

# Re: Data Recovery On A Unbootable Disk

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I have a unbootable laptop hard drive. Dell sent me a replacement. There is data on the unbootable hard drive I need to access. Is there any way I can do it myself? Dell told me about [www.ontrack.co.uk/dell](http://www.ontrack.co.uk/dell). I am a student and I don't really want to pay for anything that I can do myself. Is there any way I can connect the new drive and the old drive to the laptop at the same time and recover my data? If I use the Recovery Console on the installation CD, will that work? I have coursework which I need to access. I have a USB port in the back of my laptop. Is there any software I can download? I live in the UK.

I have recently found out that the hard drive does not spin. Is there anything I can do? I have to return the hard drive to Dell on Monday.

Oh no! The hard drive won't spin? Crap! The old trick was to turn the hard drive like 90 to 180° really fast to start it going on its own. I don't think they will work in this case though. If it does, buying an USB external USB case is the usual way to do this. And if the hard drive doesn't spin, ontrack isn't going to help you at all.

Where did he say it wouldn't spin up?

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