Continuity Plan (BCP). You might think that these are only for large businesses, but they are also very useful for individual traders. More on this topic in another one of Brainy's eNewsletter articles soon.

Alternatively, you might have a desktop PC in the home/office, and a laptop for use on the road. It is possible that the software license might permit you to have BullCharts installed onto both computers. If so, how can you keep the various files and data synchronised across both computers? One way is to take a backup from one computer, copy the backup files to the other and restore them.

One very useful feature of BullCharts is that many "things" are stored in separate discrete files, and not all lumped up into a database, or into a master file. So the BullCharts backup feature provides lots of flexibility.

In this article we take a very brief look at the various BullCharts files that exist, and which could be backed up for restoring later; and we look at the various backup and restore options.

Important files

The important BullCharts files that can be backed up include the following (for a description of each of these items, and what they refer to, see a separate future Brainy's article). The screen shot (from version 3.8) in Figure 1 below shows the default location of these files on the PC (the reference to "Robert" is the username on the PC).

- IntelliCharts files — If the IntelliCharts feature is turned on, it potentially saves one chart for each stock/index that you view (and potentially one for each time frame for each stock or index).
- Templates — These are the ones that you create.
- The "Default" template.
- Toolbar Layout
- Last Used Workspace
- Custom Indicators
- Custom Scans
- Watchlists — including all of your watchlist folders, and their contents
- Levels (in BullCharts 3.8 onwards)
- Alerts (in BullCharts 3.8 onwards)
- Workspace files
- BullStore Database.

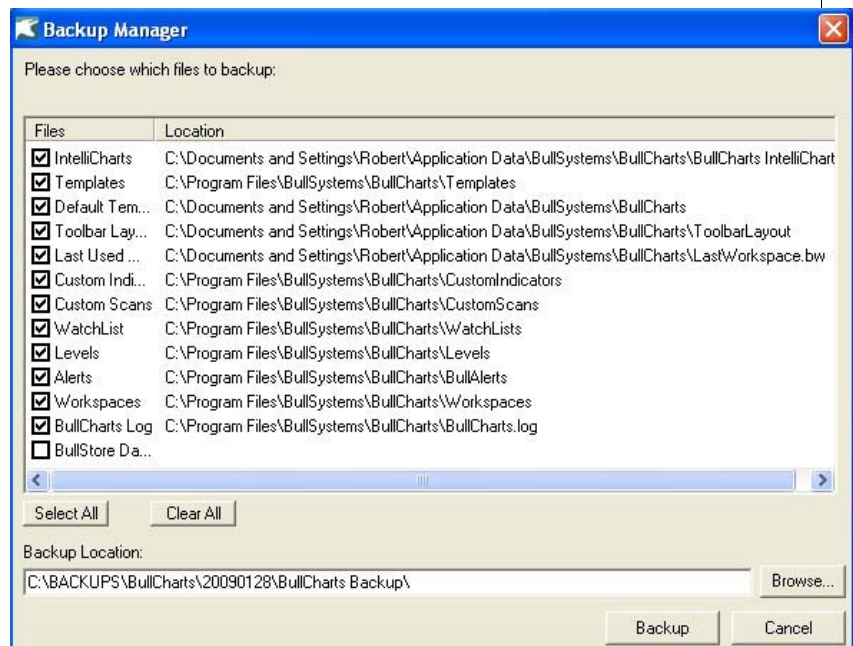


Figure 1: BullCharts Backup Manager dialogue box.



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