

Re: Deleted file: How to retrieve

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Galen wrote:

- > I just accidentally deleted a video file that I need. I have no back
- > up and
- > the Recycle Bin does not show it. Is there any way to retrieve it?
- > It was
- > on my hard-drive. Is there another software package that I can use to
- > retrieve it?
- >
- > Please help!

Do nothing further on the machine. When you delete a file, it is still on your hard drive. However, if you continue to use the computer the chances that the file will be overwritten (and become impossible to retrieve) increase.

There are some freeware data recovery programs. I have not used them:

<http://www.collina.us/files/REST2514.htm>
<http://www3.telus.net/mikebike/RESTORATION.html>
PCInspector File Recovery –
http://www.pcinspector.de/file_recovery/welcome.htm
Recover and Restore Deleted Files (Line 36) –
http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_tweaks.htm
File Saver Pro – Recover Deleted Files –
http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_u.htm#xp_util
www.recovermyfiles.com

There is also professional data recovery software. It is quite expensive. I use this one, which works very well:

Ontrack's EasyRecovery –
<http://www.ontrack.com/Homepage.aspx?id=3&pagename=Software>

And finally, there are professional data recovery firms. Their services are expensive, but only you can decide what your data is worth:

DriveSavers – <http://www.drivesavers.com>

Seagate Data Recovery Services –
<http://www.seagate.com/support/service/drs/services.html>

Malke

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www.elephantboycomputers.com
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 - **References:**
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