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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.

Typographical Conventions

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

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

<u>Formatting convention</u>	<u>Type of Information</u>	<u>Example</u>
Special Bold	Items you must select, such as menu options, command buttons, or items in a list.	Go to the System tab.
	Titles of chapters, sections, and subsections.	Read the Basic Administration chapter.

<i>Italics</i>	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.	The system supports the so called <i>wildcard character</i> search.
Monospace	The names of commands, files, and directories.	The license file is located in the http://docs/common/licenses directory.
Preformatted	On-screen computer output in your command-line sessions; source code in XML, C++, or other programming languages.	<pre># ls -al /files total 14470</pre>
Preformatted Bold	What you type, contrasted with on-screen computer output.	<pre># cd /root/rpms/php</pre>
CAPITALS	Names of keys on the keyboard.	SHIFT, CTRL, ALT
KEY+KEY	Key combinations for which the user must press and hold down one key and then press another.	CTRL+P, ALT+F4

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Installing ATIS Management Module

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

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Installing ATIS Module

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

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

- Select **Plesk for Microsoft Windows** and click **Change**.
- Select the **Modify** option and follow the instructions of the wizard.

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

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

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 In To Module

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

➤ *To log in to 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 and run a one-time backup task:*
- 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 check boxes in the **Partitions for backup** table.
 - 5 Select the type of location for the backup file: local or network backup storage.
 - If **Network storage** option was selected, specify the correct login and password for the account on a remote machine.
 - 6 Specify the backup file name with full path. File names and paths should be specified in the standard Windows notation:
 - `C:\folder1\folder2\filename.extension` for local files,
 - `\\computer_name\path\filename.extension` for network files.
 - 7 Specify the e-mail address where a report about the backup task completion will be sent. By default the Plesk server administrator's e-mail is specified in this field.
 - 8 Select the compression level for ATIS in the **Compression level** list.
 - 9 To enable incremental backups, select the **Incremental backup** check box. 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.
 - 10 To protect the backup file with the password, select the corresponding check box and specify and retype the password for the backup archive.
 - 11 Click **Back Up Now**.

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.

➤ **To set up a recurrent backup task:**

- 1 Click **Server** in the navigation pane.
- 2 Click **Acronis True Image** in the **Services** group.
- 3 Click **Create New Task**.
- 4 Select the **Task active** check box to activate the backup task.
- 5 Specify the period for the backup task to run (daily, weekly, or monthly) the **Backup period** field.
- 6 Specify the time to run the backup task for the selected period:
 - For daily backups specify the time to start the backup task.
 - For weekly backups specify:
 - The period in weeks;
 - The day of the week;
 - The time to start the backup task.
 - For monthly backups specify:
 - The day of the month;
 - The time to start the backup task.
- 7 Select the partitions for backup using the corresponding check boxes in the **Partitions for backup** table.
- 8 Select the type of location for the backup file: local or network backup storage.
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- 13 To protect the backup file with the password, select the corresponding check box and specify and retype the password for the backup archive.
- 14 Click **Back Up Now** to create the scheduled backup task and run it right away, or click **OK** just to create the scheduled backup task.

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

➤ *To edit settings of a recurrent backup task:*

- 1 Click **Server** in the navigation pane.
- 2 Click **Acronis True Image** in the **Services** group.
- 3 Click the link corresponding to the scheduled backup task in the **Period** column.
- 4 Edit required parameters.
- 5 Click **Back Up Now** to save settings of the scheduled backup task and run it right away, or click **OK** just to save settings of the scheduled backup task.

➤ *To temporarily disable a recurrent backup task:*

- 1 Click **Server** in the navigation pane.
- 2 Click **Acronis True Image** in the **Services** group.
- 3 Click the link corresponding to the scheduled backup task in the **Period** column.
- 4 Clear the **Task active** check box.
- 5 Click **OK**.

➤ *To remove one or several recurrent backup tasks:*

- 1 Click **Server** in the navigation pane.
- 2 Click **Acronis True Image** in the **Services** group.
- 3 Select the check boxes corresponding to the tasks you want to remove.
- 4 Click **Remove Selected**.
- 5 Select the **Confirm removal** check box on the confirmation page.
- 6 Click **OK**.

Viewing Information About Running and Finished Backup Tasks

You can see the list of all running and finished ATIS backup tasks started through the Plesk control panel and check the completion status of each backup task.

➤ ***To check the status of a running backup creation task:***

- 1 Click **Server** in the navigation pane.
- 2 Click **Acronis True Image** in the **Services** group.
- 3 Go to the **Status** tab.
- 4 View the status of the backup task in the **Tasks** list.

The backup task status can be:

- Waiting, when the task is being prepared to start.
- Running, when the task has been started and is in progress.
- Done, when the task was successfully completed.
- Error, when an error occurred during the task execution.

➤ ***To refresh information about running and finished backup tasks:***

- 1 Click **Server** in the navigation pane.
- 2 Click **Acronis True Image** in the **Services** group.
- 3 Go to the **Status** tab.
- 4 Click **Refresh**.

The information about statuses of backup tasks in the list and current operations performed under the tasks will be updates.

➤ ***To view detailed information about a backup task:***

- 1 Click **Server** in the navigation pane.
- 2 Click **Acronis True Image** in the **Services** group.
- 3 Go to the **Status** tab.
- 4 Click the link corresponding to the backup task in the **Status** column.
- 5 View the detailed information about the backup task, including the task initiator, start and completion time, current operation and overall progress percentage.