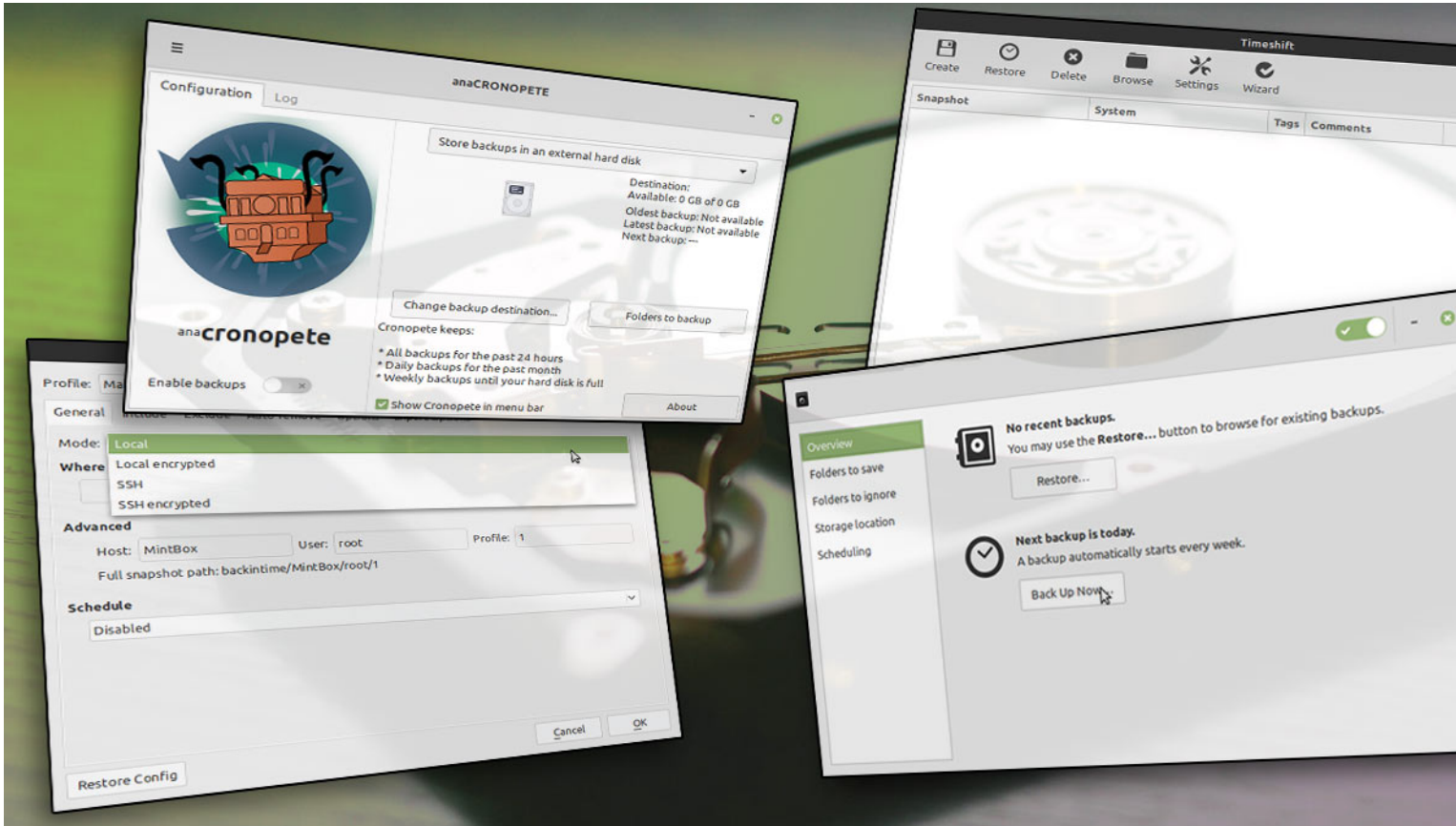


4 Time Machine Alternatives for Linux

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There's no doubt that Apple's Time Machine made backups mainstream. Before Time Machine, the average user avoided backups like the plague ? the procedure seemed too convoluted, and it also wasted precious storage space.

With Time Machine, Apple changed people's mindset, mostly thanks to its simplicity: add an external HDD to your computer and your files ? and OS ? will be forever safe. One click and you'll be back before catastrophe struck.

That's when other backup solutions took notice of this approach and decided they, too, should prioritize simplicity. Today you can find some of the best of them on Linux ? they even come as standard in many distributions! Only a select few are as simple to use as Apple's Time Machine, though.

What follows is a small selection of some of the most popular ones that, like Time Machine, excel at allowing you to take snapshots of your data where you'll be able to ?return? later and even fully automate the procedure.

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