

Re: chkdsk

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Ulysses31 wrote:

Well I had a problem with a drive after a crash and ran chkdsk/f as was requested, it found a lot of problems which it corrected, and managed to delete about 15 gig of files (it seemed to zero size some large files that I had, i.e they changed for 1.5 gig to 0k ect) It only produced 3 files in its found dir which were also 0k so i deleted them. The files that it reduced to 0k were in a few directories and I certainly don't think I had all the files open at the time. I simply deleted the 0k versions of the files and replaced them. I then used chkdsk/f to check all the other partitions on my computer (i have 4). I have no list of files that it changed, I only recognised 3 when watching the screen. I checked for a log but I could only find one for the last time it was run which was on one of the other partitions.

My question is does this mean that chkdsk only altered those files that became 0k, I dont really mind about that, just so long as I know what those files were, the problem is if it altered lots of files that I dont know of so dont know I need to replace (that hard drive is quite large).

Thanks for any help

Unfortunately chkdsk doesn't give much information on what it did. I doubt that anyone can tell you what happened when chkdsk did it's thing.

The best way around this in the future is always have a full and complete backup. Consider using a drive imaging program. This makes an exact image of the partition which can be saved on CD/DVD or to another drive - internal or external. Imaging to an external USB 2.0 / Firewire drive works well. Then occasionally burning an image to DVD gives you redundancy. Restores can be done of the entire partition or individual files / folders. These work well and make it easy to recover from a drive crash. Examples of this are:

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Norton Ghost 10
Acronis True Image
Terabyte Unlimited's Image for Windows
CasperXP

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MS MVP Windows - Shell/User

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