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Thread: [BIG BIG BIG MISTAKE! NEED HELP](#)

Fresh Prince of Bel-Air - April 25, 2013, 2:31 pm

Alright guys ..

I could seriously use your help right now. Here's the story:

I've had some files in my trash can on my MacBook Air, that i wanted to delete permanently.

After i used the empty function on the trash can, i realized that some of the files couldn't get deleted.

So I got on the terminal and used the rmdir command, and although i DID get some warnings (That i stupidly didn't read), i continued deleting the files i thought were in the trash can.

To my surprise, i found out that i was deleting some other important folders!!! I'm (almost) literally in tears.

The question is:

Is it possible in ANY way, that i can cancel or redo the deletions i miss commanded?

I would REALLY REALLY appreciate any kind of help.

Thank you in advance guys

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thefro - April 25, 2013, 5:24 pm

maybe try and google for file salvage - It may work?

Noobo - April 25, 2013, 5:41 pm

Is your computer still functioning? If it still works the files couldn't have been THAT important. If it is no longer functioning then you may need to reinstall OS X. If the computer had OS X Lion (10.7) or higher, then the HDD should have a restore partition, which can be accessed by holding Alt/Option on startup, until you see a list of partitions.

Fresh Prince of Bel-Air - April 26, 2013, 2:14 am

(Apr 25, 2013 05:41 PM)Nyan_Cat Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is your computer still functioning? If it still works the files couldn't have been THAT important. If it is no longer functioning then you may need to reinstall OS X. If the computer had OS X Lion (10.7) or higher, then the HDD should have a restore partition, which can be accessed by holding Alt/Option on startup, until you see a list of partitions.

There's nothing wrong with my computer. The only problem is that I accidentally deleted a folder with important documents . And that's what I want to recover

Noobo - April 26, 2013, 7:05 am

Well here is what happens to files upon deletion: they don't necessarily get deleted, but instead they turn into "free space," which is when the data is still there, but the second something needs it, it'll overwrite the data. I'm not sure if you can do it now, but if you have a backup or put the files on iCloud, you could get them back.

redfoxblack8 - April 26, 2013, 7:14 am

Yea, hopefully you saved them to Icloud. There must be a way to retrieve those files though

ElasticWeed - April 26, 2013, 7:19 am

Just get Disk Drill or some other type of recovery software and voilà, your files should come back!

?Ñâzg?l - April 27, 2013, 7:01 pm

if you have any forensic skills AND if you did not securely deleted the files then you can recover them

you can also bring your computer at a computer shop (some of those shops can recover that information

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(Apr 26, 2013 07:19 AM)ElasticWeed Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just get Disk Drill or some other type of recovery software and voilà, your files should come back!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU !!!! <3 <3 <3 It worked! for like 70% of my deleted files!