

Total Eejit

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Seldom does one refer to oneself as "Chief Nonce". However, in this case the label is not only justified but also sadly something of an understatement. There are two things dear to my digital heart -- music collection and website content (photies, mostly). 18 months ago I nearly lost my entire mp3 collection (born in the first year of mass downloading, aka Napster 99). I had a dual hard drive crash the same week of losing my ipod. Barry. So I bolstered my backup procedures to things like "offsite backups" (leaving disk at office), as well as using three whole drives for redundant storage.

The theory was that the house could be burgled and/or burnt to the ground without losing data. All of this was coordinated by a backup program, albeit one susceptible to user error. So, in configuring this multiway copying system I managed to switch disks and make an empty drive the master...so all of the website data went the way of allshiv.com. Ever wondered what happened to data that got deleted by a delete method which didn't use the recycle bin (or what happens after emptying the recycle bin)?? So did I. After downloading some "recovery" software I have managed to retrieve all of the smallish files...but of the larger ones, 10% are toast. Notwhatyouwant.

As if that noncery wasn't enough, I managed to pour water over my laptop. After setting fire to the hard drive. This, 2 weeks after sitting on the wee, defenseless gem & squashing the life out of the monitor. Aiiiiieeeeeeee!

Stills from brewing Old Badger, katie b'day, the Penn Siblings' snowless skitrip and COld times in Feb. Haven't figured out the frosties streaming video solution yet...if I didn't use flickr then am I really going to use youtube?? Apparently I am in the middle of a Tartley-style desire to inflict pain/misery/configuration/development on poor frosties2.