This function with use the Microsoft **disk checking utility** to **examine the surface** of your hard disk drive. If it finds any problem areas, it will mark them as "**bad**" and prevent data from being written to them. This can **protect** you from **serious data loss**.

This type of check is usually described as a "**thorough**" check. It includes a "**standard**" check which will verify the integrity of your file system.

This check is **very import** because an uncorrected error can spread through your data and result in the loss of all the files on your computer in the worst cases.

If there are **surface defects** on your **hard disk drive**, you stand to **lose data permanently**. In some cases, you will have to **replace your hard drive**.

We recommend that you perform a **surface scan** on your drives at least **once a month**.