

Laptop Group – Notes for June 8, 2011-06-07

TestDisk, et al.

Go to <http://www.cgsecurity.org>

Note that TestDisk and Photorec come together in the same download package. Also note that there are separate Windows 32-bit and 64-bit packages, but you (everybody in our group) should use just the 32-bit package.

Click on [TestDisk](#) to go the page with the Documentation links. Note the Step-by-Step instructions.

TestDisk and Photorec run directly from their Windows folder. They are both DOS programs that are easy to follow.

Since you may want to use TestDisk when your computer will not boot into Windows, you need to be able to run TestDisk from a bootable floppy (huh?), bootable CD, or a bootable USB key.

I have prepared and tested a bootable key with the DOS download of TestDisk. I will have to leave showing you this for another meeting.

Virtual Machines in Widows 7

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/virtual-pc/download.aspx>

It is much more convenient to run Windows XP on your Windows 7 computer in a Virtual Machine than it is to Dual Boot.

The very best way to do it is with XP Mode (free), but you have to have Windows 7 Professional to do that. Since that could cost as much as \$150, you may choose another option.

If you have a XP Windows disk, you can download just Windows Virtual PC and build your own XP virtual hard drive.

A word of caution: the newer your computer the better your experience will be.

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