

Repair and Restore a PST File in Microsoft Outlook – Inbox Repair Tool

Stellar Phoenix Outlook PST Repair is the most effective Outlook Inbox repair tool to repair outlook inbox and recover outlook pst files.

Sept. 15, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- If you are using Microsoft Outlook as your personal email client and information manager, you are using a PST file on your system. PST file is the repository of all your mission critical and precious Outlook data such as emails, notes, contact, tasks and so forth. In order to prevent data loss from the PST file, you must know how to repair it. When PST file gets corrupted, Microsoft Outlook provides you a tool, which might correct the issue without restoring from a backup. This utility is known as Inbox Repair Tool (Scanpst.exe) and is installed on the hard drive when MS Outlook is first installed.

How to repair a damaged PST file using Scanpst.exe Tool?

In a practical scenario of PST file corruption and need of Scanpst.exe tool, you might come across below given error message when you try to open an Outlook folder or access data from it:

“Unable to expand the folder. The set of folders could not be opened. Errors could have been detected in the file drive:Documents and SettingsuserLocal SettingsApplication DataMicrosoftOutlookOutlook.pst. Quit all mail-enabled applications, and then use the Inbox Repair Tool.”

* The file path, which is specified in above error message, might be different depending upon the version of Windows operating system and Microsoft Outlook that you are using on your system.

In order to repair Outlook PST file, go through underwritten steps:

- On the Start menu of your Windows desktop, click Run.
- In Open box, type below string:
drive:Program FilesCommon FilesSystemMapiLocaleIDscanpst.exe

Here Locale id is the LCID (Locale Identifier) for the installation of MS Office. For instance, LCID for the English (US) is 1033. To see complete information and list of LCID, get Microsoft Office help.

- Click OK button.
- In Enter the name of the file you want to scan text box, type the file name and path, which is given in the above error message.

Note- You might not be able to make use of the Browse button for locating the PST file because this is located in hidden Windows folder.

- In order to change the options of log errors during scan process, click Options button, If you select Append to log or Replace log, the log file would be saved to same folder as the Outlook PST file.
- Click Start button.

When the scan process gets completed successfully, select Make a backup of scanned file before repairing check box.

- Select Repair option.

If the Outlook Inbox Repair complete successfully and the PST file gets repaired, you would see the Repair Complete message. In the Scanpst.exe tool could not have resolved the problem and repaired the PST file, you would require to use the backup copy of damaged PST file to restore it.

To start using the backup copy of the PST file as new primary PST file, follow given steps:

- Start Microsoft Outlook.

- In File menu, click the Data File Management option.
- Select the Outlook PST file, which is corrupted and then click Remove button.
- Click Add button, Select Personal Folders File (PST) and then Click OK button.
- Select the PST that you want to use as new primary file.
- Click OK button.

Relying completely on the Inbox Repair Tool is not recommended as it can not resolve the corruption scenarios, which are caused by external reasons such as virus infection and improper system shutdown. You should regularly backup your valuable data on a reliable storage media.

But in case if the Scanpst.exe fails to repair the PST file and you do not have complete backup, then you need to go for third party applications. These software are powerful enough to methodically scan damaged PST file and extract all of the inaccessible or damaged data from it. They are known as Outlook Inbox Repair applications.

These utilities do not require sound and prior technical skills to achieve absolute recovery as they come equipped with interactive and simple graphical user interface. Due to read only and non destructive conduct, they do not alter original contents of the file.

Stellar Phoenix Outlook PST Repair is the most effective and widely used application to ensure absolute recovery of PST file. It supports recovery from the PST files of Microsoft Outlook 2007, 2003, 2002 (XP) and 2000. This software is compatible with Microsoft Windows Vista, 2003, XP, 2000 and NT4 (SP6).

For more information about the product visit at : <http://www.inbox-repair-tool.net/>

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