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3D Data Recovery Phases & Issues

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3D Data Recovery Issues

- **Drive failure** (*drive-level issues*)
 - *Physical/Mechanical damage*
 - *Electronic problems*
 - *Firmware failure*
- **Disk read instability problems** (*disk-level issues*)
 - *Unstable or degraded drive*
 - *Media corruption (bad sectors)*
- **Data corruption** (*data-level issues*)
 - *File System structure corruption*
 - *User files corruption*



3D Data Recovery Phases

The **3D Data Recovery** Phases 

1

Drive Restoration



2

Disk Imaging



3

Data Retrieval

File System Recovery

File Verification

File Repair (if required)





Phase 1 Issues

- ***Drive is not responding***
 - **Physical/Mechanical damage**
 - *Problems are diagnosed / identified. Failed parts are replaced.*
 - **Electronic problems**
 - *Failed PCB is replaced with a donor one while the contents of its ROM is copied to the donor PCB. If required the drive is re-calibrated to work with a new PCB.*
 - **Firmware failure**
 - *Firmware failures in ROM and System Area (disk platters) are diagnosed and fixed.*
- ***Drive produces useless data***
 - **Drive mislabels sectors or reads till certain point only.**
 - *Translator failures in System Area are diagnosed and fixed.*



Phase 2 Issues

- ***Drive is unstable, degraded or has bad sectors***
 - **Losing too much data in bad sectors**
 - *Bad sectors are processed by using different read commands (Read Ignoring ECC).*
 - **Drive stops responding occasionally**
 - *HDD Hardware Reset or Repower procedure applies automatically to continue imaging.*
 - **Drive is processing bad & problematic sectors too long**
 - *The sectors are identified by Read Sector Timeout and skipped to be retrieved on later passes (if required).*
 - **Drive may fail due to degradation or intensive reading**
 - *Drive is preconfigured for lighter operations and fewer drive's resources are used while imaging on initial pass.*
 - **Imaging takes a long time and results are unknown until it's done**
 - *Real-time data evaluation is provided to identify user data on the fly.*
 - **Drive cannot be imaged due to instability/degradation and needs to be fixed**
 - *Special commands and algorithms are applied by the user to image slightly degraded drives in multiple passes to avoid necessity for parts replacement.*



Phase 3 Issues

- ***File System Structure corruption***
 - **Operating System can't see partitions, directories, files**
 - *Corrupted File System elements such as MBR, boot sectors or directories are fixed.*
 - **File System structure cannot be fixed due to significant corruption**
 - *Files are retrieved in Raw Recovery mode.*
- ***User data corruption***
 - **Cannot guarantee the integrity of retrieved files**
 - *Tools that verify the files for potential corruption and generate a report are used.*
 - **Retrieved files cannot be opened due to corruption**
 - *The files are repaired or bad sectors that are causing this corruption are processed once again by different algorithms at imaging phase.*