

Re: How do I recover an Excel File??

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Thank you Jan for your help.

I have some older copies of the list and I will just have to rebuild it a bit, and go on from there.

Take care,
Mark

"Jan Karel Pieterse" wrote:

Hi J.,

I have the 2007 home/student version, that operates with Microsoft Vista. Every morning before I open the file (and its been two weeks since I've backed it up)...I change the date on the file...so today I made it "SA Client Outreach 10.10.07"...

When I opened up the file, it said this: The file you are trying to open, 'SA Client Outreach 10.10.07.xls', is in a different format than specified by the file extension. Verify that the file is not corrupted and is from a trust source before opening the file. Do you want to open the file now?

It then gives me the option of saying "Yes, no, or help." If I click yes, it opens the file but its blank. The file itself was massive, but it now says that it is 0 bites.

I have no idea how to recover the file, or what happened to it. Its as if it just vanished into thin air.

Do you have any idea what I should do, or where it might have gone? Any assistance you might be able to give I would really appreciate.

The new native Excel 2007 file format comes with a different extension by default an if you change that extension, Excel might complain (as you've discovered. The proper extension for the 2007 file format is either:

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.xlsx (workbooks with no macros)

.xlsm (workbooks with macros).

If the filesize says 0 bytes, well, that is what it contains: nothing. I'm afraid you'll have to start digging for a backup copy (you do make a backup once in a while?) or for an older copy.

Regards,

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