A simple but very effective set-and-forget method of implementing a backup and recovery solution for your home computer system.

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Supported Operating Systems:
Windows 2000/XP/Vista/7 and XP SP2/Vista/7 64-bit

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Follow all instructions carefully and always ensure you have a point of recovery to return to in case you encounter difficulties when implementing this process.

Guide starts here:

1. Create the BootCD:

The software install includes the ability to create a bootable recovery disc.
It is critical that you create this disc asap and store it somewhere safe for when needed.

2. Set up your backup location:

2.1 Create a folder location to store your Backups eg.

X:\ Paragon BR10 Backups\Partition Images

where x: is your assigned hard drive letter.

Note -For best protection this folder location should be on a secondary internal (Non-system) HDD or an external attached HDD.
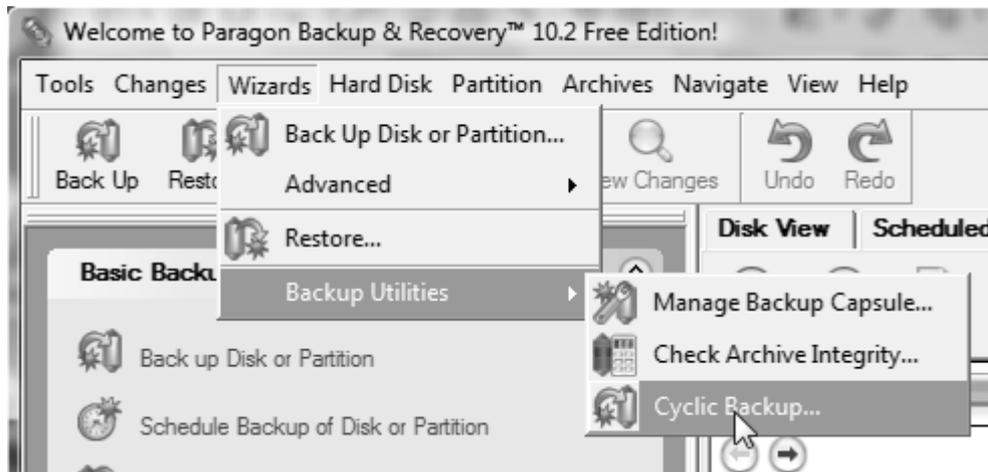
3. Set your regional settings:

3.1 Change the program's setting to reflect your correct time-zone! This will ensure correct scheduling and time/date stamping of the backup.

From within the B&R 10.2 software program..

Select the 'File system conversion options' option under Tools>Settings.. on the main menu.
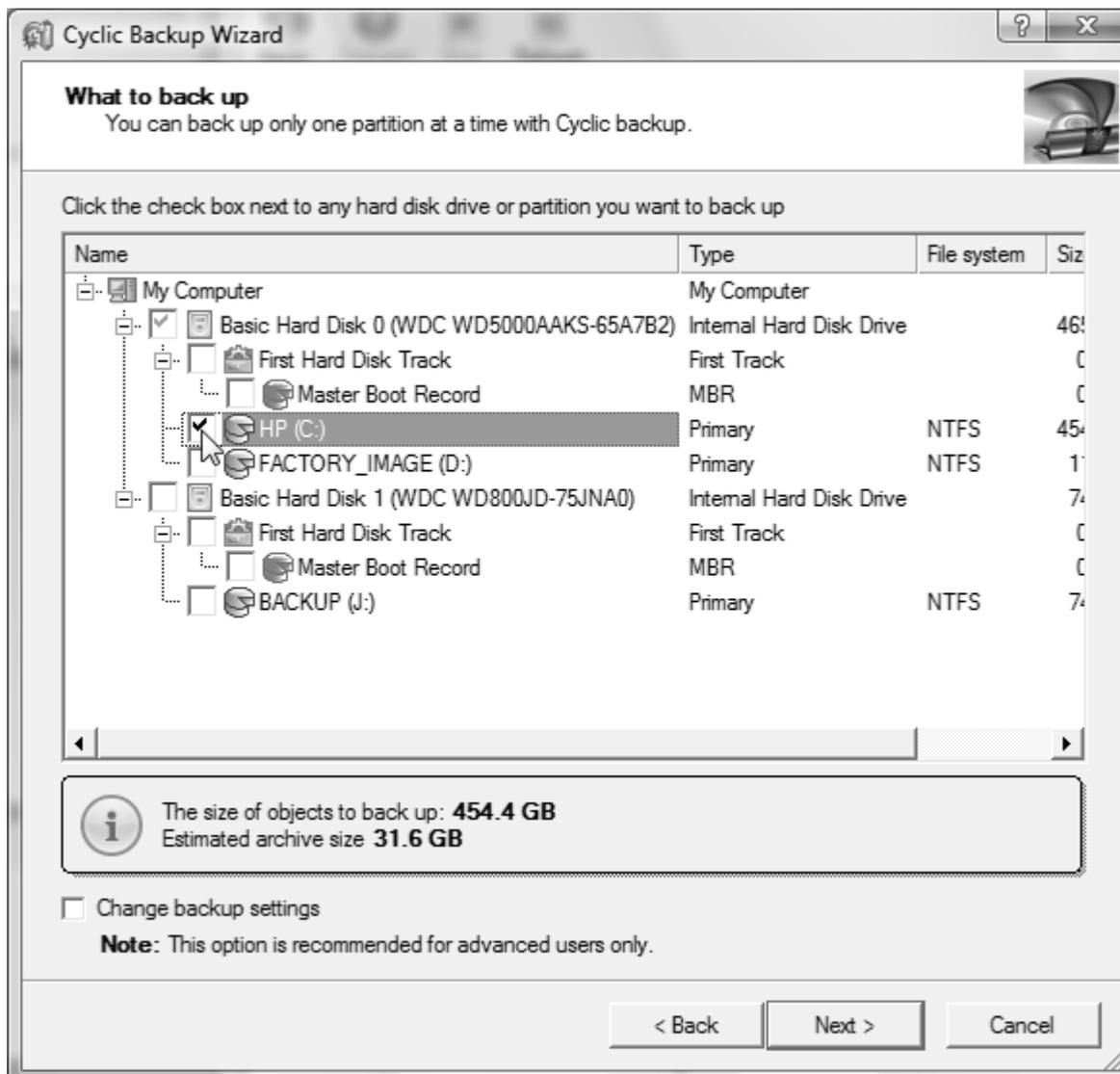
4. Schedule the backup:

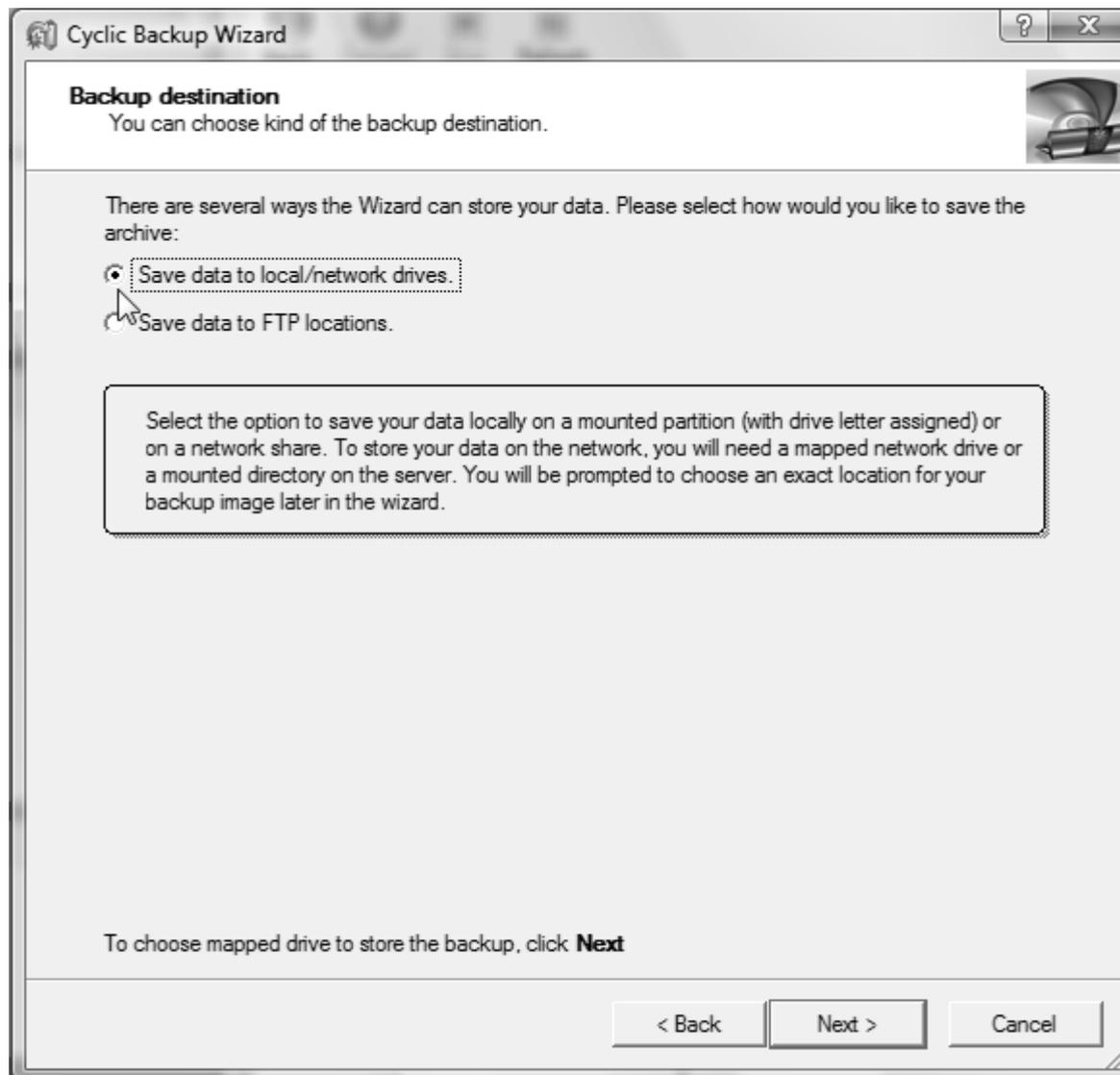4.1 Select the 'Cyclic Backup' option from the Wizards menu
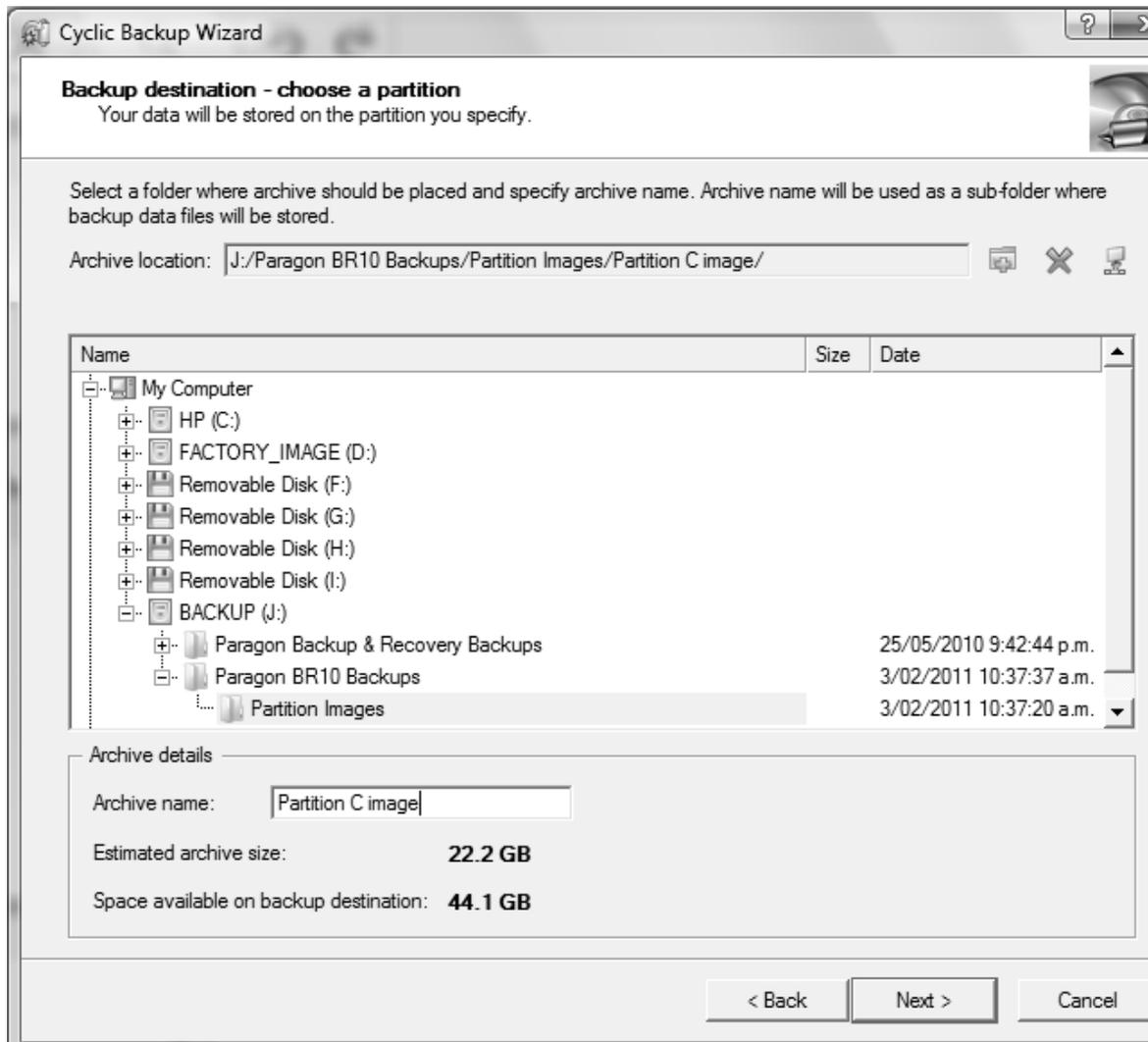

4.2 Select 'Next' at the Welcome screen

4.3 Select your system partition to be backed up and then select 'Next'
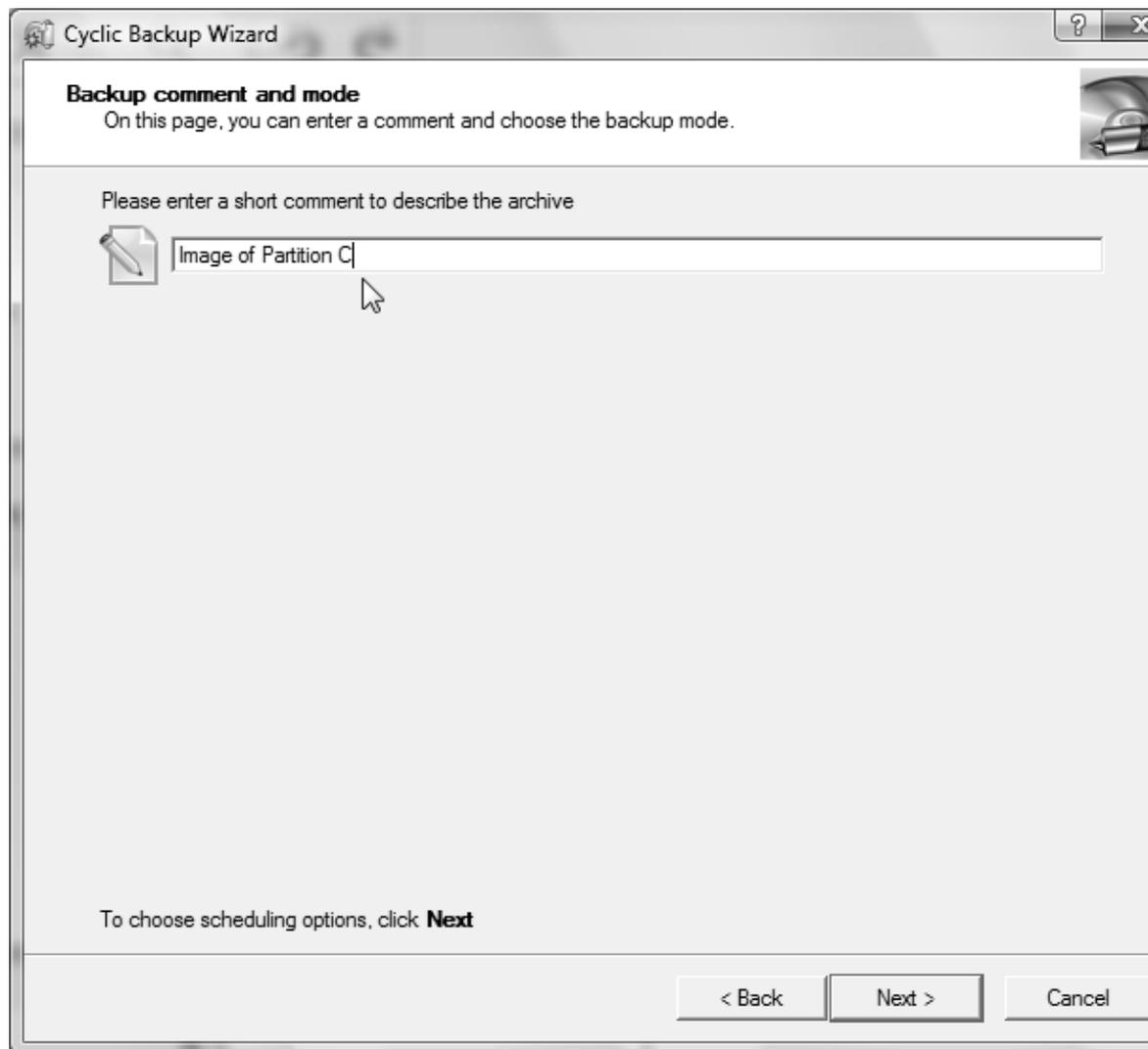
4.4 Select your backup destination (where the backup will be sent) and then select 'Next'

Cyclic Backup Wizard

Backup destination
You can choose kind of the backup destination.

There are several ways the Wizard can store your data. Please select how would you like to save the archive:

○ Save data to local/network drives.

○ Save data to FTP locations.

Select the option to save your data locally on a mounted partition (with drive letter assigned) or on a network share. To store your data on the network, you will need a mapped network drive or a mounted directory on the server. You will be prompted to choose an exact location for your backup image later in the wizard.

To choose mapped drive to store the backup, click **Next**

< Back   Next >   Cancel

4.5 Select your Backup location (where your backup will be stored), change the 'Archive Name' entry in the Archive Details panel to something meaningful (e.g. 'Partition C Image' and then select 'Next'

4.6 Add a comment to attach to your Backup and select 'Next' to schedule the backup.

4.7 Enter the scheduling parameters and select 'Next'

Cyclic Backup Wizard

Scheduler
This page allows you to schedule backup process.

Please specify how and when would you like to perform the task:

[Weekly ▼]

☐ Shutdown system after backup

☑ Generate unique names for scheduled backups

Run the task on:

[04/02/2011 ⇕] at [08:30 a.m. ⇕]

Every

[1 ⇕] week(s) on:
☐ Monday   ☑ Friday
☐ Tuesday   ☐ Saturday
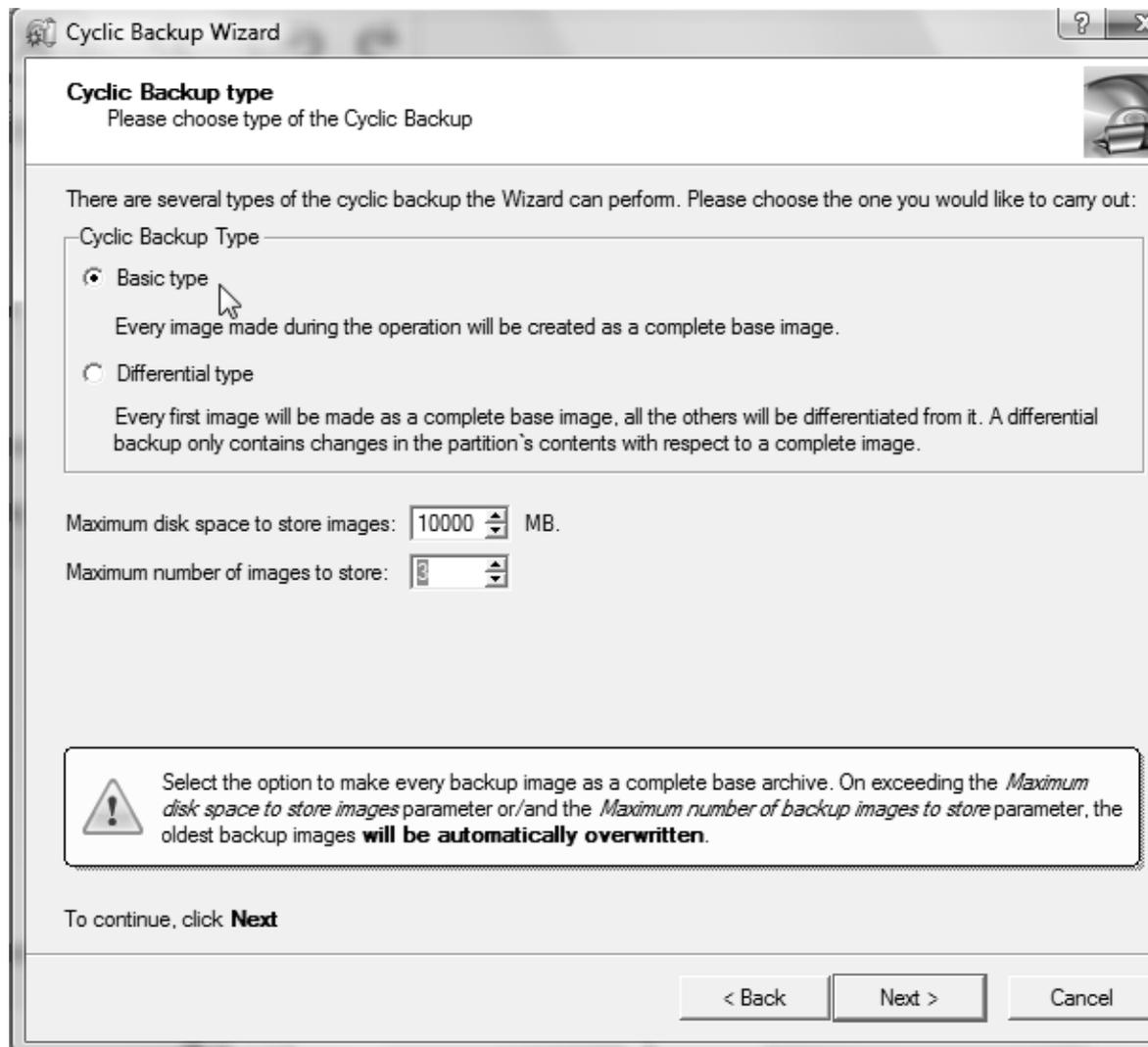☐ Wednesday ☐ Sunday
☐ Thursday

☐ Do not run the task after:

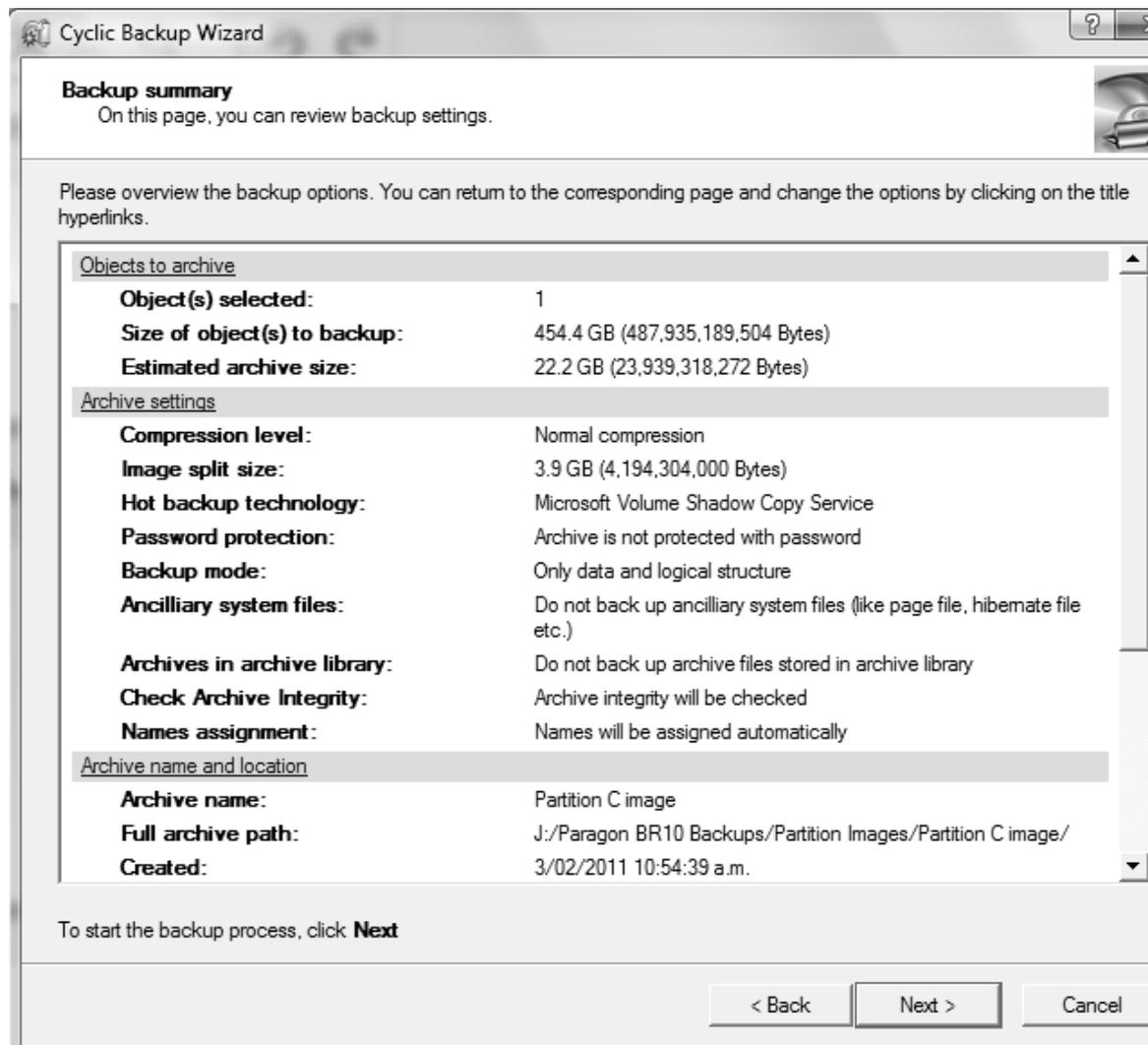[04/02/2011 ⇕]

Specify user name and password.
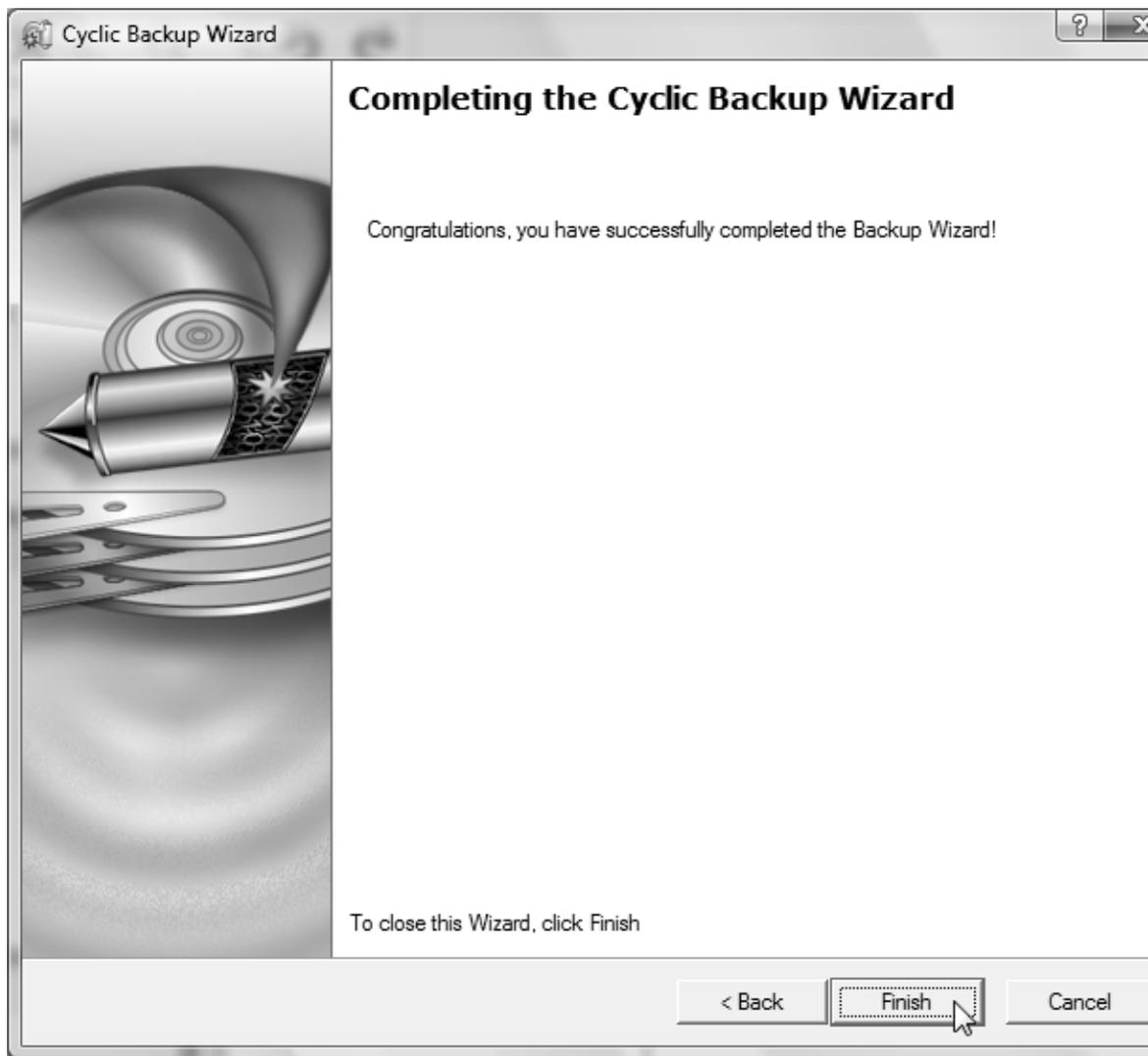
[< Back] [Next >] [Cancel]

4.8 Enter the Cyclic backup options – specifically the number of backup generations to retain on your system at any one time. Select 'Next'.
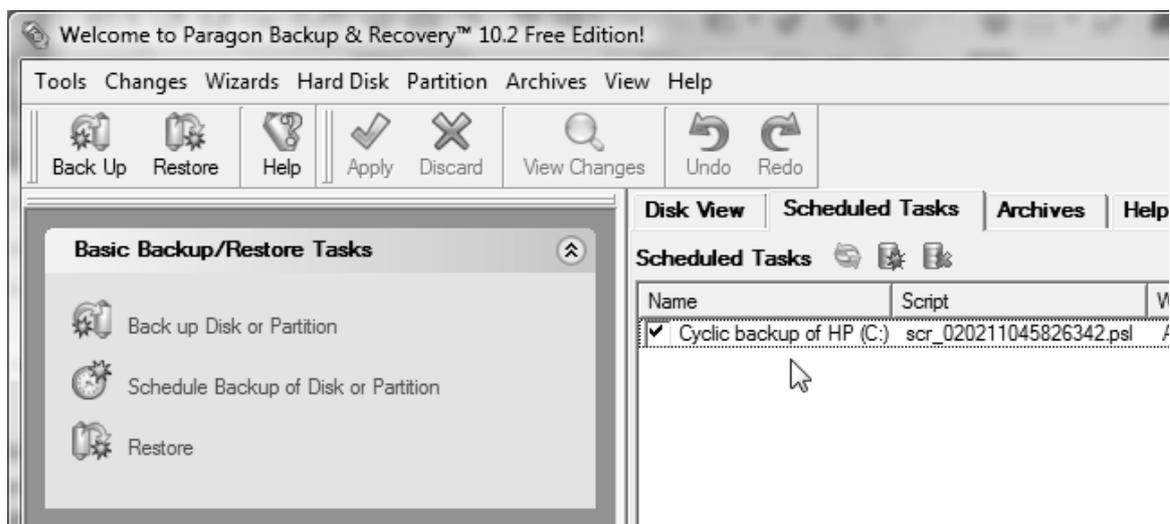
4.9 Verify settings on the summary backup process you have just scheduled. Select 'Back' to modify or 'Next' to continue.

4.10 Select 'Finish' at the completion screen

4.11 Check the scheduled entry appears in the 'Scheduled Tasks' tab on the software's main screen

Congratulations! The System Backup is now set to run on a recurring schedule on the date & time you specified, keeping three (or as specified) generations of backup on your system at any one time.

Reminder: If you have not already done so - create and store the BootCD !