Select scan method

To select the scan method, simply click one of the buttons below.

Recommendation for damaged file systems: Start with a Quick scan. If this does not find your files, then do a Thorough scan.

Recommendation for deleted files: If your file system is undamaged, and you are just looking for deleted files, do a Deleted Files scan, which is basically a Thorough scan, but only the free space of the file system is searched.   This provides a greatly improved deleted file recovery capability as compared to Data Rescue X.   Over one hundred file types are recognized.   This scan method only works when your file system is undamaged.

Note - Due to the way that Mac OS X works, files which were deleted will often not have their original names or folders.   Data Rescue automatically generates names and folders for such files, and places them under the CBR folder. You will often need to search through the files under CBR to find specific ones you are looking for.

The **Use Scan file** method allows you to reload previously saved scan results by using the scan file you saved in that session. Its purpose is to avoid the need to repeat the time-consuming initial scan.   Just pick the saved scan file using the open dialog. If you want to change the scan file you picked, use the Browse... button.

Note - You must have saved the scan file in a previous session to use this method. The scan file does not store file data, only information about where it was found, so you must have the original drive which was scanned available in order to recover more files.