

Re: My files don't work after I got new computer

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"Vincent" <vincent_numismatics@yahoo.dk> wrote in
news:uxZhtMzfEHA.596@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl:
> *I had some important files (RTF format) on my computer.*

Actually, those attached files aren't in RTF format. They're zip files containing what appears to be OpenOffice documents. As a first step to restoring them, rename them to have a .zip extension and then unzip them, that'll get you some XML files which have all the content in them.

If you want to open them in openoffice itself, it looks like you should rename them to have a .sxw extension, though I don't have it installed so can't test this.

> *When I try to access my files they come out as "óÑIØ|Áíc4ÿüñ#" > o«±,ù©ivU,ir" etc. Only the files containing tables don't work, those > consisting of plain text work all right.*

I'm guessing that this is because the plain RTF files were saved as just normal RTF, but the ones with tables in had to have the extra formatting info in there so wound up as the zip thing that OpenOffice does to handle complex files. I'm not sure why OpenOffice would let you give them the wrong extension, but that's their problem.

For what it's worth, this is about as wrong a newsgroup as you could have chosen, given that this is about windows graphics programming, not file formats or word documents or RTF or anything. I'm not sure what would have been a better choice, ms.public.winxp.general is at least partly relevant.

Hope this helps, anyway,

-- dan