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hi i had a maxtor 40 gig hardrive and last week i came home and my computer was rebooting over and over, never making it to the win xp screen. ive tried to recover but was unable to now using erd commander to access the harddrive i see the size of the srive has changed to 10 meg and is now a 12 bit fat partition. where did it all go. i had plenty of data on the drive and can no longer use it i see where this can be converted back to fat 16 or 32 but will i loose may data or is it already gone. did a backup of the thing last month 3 weeks ago i guess but have some that i havent burned to cd yet. yan this be salvaged in any reasonable way. im going to try lost and found, maybe that will work but i dont know...

HELP!!!!!!

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