

## **This is how I use Chain2Gen to utilize the paid version of DrvNotify by GroverH**

For example, I have 4 tasks set up to utilize the Chain2Gen (C2G) program. Two of these TrueImage scheduled tasks are set to have C2G utilize DrvNotify to create regular backups to two different external drives. One such task is illustrated below. External assigned drive letter is **W**.

The C2G zip file includes the courtesy "**My\_acronis\_pretask.bat**" file which contains the code for using DrvNotify. I have removed the comments "**rem I do not have drvnotify ->**" from lines 40-67 to activate the code for Drive Notify already within this batch file. I am using the "**Seagate500**" as the drive identifier for the DrvNotify program.

When creating the TrueImage scheduled task, it is this modified "**My\_acronis\_pretask.bat**" which must be listed in the Acronis backup options, pre/post command "Before backup process" window as a substitute for the normal "**Acronis\_PreProcessing\_task.bat**."

The "**My\_acronis\_pretask.bat**" contains special coding to make sure that the required DrvNotify is memory resident. If not resident, then DrvNotify will start it

Here are my settings for the "**!\_USER\_SPECIFIED\_PARAMS\_FOR\_ACRONIS.bat**" file.

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:: MANDATORY VARIABLES
:: User must supply their own pertinent information.
set TARGET_UNC_N_DEVICE=W:
set TARGET_GENERATIONS_FOLDER=\W-backups\
set MAX_BACKUP_GENERATIONS=3
set TRGR_ON_MAX_TIB_CNT=1
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Extract from the **C:\DrvNotify\DrvNotify.ini** file:

```
[Seagate500]
Message=Connect Seagate500. Make sure recognized by Windows. Backup will auto continue
after drive recognition.
ScanForNewHardware=1 (relates to XP only)
AutoContinue=W:
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Extract from the **W:\DrvNotify.txt** file:

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Seagate500
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Extract from **C:\C2G\W500\My\_acronis\_pretask.bat** file which starts DrvNotify  
**C:\DrvNotify\DrvNotify.exe /wait:exit Seagate500**

If I remember in advance (or use Windows scheduler) to pre-attach & power up the external ahead of time, then DrvNotify is automatic and no further user response is required. If I do not turn it on in advance, then at the appointed backup time, TrueImage starts and DrvNotify will popup its reminder window and wait for the drive to be attached and recognized before the backup can proceed. If I remember correctly, the free version needs a user response to close the Window. The paid version will auto recognize if the drive is attached. If not attached, then DrvNotify will display its info window and proceed without user intervention once the drive is recognized.

As a matter of personal preference, to control my C2G files, I have one original set of master files in a main C2G folder. Within this C2G folder, I have a series of sub-folders. Each TrueImage task requires its own complete set of C2G files so I have a sub-folder for each task/set. The C2G files assigned to this particular task are located in a sub- folder named **W500** which reads **C:\C2G\W500\** as its path.

Note: Free version differences. Only the default message notification feature is enabled. All other features, including the AutoContinue feature are disabled. Much of the above illustration relates exclusively to the paid version. This example assumes the paid version of DrvNotify is installed. I prefer the paid version due to its versatile automation features.