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i lost power to my system while trying to deinstall an app. after rebooting it looks like the computer no longer recognizes the ability to understand application or file types. i know i don't have a virus – but i can't figure out what is happending. if i transfer files to another machine the files are fine. i also can use the windows interface, ie. explore the directory but i can't launch an app or open a file. it seems like part of the system was "disabled"?

so, i can transfer files off the machine no problem. here is my dilemma – it looks like windows is corrupted and i cannot find or load my outlook files. it's like they just disappeared (or rolled back to a much earlier version).

any ideas on diagnosing and getting outlook file back?