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Thread: [My hard drive wiped itself | Need to recover files.](#)

Owen.. - April 3, 2015, 5:36 pm

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Thanks.

ToXiiC - April 4, 2015, 7:46 am

No it's not impossible. The only thing I can recommend is buying a cable like this and plugging your HDD into your new computer via USB and seeing if it picks anything up. It should automatically mount it as an external HDD where you will be able to see the whole C:/ that is on the HDD.

Here is the cable ([Click to View](#))

[img]http://www.apricorn.com/media/overview/SATA_Wire_3_overview2.jpg[/img]

Here is what it looks like with HDD plugged in (OS: K is the HDD) ([Click to View](#))

Good luck OP, If I helped message me for my BTC or PP address. You can get one of these cables at best buy for like \$25, that's where I got mine. ?

EDIT: And what this user said.

(Apr 4, 2015 07:38 AM)ciocan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Maybe i ca help you.

1. stop using that hdd if you have an new os installed. You will lose more every time you start it...

ciocan - April 4, 2015, 7:47 am

I already left you a message here

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4761514&pid=45547101#pid45547101>

Freebooter - April 4, 2015, 12:42 pm

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<https://gyazo.com/4edf4b702fd1e207da62f8661d851e83> Recover files should have extension that can help you identify which file type its also recover files from folders they were stored.