

Nonprofit to help Megaupload users retrieve data

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In this Jan. 25, 2012 photo shows an inflatable tank parked on a hill facing the main gate at Kim Dotcom's house in Coatesville, 30 kilometers (18.6 miles) north west of Auckland, New Zealand, after the house was raided last week by police and he was arrested on international copyright infringement and money laundering charges. Users of the file-sharing website Megaupload who feared their data could be deleted have a reprieve after a nonprofit group stepped in at the eleventh hour.(AP Photo/Dean Purcell/NZ Herald) NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA

(AP) -- Users of the file-sharing website Megaupload who feared their data could be deleted as early as Thursday have a reprieve after a nonprofit group stepped in at the eleventh hour.

The [Electronic Frontier Foundation](#) announced Wednesday that it is partnering with data-storage providers Carpathia Hosting to create

<http://www.megaretrieval.com> to help lawful U.S. users of [Megaupload](#) retrieve their data.

Last month, U.S. prosecutors shut down the Megaupload site and charged seven men with racketeering, claiming Megaupload facilitated millions of illegal downloads of movies, music and other content.

A letter filed in the case Friday by prosecutors said Carpathia and another storage company, Cogent Communications Group, could begin deleting data as early as Thursday.

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