

Re: corrupt dbx file

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Sorry, I missed that last part.

Typically the OE user has Norton or McAfee set to scan email and background compaction enabled by default and that is just a recipe for disaster. That's why I emphasize backing up so much. Most people think their computers and files will live forever.

cheers,

steve

"Alias" <aka@maskedandanonymous.com> wrote in message news:38j8qsF5q2ncaU1@individual.net...

> Notice I said that I back up regularly and for just for that reason. I back

> up to a separate partition and to a second hard drive.

>

> Alias

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> "Steve Cochran" <scochran@oehelp.com> wrote

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> > I had my system crash in the middle of compaction due to a hardware > > problem.

> > I lost two folders. If I had not backed up I would have likely not > > recovered the messages.

> >

> > Ever had a hard drive fail? I have had several. Again, if things hadn't

> > been backed up, they'd have been lost.

> >

> > Your luck should not be a guideline for most users.

> >

> > steve

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> > "Alias" <aka@maskedandanonymous.com> wrote in message

> > news:38j7opF5iqp35U1@individual.net...

> >> Hasn't happened to me since April, 97 but, then again, I compact

> > regularly,
> >> *don't store my messages in default folders, never let a folder get over
> >> 100MB and, yes, I back up very regularly anyway ;-*)
> >>
> >> *Alias*
> >>
> >> *"Steve Cochran" <scochran@oehelp.com> wrote*
> >>
> >> > *Just to echo what Bruce said, if you value your email, back it up.*
OE
> > *is*
> >> > *well-known for wiping out the message store.*
> >> >
> >> > *steve*
> >> >
> >> > *"surfer100" <surfer100@outhere.com> wrote in message*
> >> > *news:OltD87cHFHA.3376@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl...*
> >> >> *My thanks to everyone who posted info.*
> >> >>
> >> >> *In the end I could not recover more than a few messages from my*
> > *father's*
> >> >> *corrupted OE folder. As a workaround I found that I had a folder in*
> >> >> *my*
> >> >> *Outlook of all our emails. So, I imported that folder into my OE,*
> > *copied*
> >> >> *that new dbx to a cd, copied that to my father's computer, put it in*
> > *his*
> >> > *OE*
> >> >> *dbx storage area, renamed folders.dbx to folders.old to force OE to*
> >> >> *recognize it.*
> >> >>
> >> >> *And that worked, so now all is well. One nice side note is that we*
> >> > *realized*
> >> >> *how many emails we had been sending each other over the years.*
> >> >>
> >> >> *Email is good.*
> >> >>
> >> >>
> >> >> *"surfer100" <surfer100@outhere.com> wrote in message*
> >> >> *news:42212283\$0\$49838\$45beb828@newscene.com...*
> >> >> > *My father saved all his emails from me in a folder that grew to be*
> > *just*
> >> >> > *under 30 mb. When he tried to add some more emails a while back*
the
> >> >> > *folder*
> >> >> > *froze and would no longer open.*
> >> >> >
> >> >> > *I tried using DBXtract and Magallan on this dbx file. Both*
extract
> >> >> > *successfully about 50 messages from 2000/2001, but not from later*
> >> > *years.*

