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CNET Editors' review

by: [Jason Parker](#) on April 29, 2009

- **CNET Editors' Rating:**

Excellent

- **Average User Rating:**

out of 2 votes

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Quick Specs

- Version:
3.0.1
- File size:
9.69MB
- Date added:
September 12, 2013
- Price:
Free to try (Restore last Time Machine backup only); \$29.99 to buy
- Operating system:
Mac OS X 10.6/10.7/10.8
- Total downloads:
11,140

Back-In-Time is a helper app for Time Machine that gives you more detailed access into--and more options for manipulating--backed-up data.

While Time Machine has an elegant built-in interface, it can be limiting for users who want more control and flexibility. Back-In-Time offers an interface similar to Time Machine's, but in an easy-to-browse, two-pane view that lets you access data from multiple Macs, get Quick Look previews (including comprehensive version history, date, and size info), and even drag and drop to recover individual files and folders. You can also compare two versions of the same file, with a graphical view of their differences. Back-In-Time lets you browse with multiple windows, restore entire disks (just as Time Machine does), and copy and restore data to any location, including attached disks.

Overall, this is an excellent complement to Time Machine and an especially useful app for anybody who works with multiple Macs or just wants more options for working with backed-up data.

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Publisher's Description

From [TRI-EDRE](#):

Back-In-Time has Transcend Time Machine restoration possibilities. Back-In-Time offers an easy access to all the data backed up by Time Machine. Features that you can do with Back-In-Time only: Show how many versions of each document are available, and when they were saved. Show items that were deleted. Drag and Drop to copy items anywhere. Open multiple browsers at the same time. Handle multiple Time Machine disks. Access Time Machine data from other Macs. Delete items in Time Machine backups. Preview different versions of each document.

What's new in this version: Enhancements:

- Time Machine volumes mounted or unmounted when Back-In-Time is running are now automatically detected.
- Added right-click in the left hand list to open the contextual menu (same as Control-Click).
- Various minor enhancements and interface changes.

Corrections:

- Fixed an error that could incorrectly detect the presence or absence of Time Machine backups for predefined items.
- Various minor corrections.



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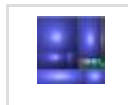
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"Do Not Bother! "

August 21, 2010 | By [TonioLarabi](#)

Version: Back-In-Time 2.0.0b100816

Pros

I haven't used it...

Cons

It is not a FREE download. They give you a trial, then you have to buy it.

Summary

Unless you are in LOVE with Back in Time, don't bother. I bought it a while ago and never used it. Then, I get this "update" and learn that it is a new version, that costs money to upgrade. I used my original license and that gave me a 30 day free trial.

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"This program is a top coat for Time Machine. Must have."

November 28, 2009 | By [sbstrum](#)

Version: Back-In-Time 1.4.1

Pros

I want to see all my backups at one time, not one date at a time as with Time Machine (TM). I also want to see my folders and files in a Finder format with a large window, not the small space-ship window view of TM. Back-in Time does this and more.

Cons

The user manual has to be rewritten to clearly teach the user how to get the most out of this key app. A step by step manual with appropriate illustrations should be a piece of cake to write. Other than that, I find little to complain about.

Summary

For me this application should be picked up by Apple and installed as a default program with every Mac. It elevates Time Machine to an incredibly useful tool.

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"Nice!"

November 28, 2008 | By [Stephanie Mitchell](#)

Version: Back-In-Time 1.1.0

Summary

This review was originally posted on VersionTracker.com.

This is an indispensable complement to Time Machine. It's very feature-rich; it tells me pretty much everything I could possibly want to know about what's backed up and when. It's fast, and intelligent enough to know if Time Machine is messing around behind the

scenes. The interface is nicely thought out, to my way of thinking.

The only suggestion I can think of for the next version would be a way to select two versions of a file and put up the meta-info for both (icon, file type, preview, create/open/mod/backup dates etc.) side by side. A diff function to compare two files would be the icing on the cake, but might be rather hard for non-text files.

Nicely done!

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