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External Hard Drive Data Recovery: Not So Different

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If the data which you are trying to retrieve is stored on an external hard drive, however, the recovery process and can range from simple to highly complicated. But external hard drive data recovery, for the most part, is similar to that used for retrieving lost files no matter where they were originally stored.

**Doing Your Own External Hard Drive Data Recovery**

If your external hard drive is part of a company network, you will have to attach it to a monitoring system so you can track the progress of the external hard drive data recovery. Any idle desktop computer or workstation will suffice; you just need to make sure someone is watch dogging the process and can intervene if any glitches occur in the retrieval effort. The last thing you want to have happen is for the external hard drive data recovery process to appear to have finished, and then find that it is still malfunctioning and requires a do-

over.

Once the external hard drive data recovery process retrieval is finished, the recovered data will need to be tested for functionality. Begin by checking the operational system files, because without them you will not get far. If they check out, you can go ahead and test the informational files like your business invoices, tax records, spread sheets and databases.

If your general business files are in order, you can branch out and see if the external hard drive data recovery has restored the files with which your company's different departments work. If all those files are up and running, you can rest assured that the external hard drive recovery went as planned, and you can remove the hard drive from the monitoring station and put it back where it normally belongs.

You can accomplish this by checking various operational and data files that are saved on the external drive. Start out with the operations system first, then move on to some of the larger and more important files, such as your invoicing system. From there you can get into other files that are used fairly often by various persons and departments in your company. Once you are assured that the data is intact, accessible, and working properly, you will know that the recovery was successful and you can return the external drive to its usual station. [http://www.pcdatarecoveryhelp.com/Free\\_Data\\_Recovery\\_Tools](http://www.pcdatarecoveryhelp.com/Free_Data_Recovery_Tools) on free recovery tools.

#### When Your Effort Fails

If, however, your efforts at an in-house external hard drive data recovery fail, the next step is to take or ship the hard drive to a data recovery specialist. The specialist will examine and evaluate the damage your external hard drive and let you know how much it will cost to perform an external hard drive data recovery, and what you can realistically expect to recover. If your company's management approves the expense, the specialist will proceed with the recovery attempt and return as much of your data as possible.