

Recover Files Window

There may be one, two or three top-level folders in this window, depending on the type of scan you did and what was found on the media. Two of these are named "Orphans Folder" and "CBR". The third is named the same as the name of the volume or device that you scanned, which we will call the "media name folder".

Media Name Folder

This folder contains the reconstructed filesystem tree that Data Rescue was able to find with its catalog scan mechanism. This is the first place you should look for your files that you want to recover. This is also sometimes referred to as the “main catalog folder”.

Orphans Folder

This folder contains files and folders also found with the catalog scan mechanism, but for these items, Data Rescue could not find a parent directory to put them in. So Data Rescue synthesizes (makes up) some folder names, and puts the orphans items in there.

CBR Folder

This folder contains the files found by the content part of the scan. Files found this way do not have their original names or folders. Instead, they have names and folders synthesized by Data Rescue based on the type of data they contain. It is quite possible (in fact highly likely) that some of the files under this folder are duplicates of files in the media name or orphans folder found by the catalog scan. (Data Rescue does not currently have a means to cross-reference these, though this may be added in the future.)

Finding Your Files

To find specific files when you know the name and folder of the file, first try just starting at the top of the media name folder and working your way down to the folder of interest. Be aware that with a thorough scan, there will often be more than one folder of the same name. If what you are looking for isn't in one, it might be in another of the same name. You can also search for files and folders by name. Type a name in the search box in the upper right of the window, or bring up the Edit → Find menu item. This will do a case-insensitive search for file and folder names that contain the string you typed in.

The Edit → Find dialog also lets you search for files by size and date criteria, as well as by name.

Selecting and Recovering Files

There are several ways you can recover files that have been found by the scan. To automatically recover and open a single file, you can double-click the file in the recovery list. The file will be recovered to a folder in Data Rescue's temporary working storage area. This area and all the files in it will be deleted when Data Rescue is quit, so this type of recovery is intended to be a convenience to allow you to check a few files for

correctness prior to doing a large recovery. Note: This type of recovery is disabled in Demo mode.

You can also drag and drop a selected (highlighted) file or folder or group of files or folders from the recovery list to a folder in a Finder window. The dragged files and folders will be recovered directly to that folder. You may also select (highlight) files and folders and then click the Recover icon in the toolbar or choose the File → Recover Files... menu item. You will be presented with a dialog allowing you to choose the recovery folder.

You may also mark (checkmark) any number of files and folders using the checkboxes, and then recover them all at once using the same toolbar icon or menu item. Files and folders recovered in this way will have the complete directory structure between them and the root (top level) folder recreated starting in the folder you choose. Checkmarking a folder automatically checkmarks every file and folder underneath as well. Checkmarked items will remain checkmarked until you uncheck them.