

# Re: Recovering data from a large SATA after XP reinstall

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> "Kirk Dudley" <[kdudley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:kdudley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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>> Here's my problem:  
>> I had pretty much managed to kill XP, and needed to wipe and reinstall. I  
> got  
>> a 400GB WD SATA drive, plugged it in with no problem, and backed up all  
>> of  
>> my data to it.  
>> I then unplugged it during the reinstall of XP to keep it out of harms  
> way,  
>> and then plugged it in once XP was up and running. However, This was the  
>> original release of XP, and I failed to get all of the service packs on  
>> before plugging the disk back in, so it only showed 128GB of the 369GB  
> that  
>> should be there. And it claims the drive isn't formatted.  
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>> I shut down, unplugged the disk again, ran all of the updates, (SP2,  
> etc.),  
>> and tried again. Still no data, and still only 128GB showing, and windows  
>> still wants to format the drive.  
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> Hopefully you have installed the motherboard SATA driver?  
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Yep, the SATA driver is there. I know that if I killed the current partitions, recreated one big one, and formatted it, it would be available. Only problem is, all the data on it would go away.

I scanned it with a demo version of a file recovery program, and all of the data and room is there, but I don't have 200+ GB to transfer the data to readily available.

- **References:**

- ◆ **Recovering data from a large SATA after XP reinstall**

- ◇ From: Kirk Dudley

- ◆ **Re: Recovering data from a large SATA after XP reinstall**

- ◇ From: Dick Cardy

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