

# Creating and Storing ACS Backups

## ACS OnDemand

If you use ACS OnDemand, your backups are automatically made each night and stored on the OnDemand server. However, you should perform a manual backup prior to special procedures such as year-end closing, attendance promotion, or merging people records.

To help you implement a backup plan, ACS Technologies offers several options for creating and storing backups. Click on the links below to see the advantages and points of consideration related to using ACS Backup/Restore and [LiveStor](#).

While there are both positive and negative aspects to each plan listed in the following sections, the proper implementation of any backup plan ensures that you and your organization avoid corruption or loss of data in the event of a disaster.

- [Backing up data with ACS Backup/Restore.](#)
- [Scheduling Backup Jobs with ACS Backup/Restore.](#)
- [Backing up data with LiveStor.](#)
- [Backing up data with ACS Backup/Restore and LiveStor.](#)

Here's a comparison of ACS Backup/Restore and LiveStor.

Feature	ACS Backup /Restore	LiveStor
Create backup files of your ACS data*	✓	✓
Create backup files to store on your local computer or workstation	✓	
Maintain an automated schedule for backing up your ACS data	✓	✓
Maintain an automated schedule for storing off-site backups of your ACS data		✓
Verify backups of your ACS data	✓	
View and print a log with information containing the User, Date, Time, and Backup Location for each backup or restore	✓	
Monitor scheduled file transfer jobs online, which show the date, time, and current status of each backup		
Restore backups of your ACS data*	✓	✓

Save backups of your ACS data under a specified file name	✓	
Set a specific number of backup files to maintain	✓	✓
Individually select datasets to include in a backup file	✓	✓
Store non-ACS data, documents, and files off-site		✓

When using [LiveStor](#) as your primary backup system, you must elect to transfer or store backup files created with ACS Backup/Restore, or the ACS folders or directories containing the data you want. Using LiveStor to restore ACS folders or directories requires basic knowledge of the ACS data directory configuration.