

Re: Disk drive damage continues even in Windows 2003

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Since you've obviously been using computers for a long time, you should already know that just when you stop being paranoid, they will get you!

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- > The Windows 95 FDISK command (creating overlapping partitions on external
- > SCSI drives) and Windows 2000 boot-time disk checker and Vista beta 1 aren't
- > the only Windows systems that destroy the contents of hard disk partitions.
- > Windows 2003 SP1 does it too. Screenshot:
- > <http://www.geocities.jp/hitotsubishi/ntfs2003.png>
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- > Is there any way to find out which folders or files got smashed?
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- > I plan to buy a new 250GB USB hard drive and copy as much as possible from
- > this one, and copy lost files from other scattered locations where I should
- > still be able to find them. How can I find which files they are though.
- > Windows 95 taught me to make 6 backups of important files and 3 backups of
- > less important files. NT4 let me be lazier, and 2000 let me be lazy as long
- > as I didn't have an external drive connected during boot time. 2003 used to
- > let me be lazy as long as I didn't have an external drive connected during
- > boot time, but now it changed its mind and now I'm paying for my laziness.
- > I'm probably down to just 1 copy of some files after Windows 2003 smashed
- > this drive, and want to know what they are.
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- > Vista beta 1 only corrupted its virtual C: drive running under Virtual PC
- > 2004. I haven't let it touch a real drive yet. But 2003 I've been using on
- > a real machine with real drives. Sigh.
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- > I have always clicked on the hardware removal icon and asked Windows
- > permission before disconnecting an external drive. If Windows repeated its
- > refusal several times for no known reason, I shut down Windows and
- > disconnected the drive while the machine was off. Did this with PCMCIA-SCSI

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- > adapters in Windows 95 and 98, and PCMCIA or USB in Windows 2000, XP, and
- > 2003. Of course that couldn't be done with NT4, I always had to shut down
- > an NT4 machine before connecting or disconnecting SCSI drives.
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- > A Google search found a few people who got the same error message on
- > internal disk drives (usually C) and one on a USB flash memory device which
- > emulates an external disk drive, but none on an actual USB external disk
- > drive. And none on a Windows 2003 system, as far as I could find. A few
- > had it in XP. So I attached my drive to a Windows XP Home system and the
- > chkdsk tool operated the same way and displayed the same error in
- > Japanese. But in the XP event log there are no events recorded about the
- > corruption, not at the time of attaching the drive, or while the drive was
- > attached and being checked, and not after the check until the time of being
- > removed. I think 2003 did the damage, and 2003 only provided the minimal
- > kindness of recording 4 events in the log when it detected itself doing so.
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- > Please, I need a way to find out which files were destroyed by the NTFS
- > driver of Windows 2003.
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