

What's your favorite data-loss story?



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Do you have any favorite stories of end user data-loss? Lose an important email? Missing backup tape? Intern cut off the main power line? Even if it's brief, I'd love to hear it!

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This reminds me of the time on a small production system we did a "tar xvf" not a "tar cvf" when the automatic backups failed from the nightly backup package. Unfortunately, we had a backup tape in the drive from the night before, and lost 24 hours of production data.

It was a the worst feeling, and took us a full 18 additional hours with a staff of 10 people to regenerate the data lost.



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The first time I built a killer custom all-plexiglass computer case modded out tower I had swapped

out all the parts, added a dozen fans with multicolor LED's and scoops and all this cool stuff,

rebuilt a fresh install of Windows on C:\ and after ALL that finally booted up with the D: data drive

connected. Then I realized I hadn't powered up the neons. When I touched the power connector to

the neon it blew the data drive up. Bummer.