wbadmin.exe - Backup and Restore in Windows 11

In this article, we will explore the wbadmin.exe tool, its significance in the Windows 11 environment, and how it can be used for backup and restoration purposes.

Backup and restoration are essential tasks for any computer user, as they help protect important data and ensure business continuity. With the release of Windows 11, Microsoft has introduced several improvements to the backup and restore capabilities, including enhancements to the wbadmin.exe command-line tool.

Examples:

1. Creating a System Image Backup: To create a system image backup using wbadmin.exe in Windows 11, follow these steps:

   - Open Command Prompt as an administrator.
   - Type the following command and press Enter:

     ```
     wbadmin start backup -backupTarget:D: -include:C: -allCritical
     -quiet
     ```

   - This command will create a system image backup of the C: drive and save it to the D: drive.

2. Restoring a System Image Backup: To restore a system image backup using wbadmin.exe in Windows 11, follow these steps:

   - Open Command Prompt as an administrator.
   - Type the following command and press Enter:

     ```
     wbadmin start recovery -version:01/01/2022-12:00 -itemType:Volu
     me -items:C: -quiet
     ```

   - This command will restore the system image backup created on January 1, 2022, at 12:00 PM to the C: drive.