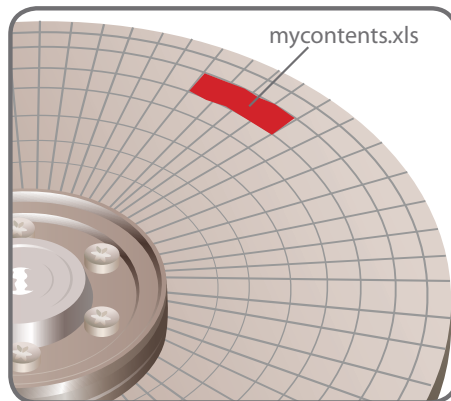


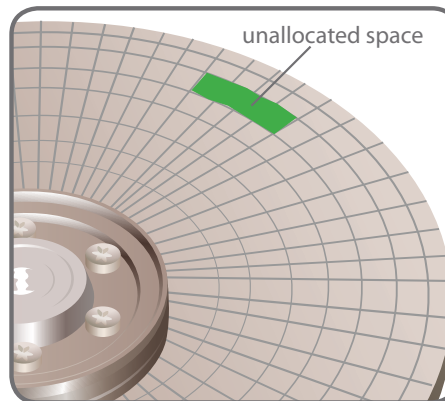
# How Are Deleted Files and Data Recovered?

Computers Don't Immediately Remove Data that was Deleted

## Original Data

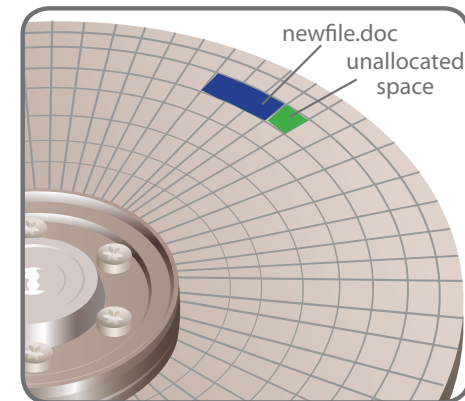


## Deleted Data



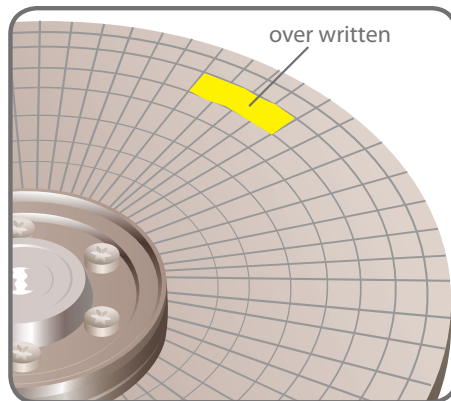
The original data is still present, but marked as unallocated space.

## Partially Overwritten Data



Over time, some or all of the data can be over written. The remaining data can still be "carved" and reviewed.

## Data Wiped Clean or Shredded



The data can be wiped clean or shredded using privacy software.

## What is unallocated space?

Unallocated Space is available disk space that is not allocated to any volume. The type of volume that you can create on unallocated space depends on the disk type. On basic disks, you can use unallocated space to create primary or extended partitions. On dynamic disks, you can use unallocated space to create dynamic volumes.

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