

Help! Data lost, Data Found, Data Lost ...



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Jan 7, 2009 Ok, long winded description. Sometime Friday night Fusion crashed (spinning beach ball of death) while I was running my Vista VM. This not being too uncommon for Vista, I Force Quit and restarted Fusion and the Vista VM. I received a "disk read error". Quit Fusion and out to the finder where I was unable to read the disk with VMDKMounter. So I'm not recovering my data that way. Repair #1 - Back to Fusion and booting the Vista VM from the install disc. I run the repair. The repair "works". I reboot the Vista VM and no error...no anything. Repair #2 - I reboot the VM from the install disc and re-run the repair. This time I receive an error message indicating the bootloader is missing. From the Vista repair menu I drop out to a command line to check the disc, and there are all my folders with all my data but no system files in the root directory. No problem thinks I. I'll load the disc into my XP Pro VM as a second hard drive and retrieve my data. (No, I don't know why I didn't just use VMDKMounter now.) Here's where I really blew it. When setting up the Vista disk I UNCHECKED the copy box. (No, I don't know why. But I suspect caffeine deprivation.) I booted the XP Pro VM and got some coffee. When I got back to my desk, XP was running a repair on my Vista disk. "Removing invalid index..." blah, blah, blah. When XP finished booting, there's my 100GB Vista disk mounted...with 99.8GB of FREE SPACE. When I checked the disk all my data was gone, poof! But the directory structure is intact! I tried to restore the snapshot of the disc which takes me back to Repair #2. This time however, there's no data. Back in the finder, the Vista VMDK shows about 250MB in Size, however the snapshot from that morning is showing 2.1GB. Is there a chance that my data is still stuck inside the vmem file, and is there any way to get it out? Here's a listing of the files in the Vista VM package.

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-rw-----@ 1 staff 2147483648 Jun 27 12:48 564df50f-78a2-86e0-0e3d-e76da0ff0a35.vmem dr
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I'm running Fusion Version 2.0.5 (173382) on 10.5.7 All help is greatly appreciated!! Tags: disk_read_error, vista, xp_pro, vmdk, vmem, data_recovery



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Mar 28, 2009 1. **Re: Help! Data lost, Data Found, Data Lost again - but directory structure intact? Vista/XP**
Jun 28, 2009 9:08 AM

Hello Brevemike,

I read that you experienced disk problem with version 2.0.5 build 173382.

Could you read my post [here](#) and tell us if it's ring the bell? I mean: do you see any similarity with which I described.

Because, until this version and build, I never had any (virtual) disk problem and slowness in the host system.

Thank for any ping back. Regards.



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Jan 7, 2009 2. **Re: Help! Data lost, Data Found, Data Lost again - but directory structure intact? Vista/XP** Jun 28, 2009 10:20 AM

 in response to: [RvPLaN](#) I hadn't thought about it, but I did do an upgrade on Friday morning.

I didn't notice any problems during the day though. It wasn't until sometime after I stopped working on Friday night that the crash occurred.

I haven't been running my XP Pro VM, so I haven't noticed any problems there.


However, when XP was "repairing" the disk, the processor did peg at 100% utilization.

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Jan 7, 2009 3. **Re: Help! Data lost, Data Found, Data Lost again - but directory structure intact? Vista/XP** Jun 28, 2009 10:47 AM

 in response to: [brevemike](#)

Ok, How's this for fun.

Now my XP Pro VM hangs on startup. When I try to boot into safe mode it stops while loading Mup.sys, any thoughts anyone?

So for now, I have no working Windows installation. I wouldn't complain except I need it for work. Joy....