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Recovering files from deleted and corrupted partitions

If a partition was deleted or corrupted so that it does not appear in the system as a drive, you still can try to recover files that were on it.

Click the "Find Partitions" button  on the toolbar. In the dialog choose physical disk that contained your partition. You can also choose the search range. This is useful if you know approximately the location of the beginning of that partition. It can take a while to search the whole disk, but you can save time by limiting the range.

Click the "Start" button. The "Select disk or partition" dialog will appear. Handy Recovery will start searching for lost partitions. When a new one is found, it is added to the list shown in the dialog box. Typically Handy Recovery will find many partitions including ones that never existed on that disk. This is because the program tries to interpret as a partition any similar structure found on the disk. The icon image near each partition shows the probability that the corresponding partition really existed and that files on it are recoverable.

When you see the needed partition you can select it and click the "Analyze" button. This will stop the search and will start the analysis of the selected partition.

Note that if you format an existing partition with quick format option, you do not need to search disk for this partition as described above. You