

RETRIEVE AND RECOVER DATA

# Data Safety Suite



\$149 When all other solutions have failed... try this

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

G3, Mac OS X 10.1.5, 128MB RAM, second hard drive or network volume for recovered files

FOR AND AGAINST

- + Mac OS X native
- + Mounts disks other apps can't see
- + Nice and easy backups
- You may never need it
- Can't repair drives
- Needs a second hard drive

VERDICT



"Prosoft's DSS is a great suite but perhaps a little expensive. It will show deleted files, but you won't be able to recover them."

Who hasn't accidentally pressed the delete button late at night when you're tired and bleary eyed? Then you empty the trash and the file's gone. Or maybe your hard drive has crashed and there's still vital data on it. What are you going to do?

Well, if you're smart you'll have backed up and these mishaps won't matter too much. But since hardly anyone bothers you'll have to resurrect that lost file using some software. Prosoft, makers of *Data Rescue* (reviewed in *MacFormat* issue 140) has now released its *Data Safety Suite*, a package of software that bundles *Data Rescue*, *Data Recycler* and *Data Backup*.

*Data Backup* does pretty much what you'd imagine. It's as easy to use as the Finder, yet

there are some advanced features should you want to use them. For instance, you can create bootable backups, scheduled backups, mirror backups, version backups and incremental backups. You can also decide which files shouldn't be included in a backup. So virtually everything is covered. It's easy enough to use that you should find it foolproof to make backups.

*Data Recycler* makes the recovery of deleted files a cinch. You can even recover deleted photos from *iPhoto*. However, if you do want to thoroughly dispose of a file, then you can invoke the file shredder to completely expunge the data from your Mac.

Finally, *Data Rescue* offers the ability to resurrect crashed hard



If you've accidentally deleted some files, try Prosoft's Data Safety Suite to find those lost items.

drives. *Data Rescue* can sometimes mount drives that other utilities fail to find. Unfortunately, *Data Rescue* can't repair a duff drive, but it does its best to save data. However, you

do need a second hard drive on which to restore the data. We suggest you try out the demo first ([www.prosofteng.com](http://www.prosofteng.com)), before parting with your cash. Mark Sparrow