

Data Recovery Service Insights

When searching for a data recovery service provider, millions of websites are claiming to be the expert. It's painful enough to have to click through the first ten sites to understand who's out there and what they offer. But, how do you differentiate between the endless list of data recovery service companies, so that you have the best opportunity to reclaim your data?

If You Don't Already Know

The first thing to help you separate all the sites into two distinct groups is to understand that very few professional data recovery service companies exist; and that there are lots of local IT businesses cross-marketing data recovery service as a side business. If I do my job right, in the next few minutes, you should be able to distinguish a data recovery service specialist from the area computer technician, and know how to use each one to help you recover your data.

Determining Who's Who

The next way to determine who you are dealing with is to try hiring them for another computer related service, besides data recovery service. For example, ask them for a quote to install a data backup system, or inquire about setting up a lot of workstations for the office. When they start asking additional questions, instead of responding, "Sorry, we only do data recovery service and forensic computer investigation cases", you have reached your area 'computer hardware repair man'.

The Role of the Local Computer Shop

Just about everybody considers using the tech nearby or someone within their company when seeking data recovery help, because they want to get back to what they were doing, with the data they have lost, right now!

What you need to know is that these people can help you reclaim your data in two specific ways: By using a drive imaging tool to make a sector clone of your data for safety precautions; and afterwards, by using an automated file recovery software to revive your lost files.

Here's the most important point: You must get the second copy of your data in hand, before letting them attempt the recovery process. The reason being is, if you do not have this backup, and if an irreversible mistake is made, you will most likely have no recourse to get your data back. With the extra cloned drive in your possession, you can always send your drive to an data recovery service group if something like this happens.

Another Way To Differentiate

Here's the quick test to find out if the data recovery service site you are looking at is a pro or not: Does the company you are considering make, not just market, data recovery software? If so, nine out of ten times you have found a full-scale data recovery service company.

How do I know this? Because I have specialized in data forensics and data recovery service for almost two decades, and know the other major players in the industry. They also make recovery utilities: for the home users who cannot afford in-lab data recovery service; and for computer repair shops. These small businesses feed us cases when software fails, or when they receive a dead hard drive that needs clean-room work to recover the data.

Your Final Insight

Time is also an important factor in every data loss situation. To make the data recovery service process go as quickly and smoothly as possible, I suggest that you use all avenues to get your data back as quickly as possible. Here's how...

First, get that second sector-copy of your drive from someone in town. While you are at it, get them to make you a third one, too. Safe-keep the first one; let someone in town try their data recovery techniques on the second; and finally, ship the third one to a professional data recovery service organization. This ensures you are giving yourself the best possible outcome for any data recovery service case.

By the way, while the demand for hard drive data recovery services has dramatically increased, the number of full-scale firms in the industry has still remained small. This means that since there are not many data recovery service experts out there, you will probably not find one in your state, much less in your city or town. So, in the extreme cases, you may have to overnight your drive to one of these data recovery service firms.

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