

## BACK-UP SOFTWARE

# DataFort PCFort



**PRICE** from £8 (£7 ex VAT) a year for 250MB **SUPPLIER** DataFort 01483 872 052  
**INFO** [www.pcfort.com](http://www.pcfort.com)

**W**ith a data centre based in Guildford, DataFort's latest managed service targets single users looking for a low-cost automated PC back-up solution. Pricing is based on the amount of storage required, and PCFort looks good value with 250MB costing a shade over £7 a year. You can upgrade your back-up plan as you go, with 3GB costing, for example, a mere £72 a year. Installation starts at the DataFort website, and a username, password and personal encryption key installation file is created. Security is good, as DataFort has no access to your encryption keys. The PCFort interface is simplicity itself. A schedule is created that can be tailored to suit, manual back-ups can be run on demand and it runs a four stage process encompassing copying,

compression, encryption and transmission. A full back-up is run only once, after which only modified or new files are copied.

To restore files, you view the remote server's elect your targets and leave PCFort to return to them to the selected destination. We chose not to run speed tests, as performance will be determined by the speed of your Internet connection. Disaster recovery procedures are also minimal, as you'll need to recreate you PC, install PCFort and then recover your data. We found DataFort's support staff very helpful, though. The data centre is located in a secure building with 24-hour CCTV, perimeter alarms, key card access and smoke detection systems. RAID-1 mirrors are on each server,



and hot-standby servers protect each group of five primary servers. Back-up generators stop power failures, and multiple ISPs provide fail-safe Internet access.

## OVERALL

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