

Useful Computer Utilities

- easily find out what's taking up space on your hard drive
 - Windirstat, windows, free <http://windirstat.info/>
 - Disk Inspector, apple, free??
<http://nektony.com/disk-inspector>
- Recover deleted files
 - Filescavenger, windows, free trial/\$50 to buy
<http://www.quetek.com/prod02.htm>
 - Flash File Recovery, windows, free trial. \$50 to buy
<http://panterasoft.com/file-recovery/>
- Hardware tests
 - Boot time utilities included by manufacturer, windows, free, varies- typically accessed by pressing F12 or similar during boot up screen with manufacturer's logo. Search for: <manufacturer> <model> diagnostics
 - Hiren's boot CD, window, free,
<http://www.hirensbootcd.org/>
 - Apple hardware test, apple, free
<http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1509>
- Inspect and repair disk errors
 - Apple disk utility, apple, free,
<http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1782>
 - Chdsk, windows, free
<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-vista/check-your-hard-disk-for-errors>
- Operating system maintenance programs
 - ccleaner, windows, free basic,
<http://www.piriform.com/ccleaner>
- HDD eraser
 - Hiren's boot CD, window, free, use Darik's Boot and Nuke (DBAN) <http://www.hirensbootcd.org/>
 - Apple, use boot DVD <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1820>