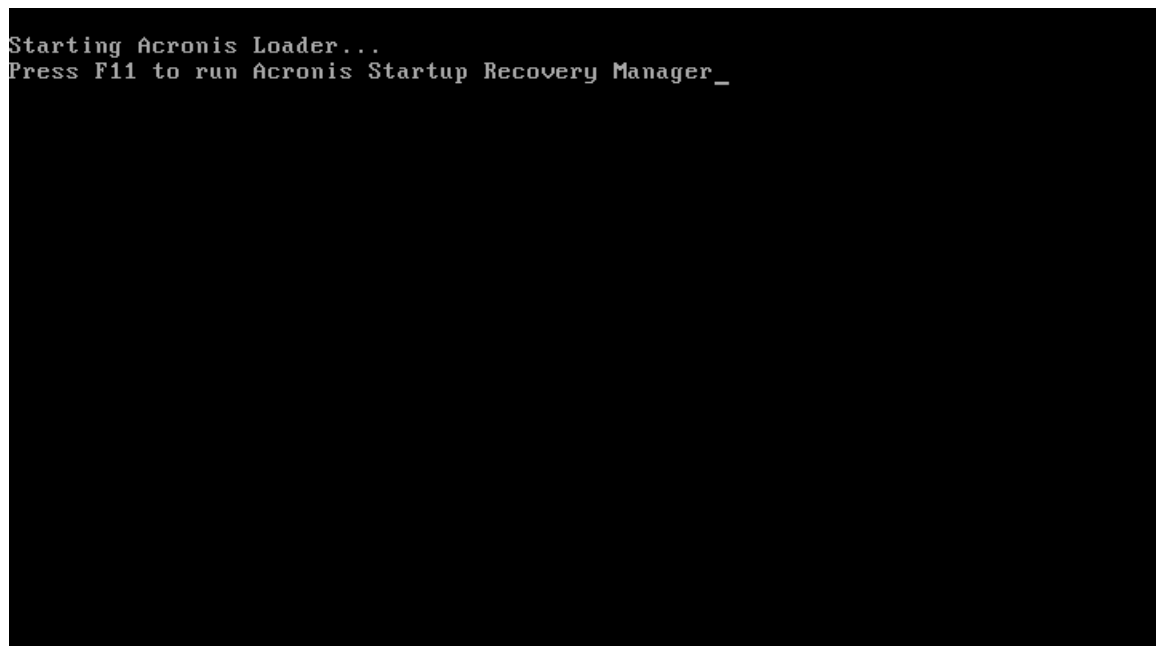


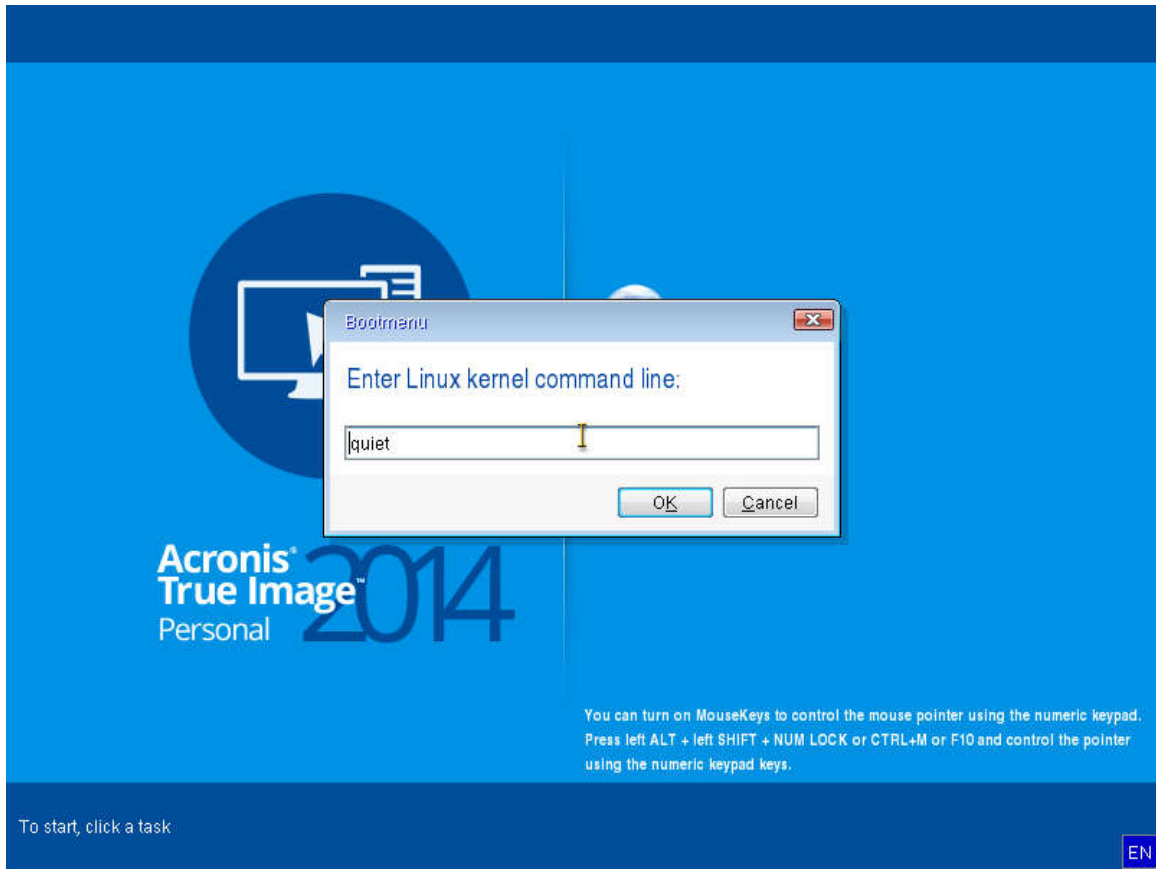
# Creating a New Acronis Backup image

You have the ability to take a “snapshot” of your current windows configuration and save it onto an external hard drive using Acronis. This can be useful if you ever need to recover using Acronis, but you don't want to go all the way back to square one again.

When booting the computer press the F11 key to enter the Acronis utility when prompted.



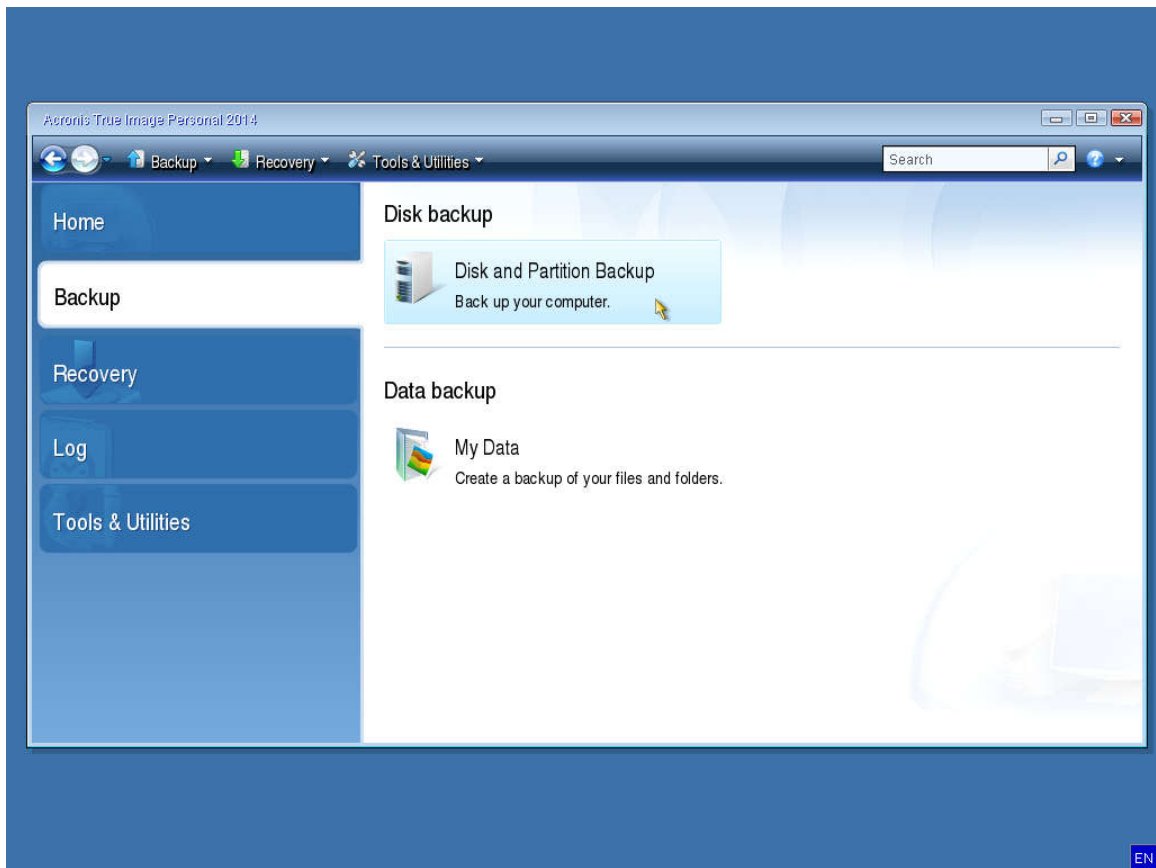
If F11 is pressed after Acronis has launched, this bootmenu will appear. Select cancel and it will close.



When you enter the Acronis recovery utility, choose the option to start the full version of Acronis True Image.

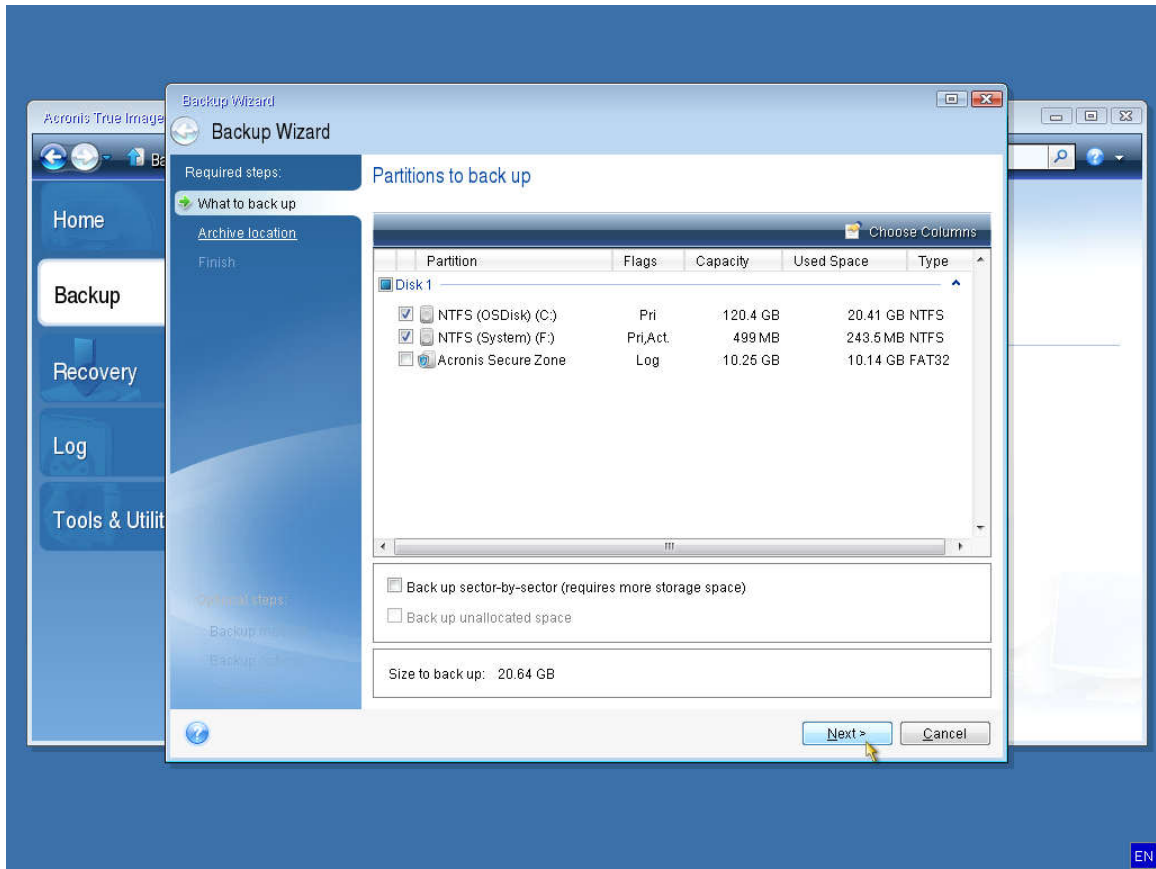


Inside of the Acronis True Image utility, click the Backup tab on the left pane, then click “Disk and Partition Backup”.

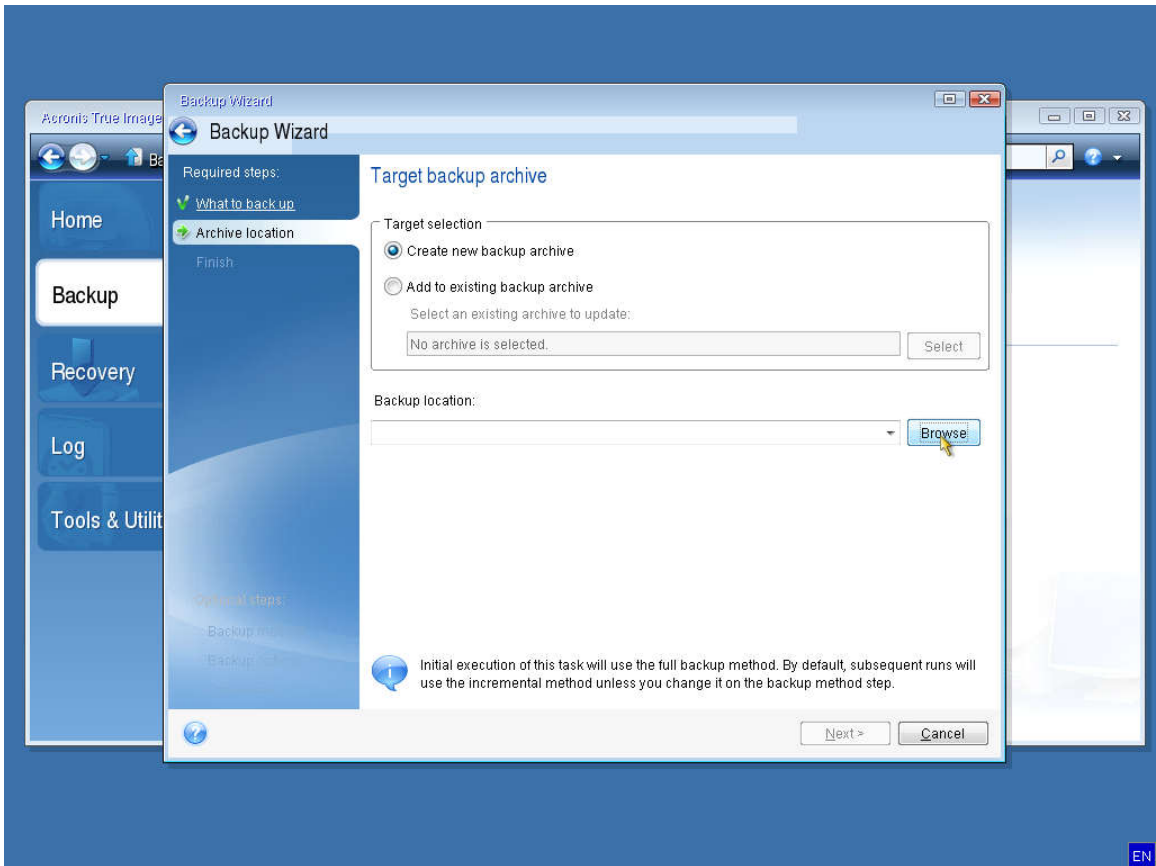


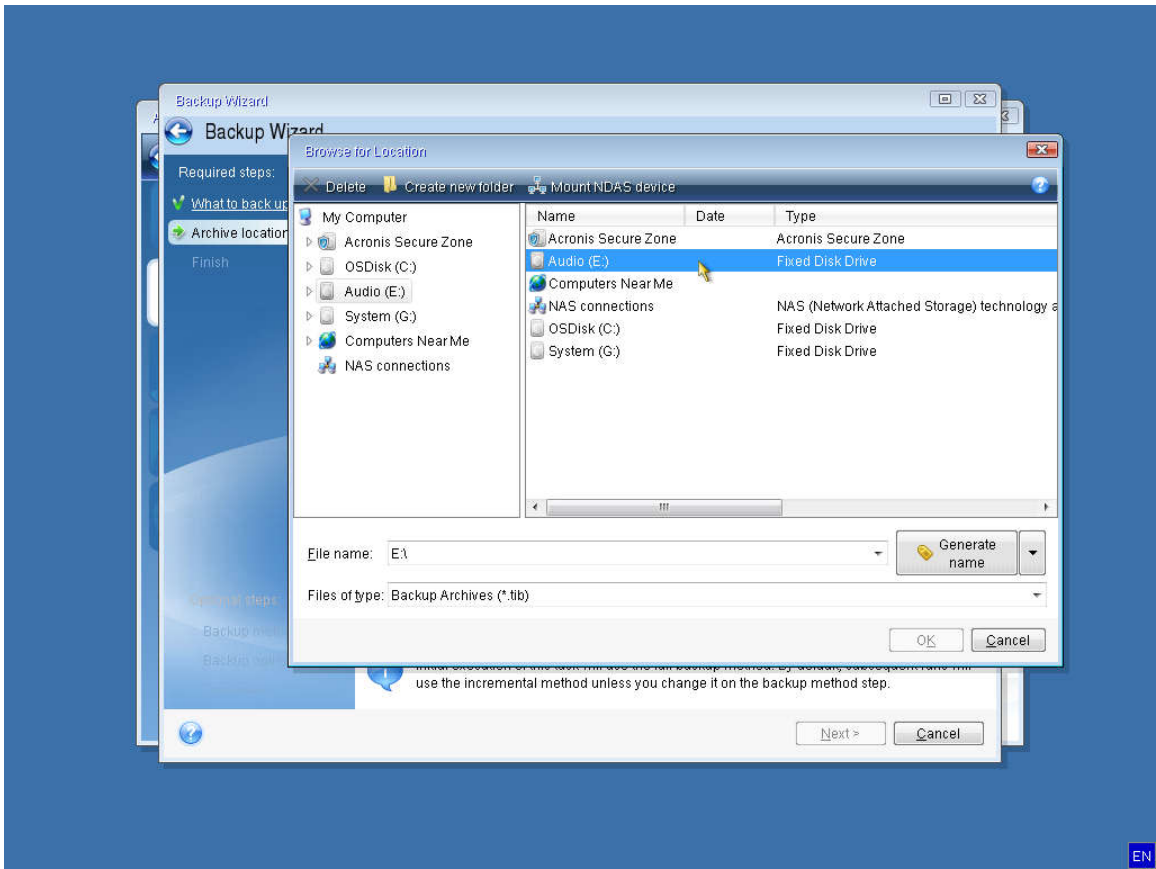
Next you will select what partitions you want to back up. In this case you want to backup your Windows configuration. Select your Windows partition and the System Reserved partition. Take note of the “size to back up” at the bottom of the screen. Click Next.

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** You will not need to backup the original Acronis secure zone. Pay no attention to the drive letters in Acronis. They won't match what you typically see in Windows. Go by the drive name instead.

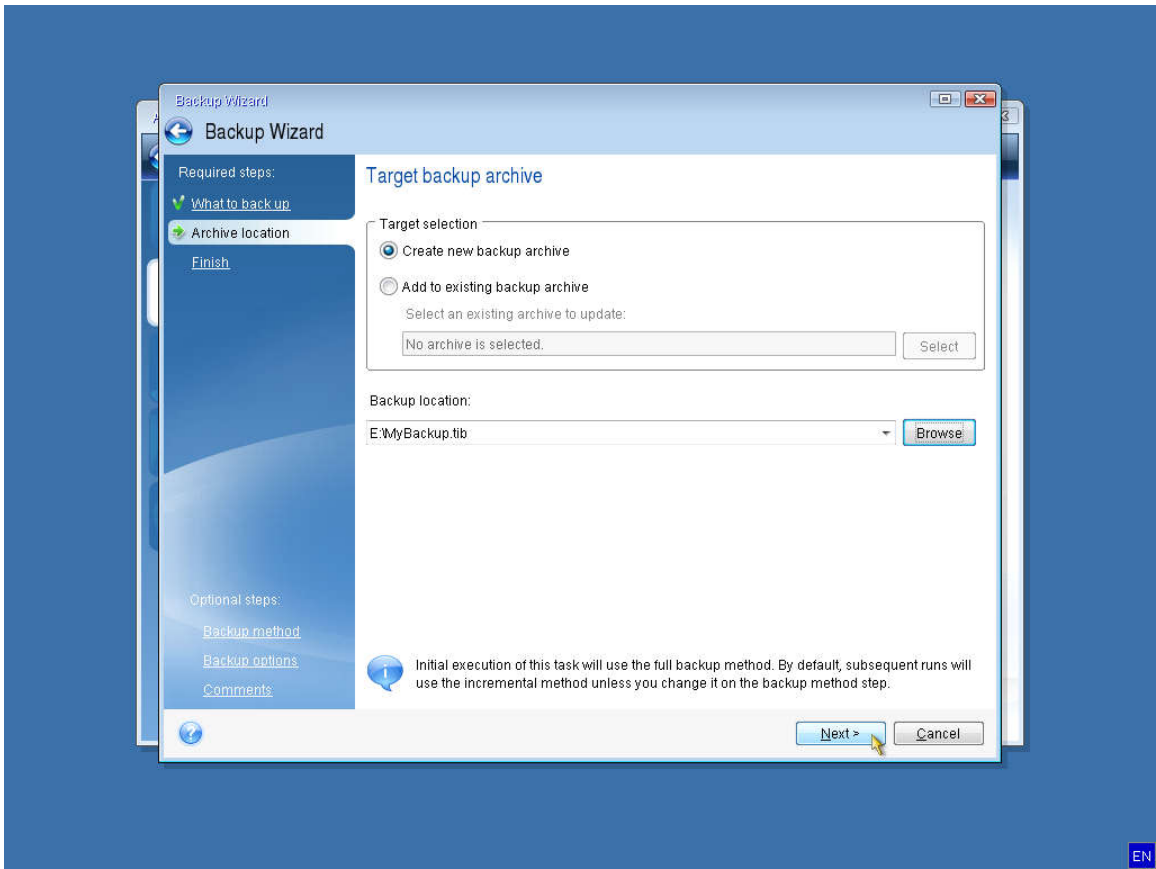


Next, you are going to select the location that you want to store your backup to. Do not save this on your C: drive or Windows drive. Save this onto an extra external drive or internal drive on the computer. Click the browse button, then select your location. On the left pane.



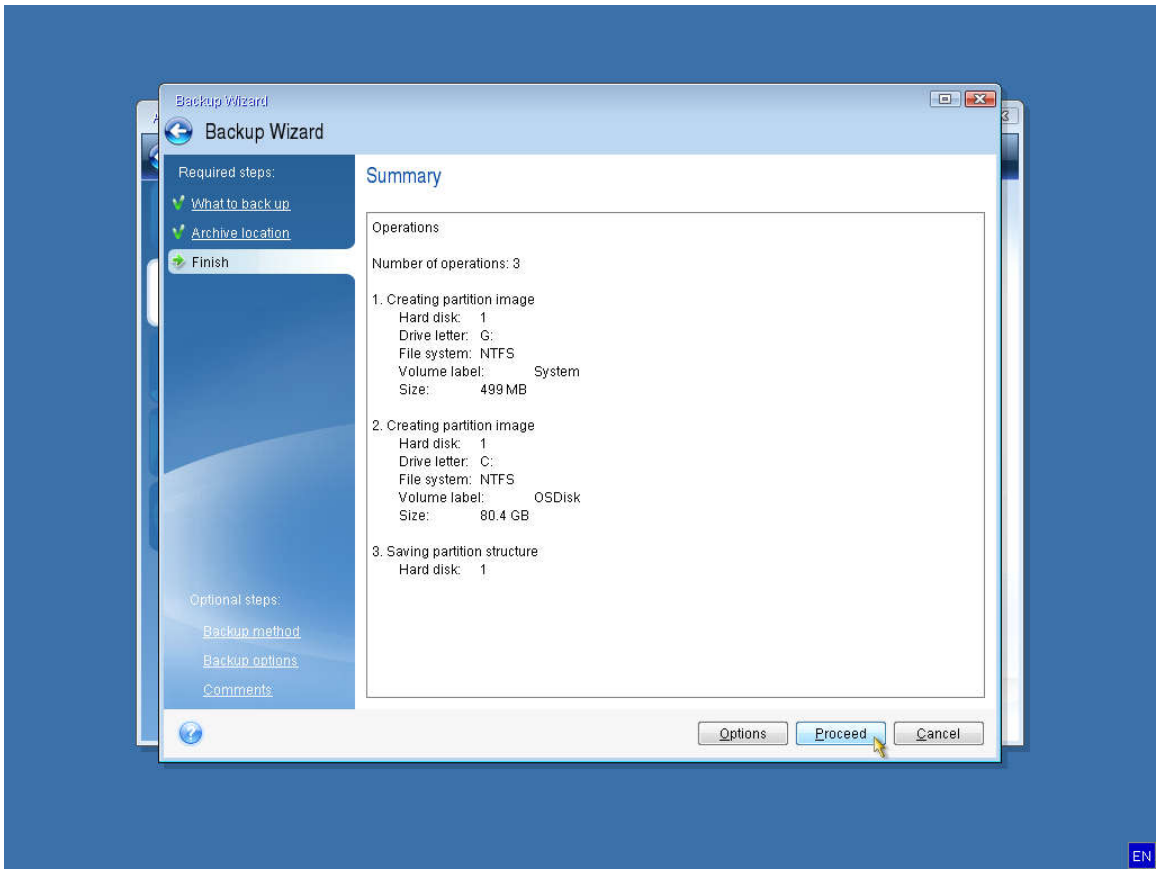


After clicking on your location in the left pane, click on the “generate name” button, then press OK. This will take you to the previous screen where you can now click on “next”.

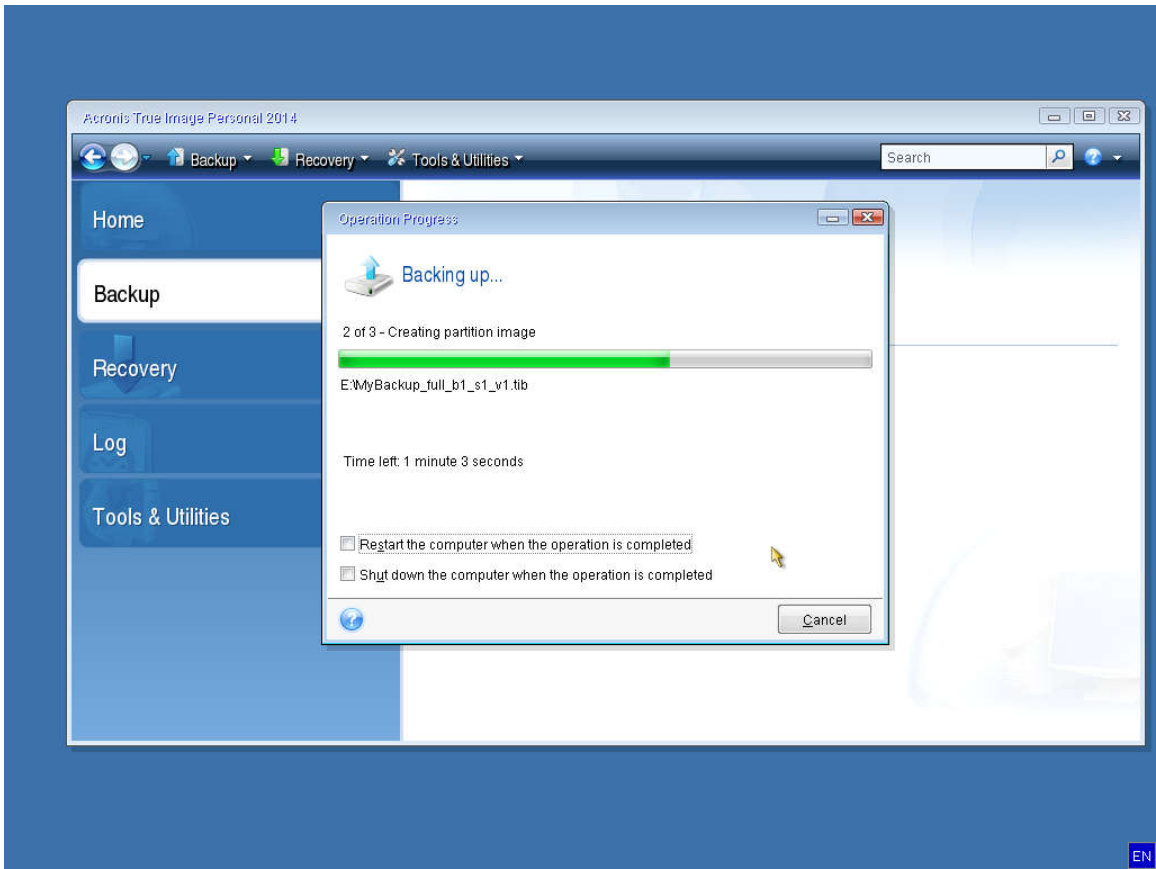


Click on the “Proceed” button and Acronis will start backing up your data to the drive you selected.

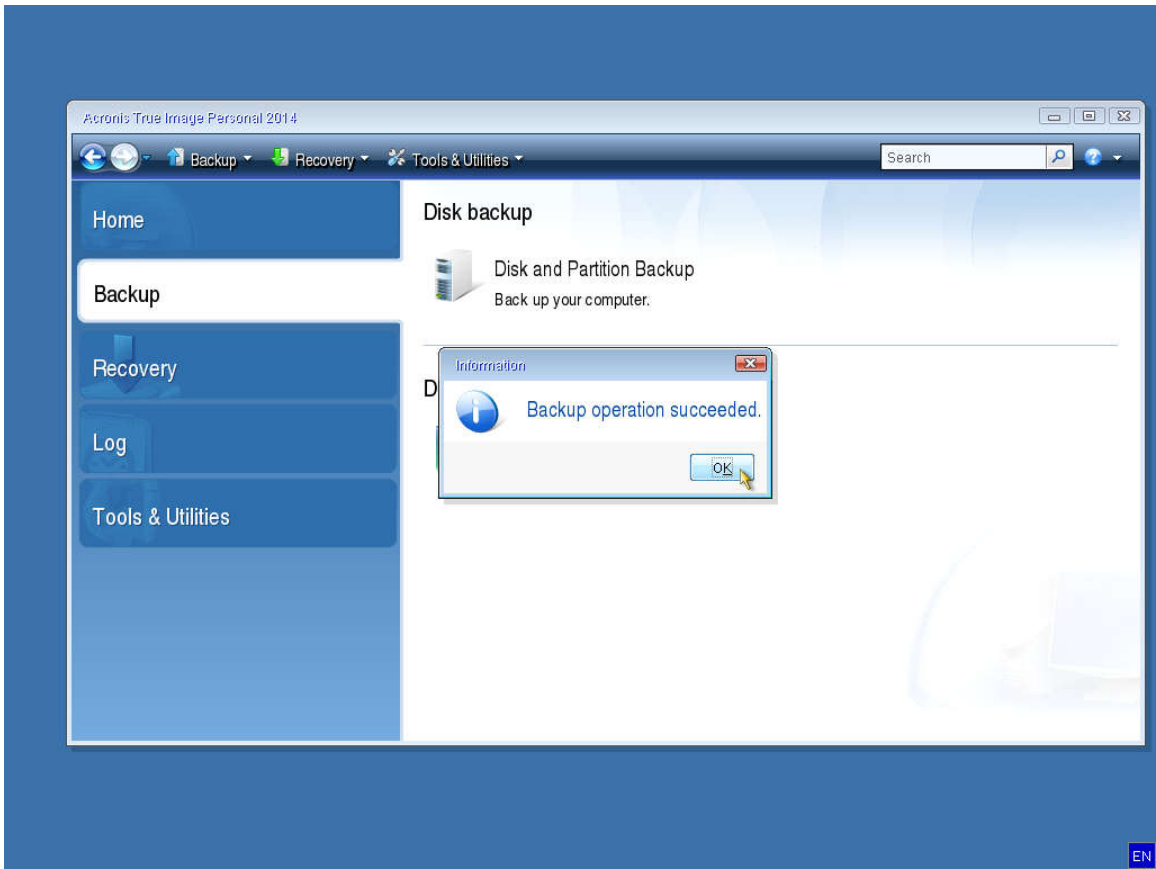


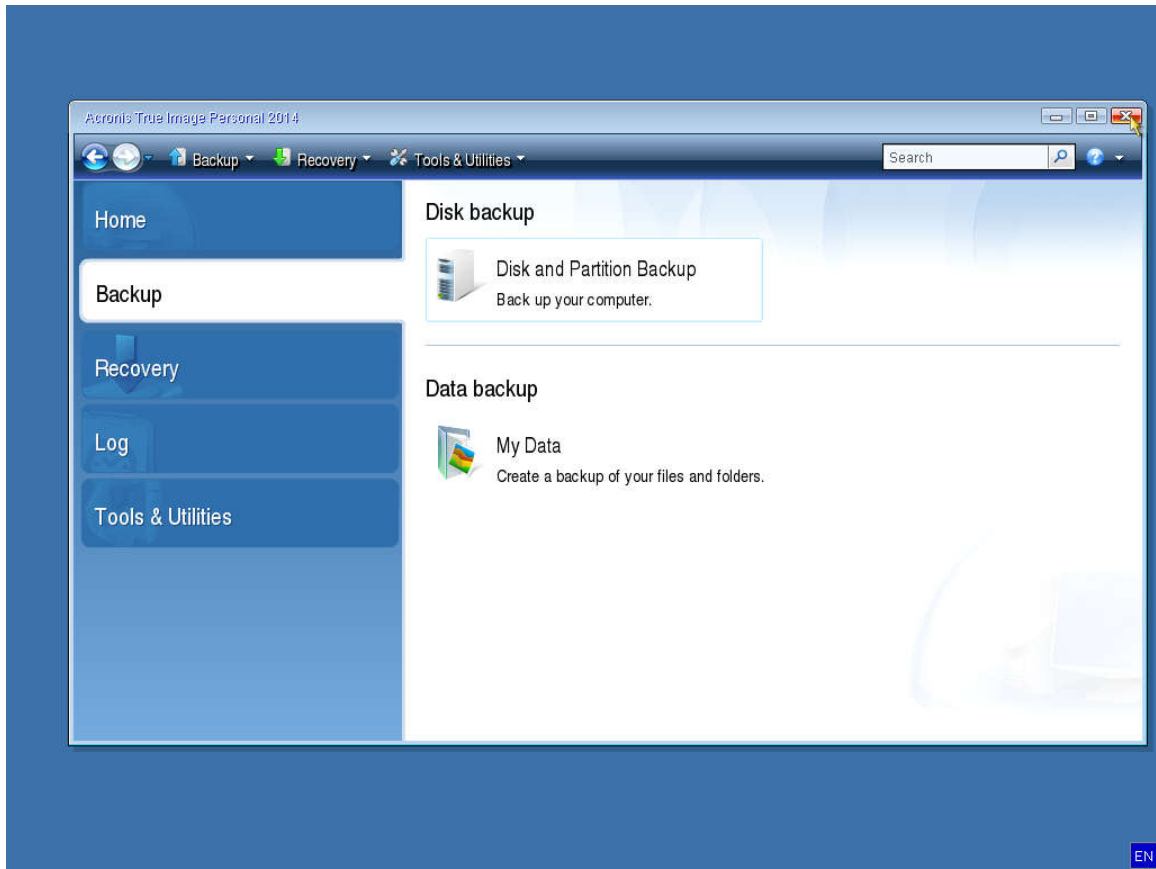


You can direct your computer to automatically restart or shutdown after the Acronis backup has been created.



If you don't select either option, you will need to close Acronis to restart the computer.



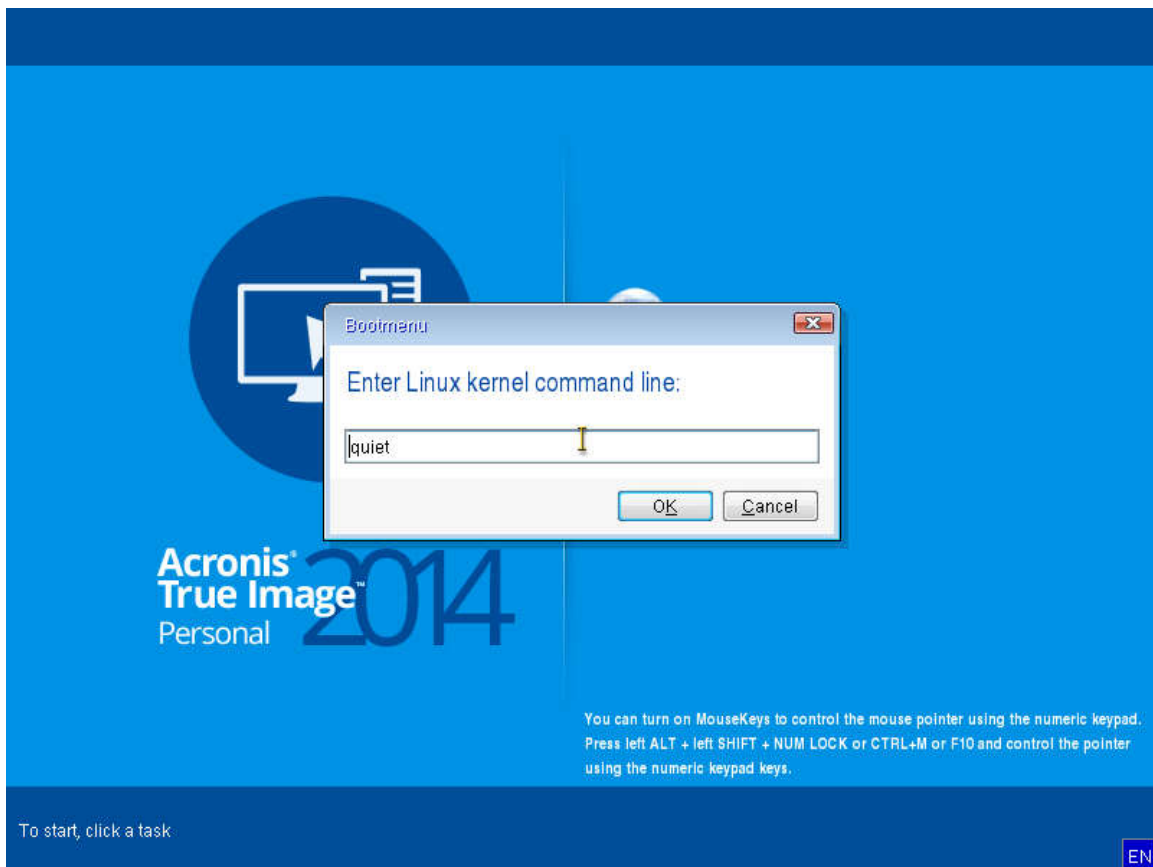


## Recovering from your new backup

If you ever need to recover from your newly created backup, you will need to boot your computer and press the F11 key when prompted.

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Starting Acronis Loader...
Press F11 to run Acronis Startup Recovery Manager_
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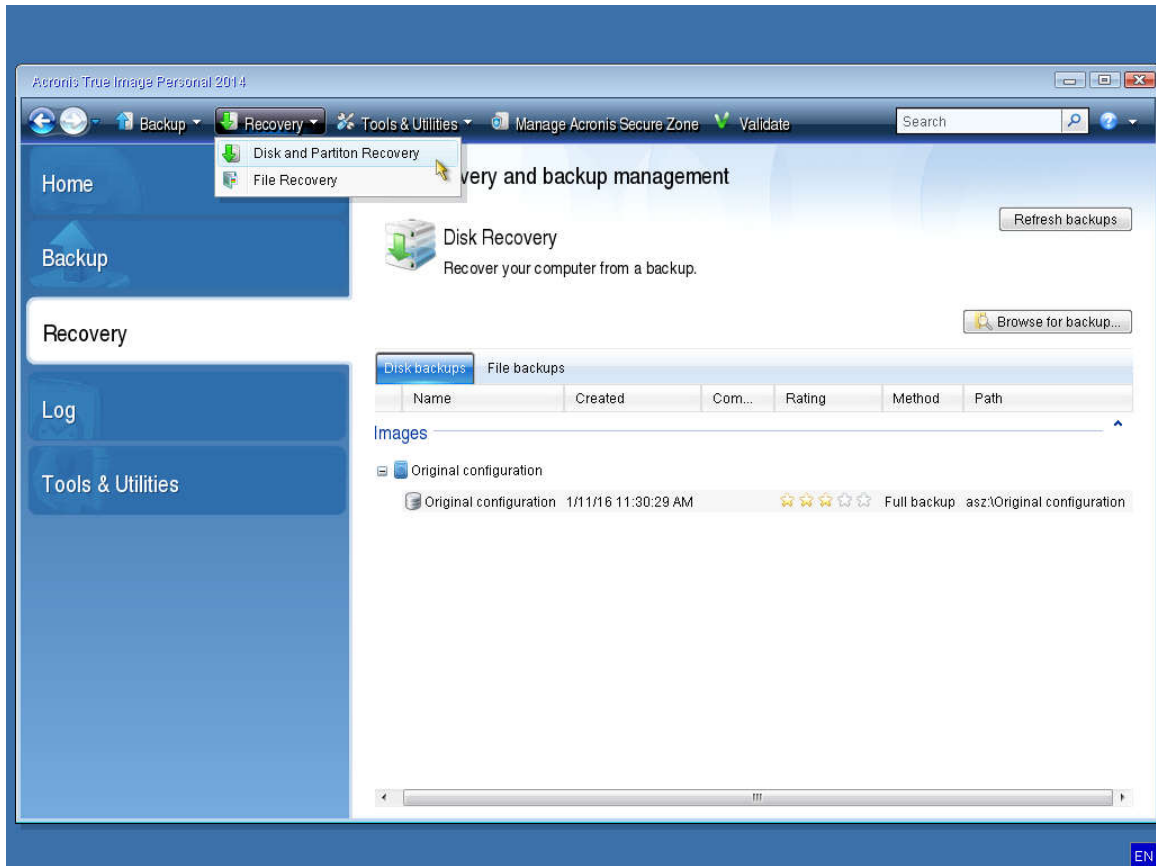
If F11 is pressed after Acronis has already launched, this bootmenu will appear. Select cancel and it will close.



Select True Image to enter the Acronis utility.

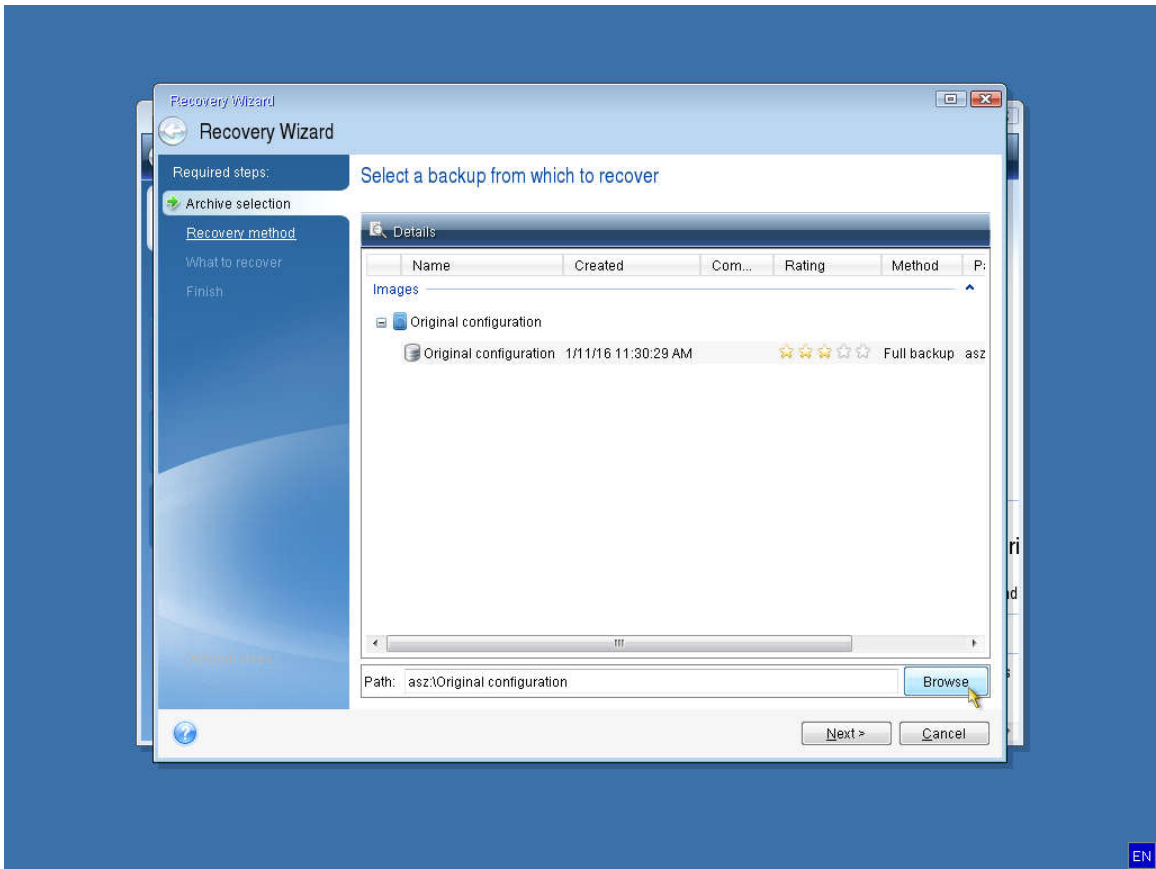


Click the Recovery drop down menu, then select "Disk and Partition Recovery".



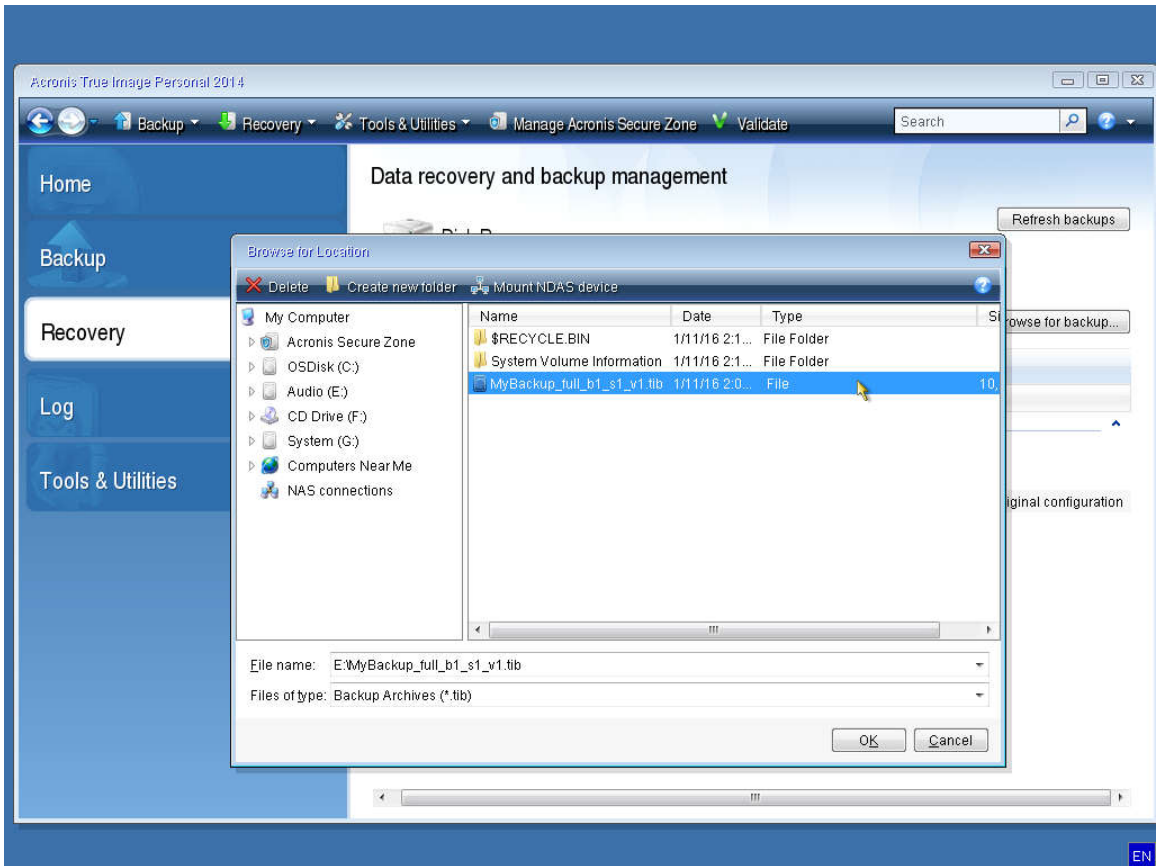
Click "Browse" and then navigate to the location where your custom Acronis backup is stored.

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Pay no attention to the drive letters in Acronis. They won't match what you typically see in Windows. Go by the drive name instead.

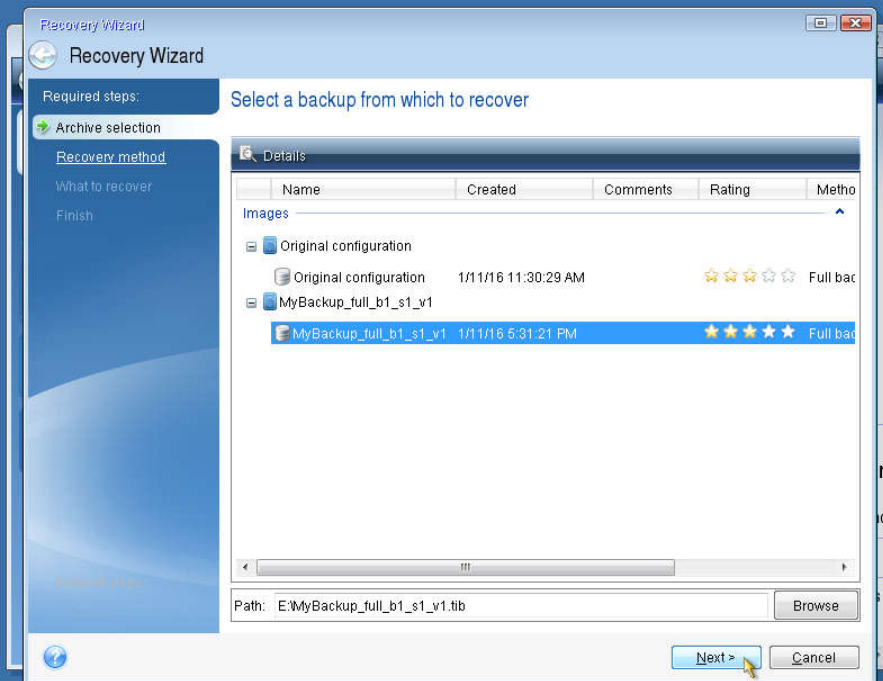


After selecting your custom Acronis backup, press next to return to the previous screen.

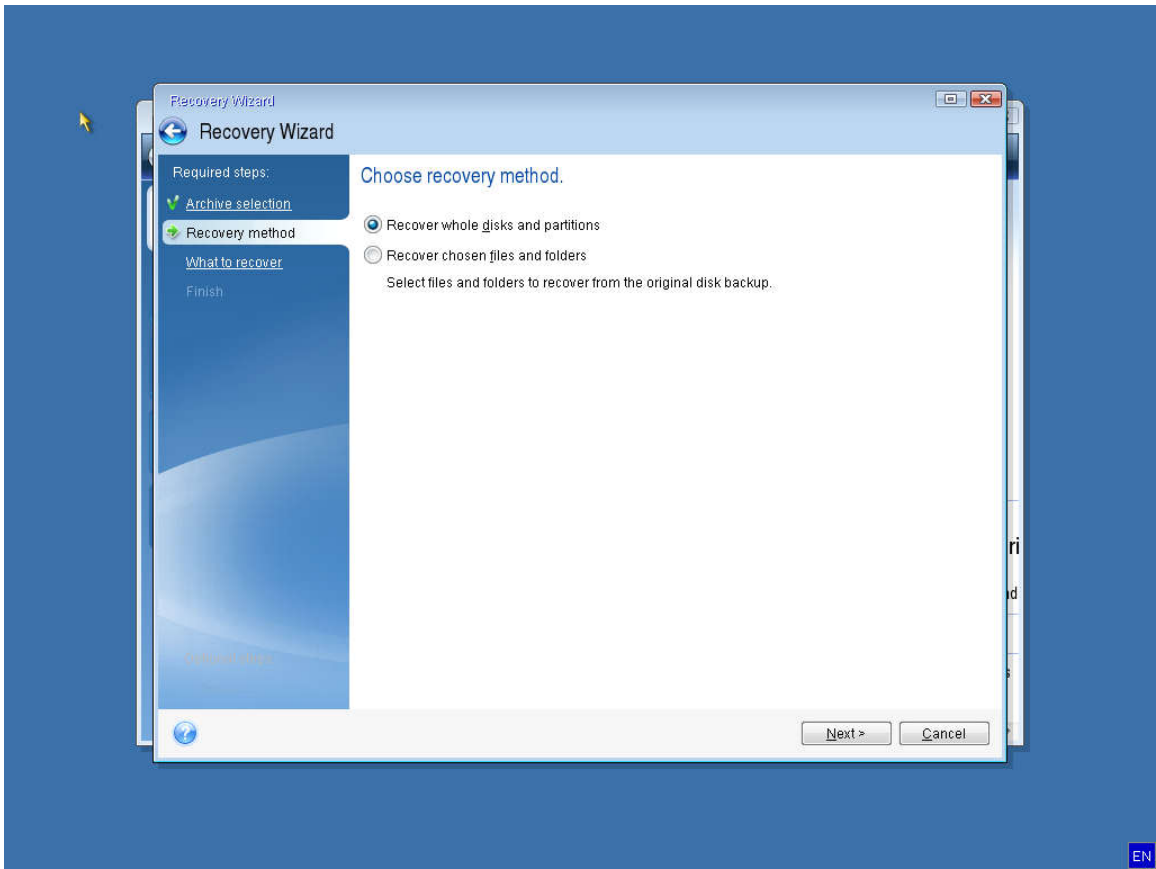




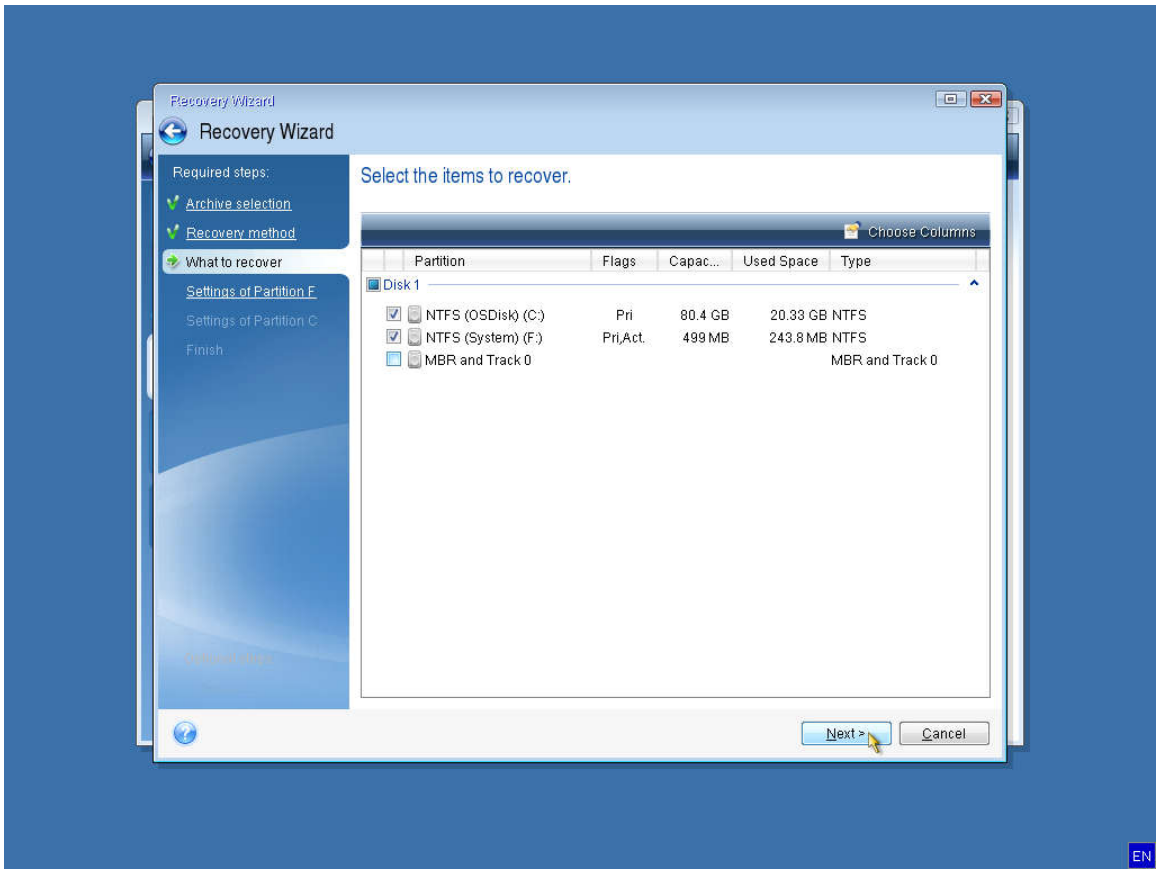
Your custom backup will now appear along with the original configuration created by Sweetwater. Select your custom backup and press Next.



Select "Recover whole disks and partitions" and then press next.



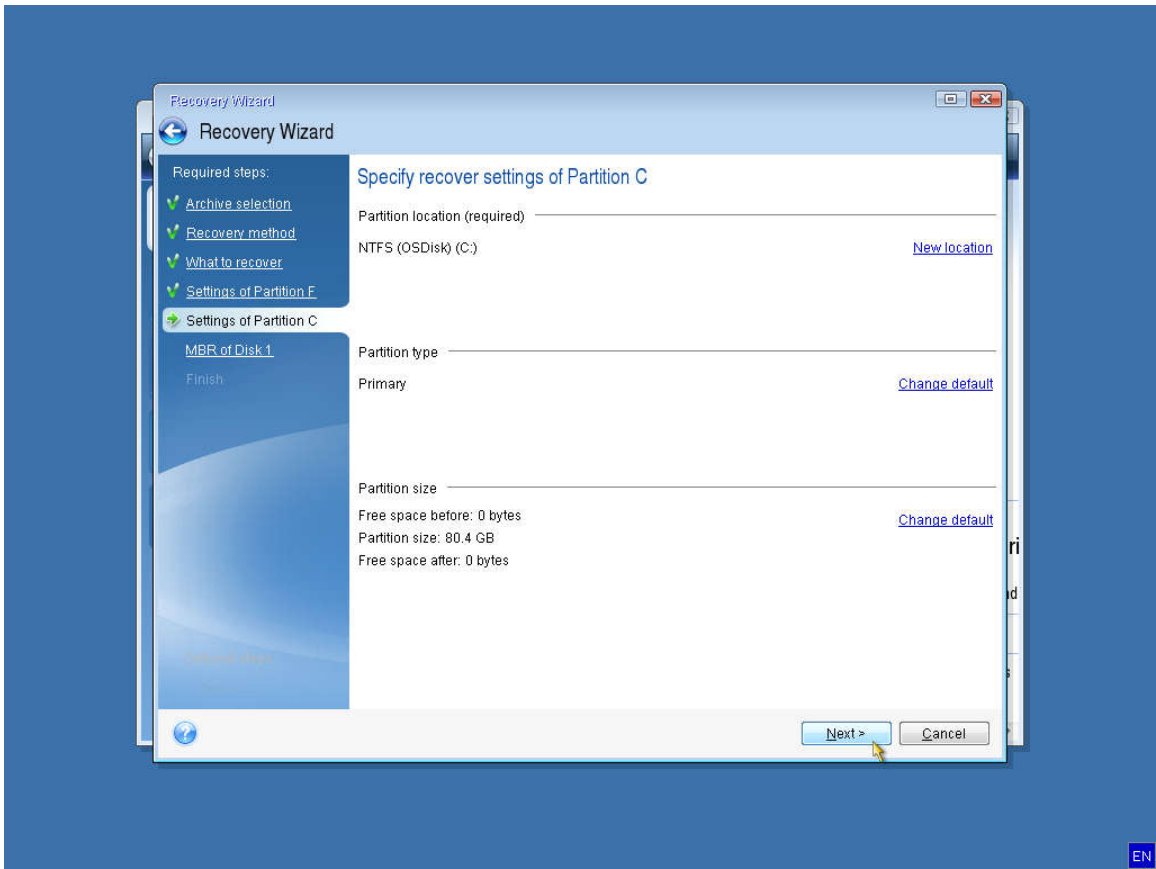
Select your OSDisk partition and System partition to restore. It is unlikely that your MBR needs recovered if you're able to boot into Acronis.



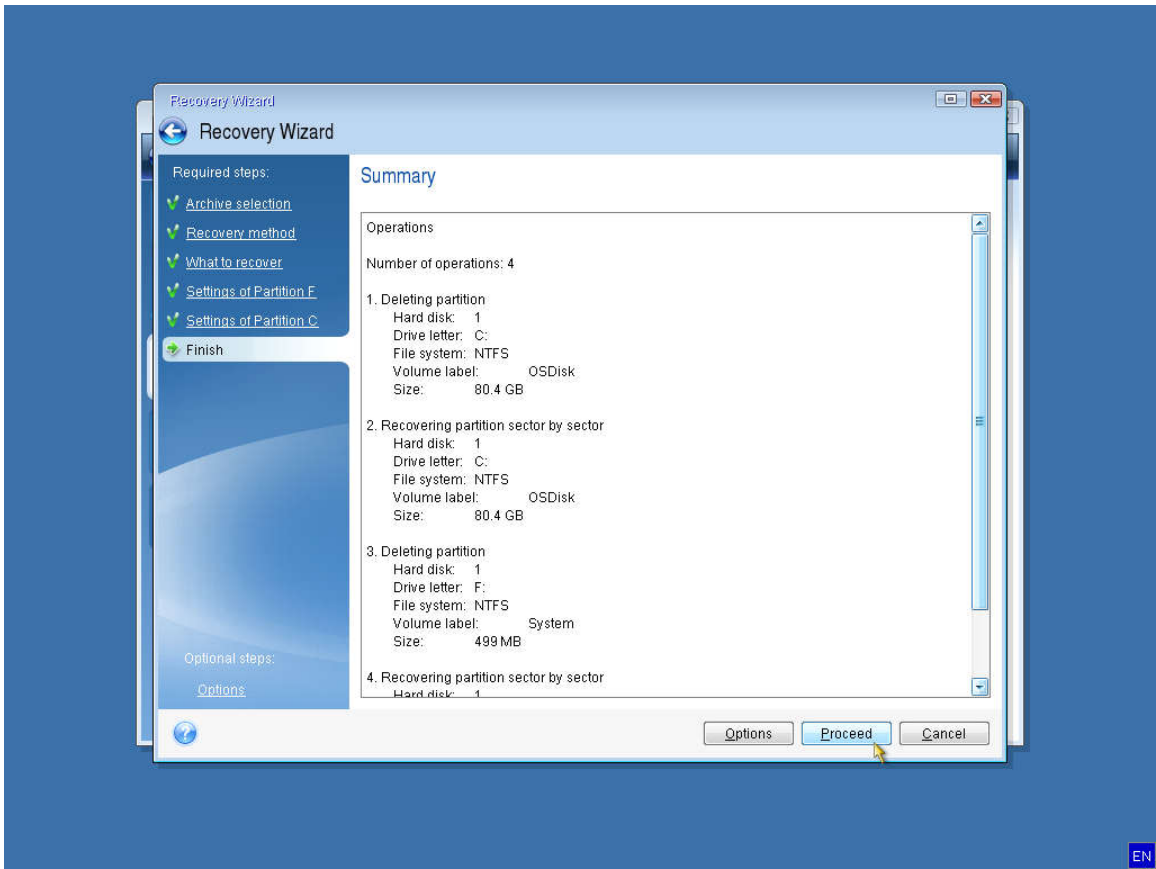
You should not need to make any changes to the recovery settings for the system and OS Disks. Just proceed by selecting Next.



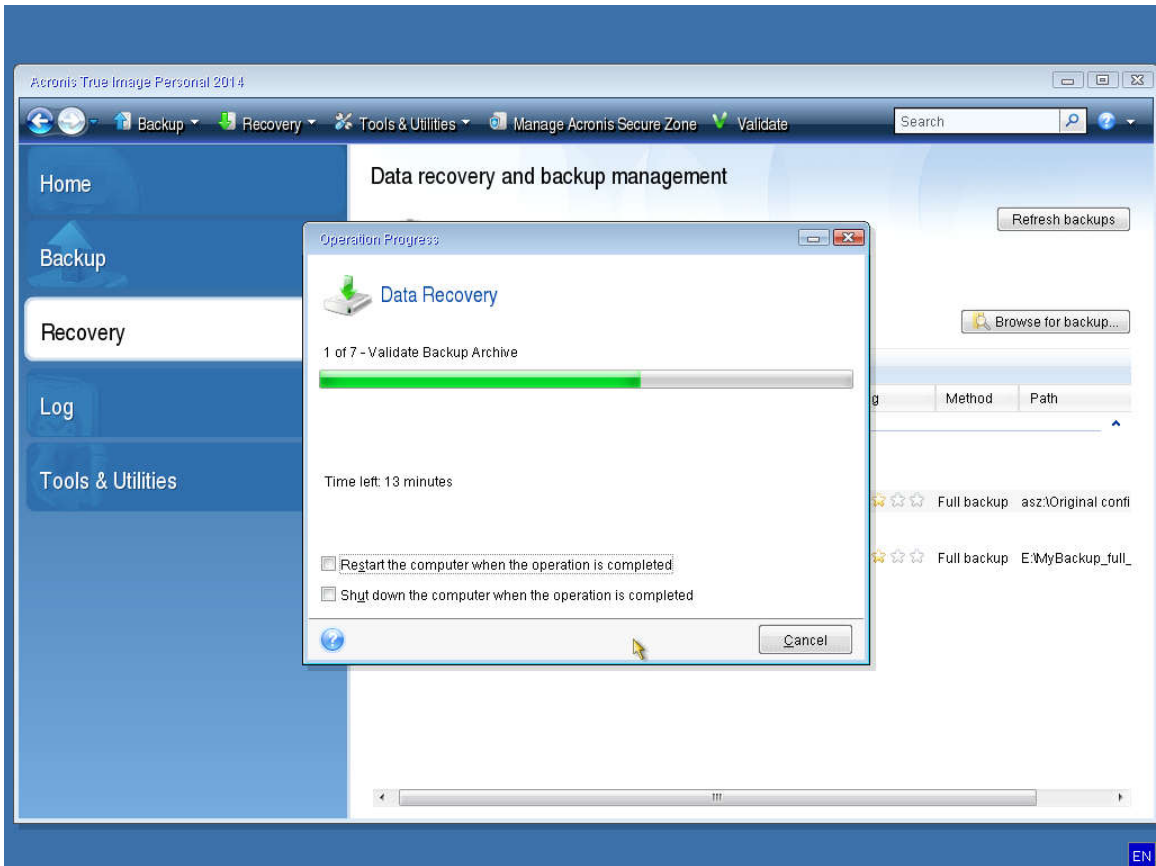
You should not need to make any changes to the recovery settings for the system and OS Disks. Just proceed by selecting Next.



Select Proceed to begin the recovery process.



You can direct your computer to automatically restart or shutdown after the recovery has been completed.



If you don't select either option, you will need to close Acronis to restart the computer.



