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Subject: Community, Im Soo Sorry!

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You should keep backups of your work. For everyhitng I do I have around 6 copies on a CD so it is protected. Also last year when I accidently formatted my wrong hard drive (hey I had 4, it was inevitable) I used a program called "Stellar Phoenix NTFS" and recovered every single document off the drive with no problem. The wondows installation on the drive was lost but all my files were safe.

If I run that program on my disk now I still have old Gmax files I deleted ages ago as they haven't been overwritten by new data yet. Obviously this program doesn't work as good if you have filled up your drive you formatted as the data will have been overwritten. When you format the drive it just marks everything blank. The only way to erase the data is to write "0's" to every sector of the drive, which would take long.

I work with computers and I still can't see how a PC can format a drive when it's off, even when it's on. The only thing similar to that is hard drive just going "dead" and no eing detected. However that problem is caused by a faulty drive controller chip and I have to send them away to be recovered.

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