

Stellar

Drive Clone

Stellar Drive Clone 2.5 User Guide



Overview

Stellar Drive Clone for Mac, creates clone and image of hard drive or volume as well as restores backup and volume image. Clone created can be used as a backup or as a startup disk. Entire content from the source is copied to destination, retaining every details of the original drive which makes the clone drive bootable. The cloning process will erase data from the destination drive beyond recovery. The software creates hard drive or volume image for backup purpose and can recover data from it at any moment. In addition, you can restore volume from a folder or a mountable volume image file to its previous state. Another important feature of Stellar Drive Clone is the ability to create bootable DVD and minimal system, which comes handy when Mac OS crashes or fails to boot.

What's new in this version?

- Support for Partition Map scheme MBR (Master Boot Record).
- Support for ExFAT file system.
- · Clones Solid State Drive(SSD) to Mac Drive.
- Clones NTFS formatted drive into ExFAT formatted drive in Lion OS.

Key Features:

- Creates a complete replica of drive or volume.
- Can resize the volume of the destination drive to make full use of it.
- Supports cloning of drive volume to another volume, folder or connected network drive.
- Creates image of the hard drive or volume for backup purpose.
- Restores volume from a folder or a mountable volume image.
- Creates bootable DVD and Minimal System for Mac OS X.
- Preferences can be set to personalize end task activities and software updation.

Why Stellar Drive Clone?

Creates Clone of Hard Drive/Volume

Clone of hard drive/volume involves creating a copy of entire drive or volume content. A Clone, created using Stellar Drive Clone, can be used as backup or a boot drive. A clone is useful if there is a need to upgrade hard drive, reboot or restore system or when a full system backup is needed. Stellar Drive Clone can be used to create clone of drive/volume to a drive, volume, folder or a network drive.

Capable of Resizing Volumes on Target Drive

Stellar Drive Clone creates clone of a drive to another hard drive having size equal or greater than the source drive. If the target drive is of higher capacity, **Stellar Drive Clone** can resize volumes in the target drive to make full use. By default, drive cloning takes place without any changes. So, if the target drive has more space then the free space left after cloning will be of no use. For making the drive space useful, you need to choose Resize volume(s) of destination drive in the application and specify the new volume size.

Creates Image of Hard Drive/Volume

Image file contains complete content of the source hard drive or volume. These image files ignore unused file space and bad sectors, so requires less storage. Using image files you can restore the entire disk or a volume in the event of system crash. Stellar Drive Clone supports creating image of both hard drive and volumes.

Restores Volume from Folder/Image File

Restore feature is used to copy back the data from the cloned folder or an image file to the volume to put it into its original state. Restoration process by Stellar Drive Clone is much faster than the manual process.

Creates Bootable DVD

Bootable feature of Stellar Drive Clone allows users to create personal bootable DVD for Mac OS X. The bootable Mac DVD can include one or more installed applications into it. Stellar Drive Clone is installed automatically into the bootable DVD. The compatibility of the DVD depends on the machine it is created. This means that if the DVD is created on PowerPC, you can use it to boot PowerPC machine only.

Creates Minimal System Drive

Stellar Drive Clone can be used to create a minimal system that can be used to boot the system

in case of emergency. This feature will copy all the system files from an installed Mac OS X to another volume. The result of the copy is a minimal system with Apple's default applications and an empty user's folder containing default folders, preferences etc.

Installation Procedure

Before installing the software, check that your system meets the minimum system requirements:

Minimum System Requirements

Processor: Intel, PowerPC(G3 or later)

Operating System: Mac OS 10.4.11 and above

• **Memory:** 1 GB RAM

• Hard Disk: 25 MB of free space

Steps to install Stellar Drive Clone

• Unpack StellarDriveClone.dmg.zip file.

 Decompress the zip file and double click the dmg file. This step will mount a virtual volume - StellarDriveClone.

- Double-click **StellarDriveClone** volume to open **Stellar Drive Clone** application window.
- Drag Stellar Drive Clone file to the Applications folder.
- To launch the software, double click on **Stellar Drive Clone** file in **Applications** folder.
- This displays License Agreement. If user accepts the License Agreement, then the software is launched; otherwise, it terminates.

To remove the software, drag and drop the **StellarDriveClone** file from **Applications** folder to **Trash**.

Order and Register

Order Stellar Drive Clone

The software can be purchased online. For price details and to place an order, click here.

Once the order is confirmed, a pre-paid registration key will be sent through e-mail, which would be required to register the software.

Register Stellar Drive Clone

To Register Stellar Drive Clone

- 1. On the **Tools** menu, click **Register**. Registration window is displayed.
- 2. Do one of the following:
 - If you have purchased the product and received registration key,
 - a. Select 'I have a key to register the product' option. Click OK.
 - b. In the Registration Key box, type the key. Click **OK**.
 - If you have to purchase the product,
 - Select 'I don't have a key to register the product'. Click OK, to purchase the product.

How to Update?

To Update Stellar Drive Clone, do one of the following:

To check automatically

- 1. Run Stellar Drive Clone, Update screen is displayed along with the main user interface.
- 2. To download the latest version, click **Update** button. It may take few seconds to minutes to download the files. Once completed, '*Update successfully installed*' message appears.
- 3. Click **OK**. Click **Cancel** to check for updates manually.

To check manually

- 1. Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- 2. Click **Continue** button.
- 3. On the **StellarDriveClone** menu, click **Preferences** option.
- 4. Click General tab in the Preferences screen. Click Check for updates now option.
- 5. If updates are available, Update screen is displayed. Follow the next step. If no updates are available, a message that '*There* are *no updates available*' is displayed.
- Click **Update** button to download the latest version. It may take few seconds to minutes
 to download the files. After completion, '*Update successfully installed*' message appears.
 Click **OK**.

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Starting Stellar Drive Clone

Follow any of the following methods to run **Stellar Drive Clone** on a Mac system.

- Double click on **Stellar Drive Clone** file in **Applications** folder.
- Double-click on **Stellar Drive Clone** desktop shortcut (if it is created).
- Click on **Stellar Drive Clone** icon in the dock.

Main User Interface

Stellar Drive Clone has a simple and easy to use graphical user interface. Once you launch **Stellar Drive Clone**, main screen will appear listing the features of the application. Main screen contains all the three modules-Cloning & Imaging, Restore and Tools, menus, tools, buttons and other user options.



Stellar Drive Clone Main Screen

Menus

StellarDriveClone

About Stellar Drive Clone

Use this option to read information about Stellar

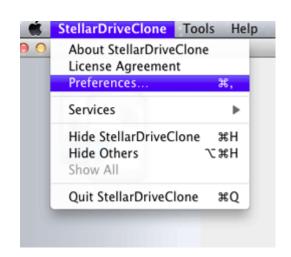
Drive Clone.

License Agreement

Use this option to view the license agreement.

Preferences

Use this option to set preferences for cloning and personalizing the process.



Tools

Register

This option is enabled when you are using unregistered version of **Stellar Drive Clone** application. Use it to register your product.



Help

Help Topics

Use this option

to view Stellar

Drive Clone

help manual.



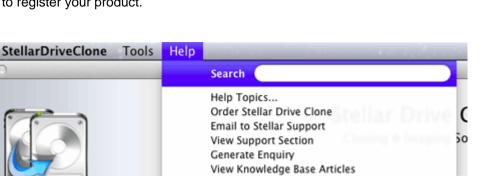
Order Stellar

Drive Clone

Use this option

to buy Stellar

Drive Clone



Cloning & Imaging Resto

Email to Stellar

Support

Use this option

to mail for

support against

any problem.

View Support

Section

Use this option

to visit support

page of

stellarinfo.com.

Generate

Enquiry

Use this option

to <u>submit</u>

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stellarinfo.com.

View

Knowledge

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Use this option

to visit

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Tabs and Buttons

Tabs

Clone & Imaging Tab

This tab is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Clone**. Click this if you want to clone or image a hard drive/volume.

Restore Tab

This tab is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Clone**. Click this if you want to restore a hard drive/volume from a clone or image.

Tools

This tab is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Clone**. Click this if you want to create a bootable DVD or a minimal system.

Buttons

Clone



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Clone**. Click this to clone Drive/Volume.

Image



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Clone**. Click this to create image of Drive/Volume.

Stop



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Clone**. It is displayed only when a process is running. Click this to stop the process.

Back



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Clone**. Click this to move to previous screen of application.

Continue



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Clone**. Click this to continue to next screen of application.

Disk Clone

Disk Clone consists of two advanced options:

Clone & Imaging

- Clone
 - Disk Clone
 - o Clone without resizing
 - o Clone with resizing



Clone without Resizing

If the target drive is of same size as the source drive, or of size greater than the source drive but the extra space is not needed than cloning can be performed without resizing the volumes of destination drive.

To Clone Hard Drive without Resizing

- Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- Under Clone & Imaging tab, click Clone button icon. Cloning screen is displayed.
- Select Disk Clone option and then select Clone without resizing option.
- Select the source drive
 and destination drive from
 Select Source list and
 Select Destination list,
 respectively.
- Click **Continue** to start cloning process.

Note: To clone a drive/volume, the destination



must be equal or greater than the source.

By default, the source drive will clone to the destination drive without any changes.

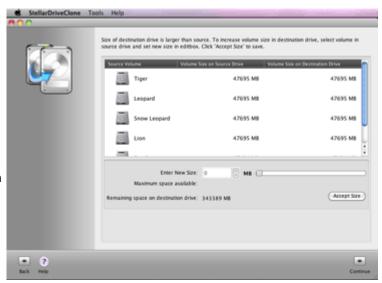
If the destination drive is larger than the source drive, you can resize the destination drive volume to make full use of it.

Clone with Resizing

When the target drive is of size greater than the source drive then the extra space left after cloning will become useless. To make use of the extra space, Clone with resizing feature of **Stellar Drive Clone** can be used to distribute the space among other volumes.

To resize the Volume on the destination drive

- Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- Under Clone & Imaging tab, click Clone button icon. Cloning screen is displayed.
- Select Disk Clone option and then select Clone with resizing option.
- Select the source drive
 and destination drive
 from Select Source list
 and Select Destination
 list, respectively.
- Click **Continue**. Resizing window is displayed.
- Select the volume you
 want to resize. Enter new
 size or drag the slider to
 specify new size of the



Volume(s) in the destination drive. Each time you make a change in the size, click **Accept**Size button to save the changes.

Click **Continue** button to start cloning process.

Volume Clone

Clone Drive consists of three advanced options:

Clone & Imaging

- Clone
 - Volume Clone
 - Clone Volume to Volume
 - Clone Volume to NetworkDrive
 - o Clone Volume to Folder

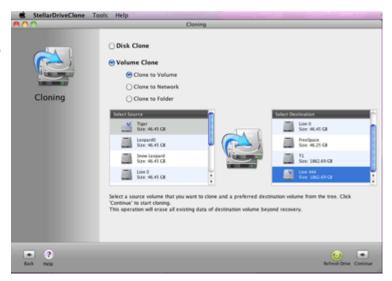


Clone Volume to Volume

Clone Volume feature is used to create clone of a volume on another volume in the same drive or another drive. The clone would contain all files and folders of the source volume. This volume can be used either as a bootable volume or as a backup. The cloning process will overwrite existing data beyond recovery.

To Clone to Volume

- Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- Under Clone & Imaging tab, click Clone button icon. Cloning screen is displayed.
- Select Volume Clone option and then select
 Clone Volume option.
- 4. Select the source drive
 and destination drive from
 Select Source list and
 Select Destination list,
 respectively. You get a
 warning message, that
 the operation will
 overwrite existing data.
 Make sure that you have
 selected the right source



and destination.

5. Click Continue to start

cloning process.

This operation will completely erase the destination volume beyond recovery. If you select free space as the destination drive, the application will first create partition using free space and then perform the clone operation.

Note: In volume clone, data within the volume is considered other than volume size.

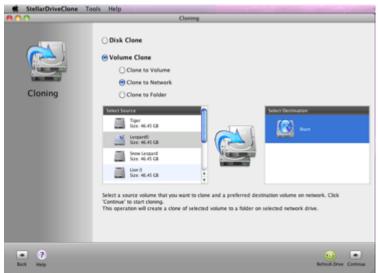
Clone Volume to Network Drive

'Clone to Network' feature is used to create a copy of the source volume on a drive in the network. This will work only as a backup.

To Clone to Network Drive

- Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- Under Clone & Imaging tab, click Clone button icon. Cloning screen is displayed.
- Select Volume Clone
 option and then select
 Clone to Network option.
- 4. Select the source drive from Select Source list.

 The Select Destination list will show all the network drives connected to the system. Select the required destination in the network. Make sure that all the other network drives are disconnected.
- Click Continue to start cloning process.



Once the process is completed, entire data in the source volume will be cloned to the destination.

- Disconnect all the other network drives, except the selected one.
- Make sure that the files and folders have all permissions (Read, Write and Execute permissions). Otherwise, you will not be able to access those files/folders in the network.

Clone Volume to Folder

'Clone Volume to Folder' feature is used to create a copy of the source volume on a folder/volume located in another drive. The copy works exactly as the source volume. So, by cloning a boot partition, you can use the clone for booting your system in the event of system crash. The resultant folder can thus be used as a backup as well as boot disk.

To Clone to Folder

- Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- Under Clone & Imaging tab, click Clone button icon. Cloning screen is displayed.
- Select Volume Clone
 option and then select
 Clone Volume to Folder
 option.
- Select the source drive
 from Select Source list.
 To select destination
 volume/folder, click
 Choose Destination
- You need to navigate to the destination volume/folder and click
 Choose.

button.

6. Click Continue to start



cloning process.

Once the process is completed, entire data in the source volume will be cloned to the destination.

- In volume clone, data within the volume is considered other than volume size.
- Disconnect all the network drives, before cloning the boot drive or main hard drive.

Create Drive/Volume Image

Image file contains complete content of a hard drive or volume. When an image file is created, drive/volume unused space and bad sectors are not included in it. So, it requires less storage space. Image file can be used to restore the entire disk or volume in the event of system crash. **Stellar Drive Clone** can be used to create image of both hard drive and volumes.

To Create Drive/volume Image

- Run Stellar Drive
 Clone application.
- Under Clone &
 Imaging tab, click
 Imaging button
 icon. Imaging
 screen is
 displayed.
- Select the source drive/volume from

If you have

Select Source list.

selected the boot volume as source drive, a message is

displayed from

where you can

choose to create

image of boot

volume with

minimal system.



Click Choose

Destination button

to select

destination

volume/folder.

4. Navigate to the

destination

drive/volume,

specify the name

for the image file

and click Save.

5. Click Continue to

start imaging

process.

Note: Destination path must be on another hard drive.

Once the process is completed, image of the drive will be saved to the specified destination.

Create Image of Boot Volume with Minimal System

Stellar Drive Clone allows creating boot volume with a minimal system installed in it. This minimal system runs like an operating system having minimal functions. You can run allowed programs and perform basic functions with its help.

To create image of the boot volume with minimal system

- Run Stellar Drive
 Clone application.
- Under Clone &
 Imaging tab, click
 Imaging button
 icon. Imaging
 - screen is displayed.
- Select the boot volume from Select
 Source list. Create

Minimal System of Boot Volume

message is

displayed. Click

Image with

minimal System

button.

4. Choose

Destination button

to select



destination

volume/folder.

5. Navigate to the

destination

drive/volume,

specify the name

for the image file

and click Save.

6. Click Continue to

start imaging

process.

Note: Destination path must be on another hard drive.

Once the process is completed, image of the drive will be saved to the specified destination.

Restore Volume

Restore consists of two options:

Restore Volume from Folder

Restore Volume from Image File

Restore Volume from Folder

Backup/Clone stored in a folder can be restored back to the volume. You can use **Restore Volume from Folder** option to restore from a clone in a folder or to restore specific file or folder. It overwrites existing files with same name with the file that is saved in the clone. Restoration process by **Stellar Drive Clone** is much faster than the manual process.

To Restore Volume from a Folder

- Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- Click Restore tab button.
 Restore screen is displayed.
- Select Restore Volume from Folder option.
- Click Choose Source
 button icon to select
 source drive. Select
 destination for the
 restored Volume in the
- Click Continue to start restoration process. The progress bar will indicate the process status.

Select Destination list.



Once the process is completed, the selected folder will be restored to the destination volume.

Restore Volume from Image File

Restore Volume from an Image file allows to copy back the contents of the volume stored as image files to original state. Note that you can only restore the image file created by **Stellar Drive Clone**.

To Restore Volume from an Image File

- Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- Click Restore tab button.
 Restore screen is displayed.
- Select Restore Volume from Image File option.
- 4. Click Choose Source
 button icon to select
 source drive. Select
 destination for the
 restored Volume in the
 - Select Destination list.
- Click Continue to start restoration process. The progress bar will indicate the process status.



Once the process is completed, selected folder will be restored to the destination volume.

Use Tool Options

Tools consists of two options:

Create Bootable DVD

Create Minimal System Drive

Create Bootable DVD

Enable you to create a customized bootable Mac DVD which includes one or more applications. **Stellar Drive Clone** is installed automatically into it. The DVD contains minimal system allowing you to install few utilities. The compatibility of the DVD depends on the machine it is created. That is, if the DVD is created on PowerPC, you can boot only PowerPC machine.

To Create Mac OS bootable DVD

- Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- Click **Tools** tab button.
 Tools screen is displayed.
- Select Bootable DVD option.
- Choose the destination to save disk image. The disk image takes around
 OGB of space. So, make sure the chosen destination contains more
- Click Continue.
 Add/Remove applications dialog box is displayed.

than 5.0GB.

- 6. Add/Remove Buttons:
 - Select application

 in the left pane

 and click button





to add application from the list.

Added applications are listed in the right pane.

- Select application
 in the right pane
 and click button
 to remove
 application from
 the list of added
 applications.
- Click button to browse and add application.
- Click button to remove added application.
- Click Finish Install to start image creation.
- A busy process icon is
 displayed while the image
 is created. In case you
 want to stop the process
 in between, click **Stop**button. By default, image

is named as

StellarBootDVD.dmg or

StellarBootDVD.Sparseim

age (in Leopard).

- Once the image is created, you get a message 'Do you want to burn image into DVD?'.
 Click Yes, to proceed further. If you want to burn the image into the DVD at later stage, click No.
- 10. Insert the DVD, to start the burning process.
- 11. Once the process is completed, the DVD will get ejected.

To Use the Bootable DVD

- Insert the DVD and boot the system.
- System will boot from the DVD and show the Select Option screen.
- Select Run Other
 Applications option.
 Click Continue button.
- 4. Select the application and click **Launch** button to start application. Selected application is launched in the background. Move the application window to access it. Click **Back** button and click **Restart** to restart the computer.





Note: The selected application will not launch, if its dependent files are not available in the bootable DVD.

Create Minimal System Drive

To Create Minimal System

- 1. Click **Tools** tab button. **Tools** screen is displayed.
- 2. Select Minimal System option.
- 3. By default, the boot Volume is selected in Select Source list.



- 4. Select the Destination Drive from the *Select Destination* list and click **Continue**. It is recommended to select the secondary drive.
- 5. Click **Continue**. **Add/Remove** applications dialog box is displayed.
- 6. Click button to select applications from the list of installed programs. You can also click

 Find button to add an application by browsing to its location.
- 7. Click Finish Install to start image creation.
- 8. You get a warning message that Copy of disk process can erase data in the destination drive completely beyond recovery, so make sure that you have taken proper backup of the important data. Click **Continue**, to proceed.
- The progress bar shows the copying process. In case you want to stop the process in between, click **Stop** button.

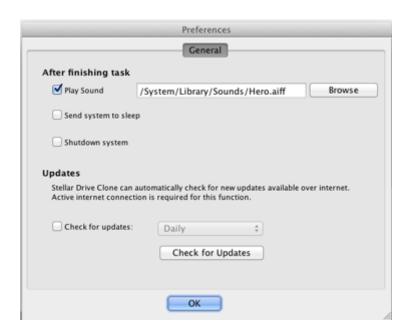
- 10. Once the process is completed, a window appears showing the all the installed applications in the Applications Folder.
- 11. Select the **desired application** from the *Applications Installed* list and click button. The selected applications will add to the *Copies Applications* list.
- 12. Click Finish Install, to complete the process.

Set Preferences

General preferences allow setting tasks that will be performed at the end of any process by **Stellar Drive Clone**.

To change finish task preferences

- 1. Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- 2. Click **Continue** button.
- 3. On the **StellarDriveClone** menu, click **Preferences** option.
- 4. In the After finishing task section,
 - To assign a sound that will be played at the end of process, select Play Sound option. Click Browse button to select a saved sound file.
 - To send the system to sleep at the end of process, select Send system to sleep option.
 - o To shutdown the system at end of process, select Shutdown system
 - Click **OK** button to save the settings.



To change update task preferences

- 1. Run Stellar Drive Clone application.
- 2. Click **Continue** button.
- 3. On the **StellarDriveClone** menu, click **Preferences** option.
- 4. In the **Updates** section,
 - o To assign a frequency for checking of updates, select **Check for updates** option.
 - o Select the frequency in the list.
 - Click **OK** button to save the settings. To check for current updates, click **Check** for **Updates** button.

Troubleshooting

- One of my drive is shown as disabled in the Select Source list while trying Drive
 Clone. When I click the Continue button, Cloning failed message is displayed. How
 to solve the issue?
 Your drive is probably not mounted. First mount the drive and then try cloning it.
- 2. When I try to clone a drive, I get a cloning failed message. The drive is shown as enabled in the Select Source list. What could be the problem? Your drive has probably developed bad sectors in it. Repair your drive for bad sectors and then try to clone it.
- 3. I have created a clone of my drive on another drive but the volumes of the created drive are not shown any where on the desktop. Where to find them? Sometimes the volumes created after cloning are placed overlapping on the volumes of the source drive. You have to drag and place the volume icons to a different location on desktop. Rename the Volumes after placing to new location for identification.
- 4. When I try to boot my system from destination drive after cloning the drive, the system does not boot. How to resolve this issue?
 If you are having trouble in booting your system from destination drive, remove the source drive from your system and then boot your system from destination drive.

FAQs

- 1. Can 'Stellar Drive Clone' create bootable drives? Yes, Stellar Drive Clone can create bootable drives by cloning. The software creates an exact replica of the hard drive on another drive. So the clone can be used as a back up and also as a bootable disk.
- 2. I need to back up my personal folder to the network drive. Is it possible?
 Yes, you can. Stellar Drive Clone provides an option Clone Volume to Network Drive in Clone, which will help you to create backup in the network drive.
- 3. Will I be able to use the free space in the destination drive after cloning the source drive?

Yes, you can. When you clone a hard drive, Stellar Drive Clone provides an option to resize the volume of the destination drive. You need to select Resize volume(s) on Destination Drive option before cloning the drive. This will allow you to resize the volume and use the free space fruitfully.

- 4. Can I use the clone of my old hard drive in my new system?
 Yes, you can use the clone in your new system as boot drive or as backup. Remember, clone of the main hard drive can only be used as boot drive.
- 5. How much time is required for cloning a drive?
 The time required for cloning depends on many factors. Few of them are listed below:
 - · Quantity of data
 - Data transfer speed of the source and target drives.
 - Size distribution of files on the source volume.
 - Hardware interface performance.
 - Method used for data transfer.
 - The architecture and speed of the processor speed.

6. I have a backup of my important folder in my network, but I am not able to access

it. Why?

While cloning to network, make sure that the files and folders have all permissions. Otherwise, you won't be able to access it. In your case, the folder might not have all the permissions. So please check the read, write and execute permissions of the folder and repeat the cloning process.

7. What is MBR?

A master boot record (MBR), or partition sector, is the 512-byte boot sector that is the first sector of a partitioned data storage device such as a hard disk. It is a small program that is executed when a computer boots up.

8. What is SSD drive?

A solid-state drive (SSD) is a storage device that use semiconductor chips rather than a magnetic media. Solid state drives have several advantages over the magnetic hard drives. Three distinct advantages are:

- Less Power Usage
- Faster Data Access
- Higher Reliability

Mechanically SSD drives are better as there are fewer moving parts to be damaged in any sort of impact, they do have a limited life span. This comes from a fixed number of write cycles that can be done on a drive before the cells become unusable.

9. I am having NTFS file system on one of my Volumes. Can Stellar Drive Clone clone it?

Yes, but NTFS file system will be cloned as ExFAT file system. This way you will be able to access all your important data on the drive, but cannot boot your system using that drive.

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