

# Re: do i need to convert old fat32 file data to ntfs upgrading to

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You should do this:

1. Connect your old disk as a slave disk in your new system.
2. Copy all data across.
3. If your new drive is FAT32 and if you wish then you can convert it to NTFS. You don't have to!
4. You can leave the old disk as a slave disk in your new PC, or you can place it inside a USB case and use it as a backup medium (provided that it is of sufficient capacity).
5. You can convert your old disk to NTFS if you wish, or you can leave it as FAT32.

"nethinim" <gal522(remove)@cfaith.com> wrote in message  
<news:EAC3B399-E7BD-44F0-91A4-A47CEBF4FF28@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
> thanks PEGASUS  
> are you suggesting that i leave the old drive in the new system??? i was  
> only going to connect it to new to make xfer easier. question when/if i  
> convert file system does that convert the makeup of existing files?? or  
just  
> the way new files are constructed? i am asuming that my AOL files suould  
be  
> on the drive with the operating system. my new system will have two 300 gb  
> pata and poss one 200 gb sata drives. I do backup but it has gotten labor  
> intensive with the old system.  
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> should i just purchase a drive enclosure and a drive back up all existing  
> fat32 files then run the convert X:/fs:NTFS command on the backed up  
drive  
> in enclosure. then migrate converted files in to new system.  
> sorry that i keep asking questions  
> thanks  
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> nethinim  
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> "Pegasus (MVP)" wrote:

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>  
>> Contrary to what other posters say, copying a file from  
>> a FAT to an NTFS partition does NOT involve a  
>> conversion of any kind. You simply copy the file – the  
>> OS will store it according to the rules of the current  
>> file system.  
>>  
>> Your idea of connecting the Win95 disk as a slave disk  
>> is good. It will let you copy your old stuff across with  
>> no fuss at all. You won't even be aware that the old  
>> disk uses FAT32 and the new disk uses NTFS. It's  
>> no different from copying files from one folder to another  
>> on the same disk!  
>>  
>> A word of caution: I get the impression that your old  
>> disk contains ten years worth of data, none of it backed  
>> up. Now there are two groups of PC users: Those who  
>> back up their important files regularly, e.g. once a week,  
>> and those who wait until disaster stares them in the face.  
>> We see them almost daily in these newsgroups. Do yourself  
>> a favour and buy a hard disk and a USB case for your  
>> backup. They cost surprisingly little, especially when  
>> compared to the inconvenience of losing all your data.  
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>> "nethinim" <gal522(remove)@cfaith.com> wrote in message  
>> [news:9749BF97-1143-4F42-B38D-DA23684476A8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:9749BF97-1143-4F42-B38D-DA23684476A8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>>> hi pa20pilot and pegasus:  
>>> i am still not quite getting it. this is what i got. the old system  
>>> dual  
>>> pII's with win95 os upgraded to win 2000 prof. but was wary of making  
ntfs  
>>> during upgrade, did not want to loose data so stayed fat32. now have  
>>> components for new system, not assembled yet p4 3.2 ht lots of  
storage. i  
>>> have ten years of all types of files (AOL Favorets and personal file)  
wave  
>>> files. i like win 2000 dont need to go to xp. after i load os onto  
new  
>>> system and all programs. i am left with migrating all my stuff into  
the  
>>> new  
>>> system. what is the best and safest way to migrate my files to the  
drive  
>>> in  
>>> the new system. i was going to remove the drive from old, install  
>>> temperary  
>>> as slave in new to be removed after migration of data. this is where  
i am  
>>> stuck. do i convert then migrate?. do i partition an fat32 and

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migrate?.

>> do

>>> i just migrate? and what percentage of files might become corrupt?

>>> thanks i appreciate this very much. i have been waiting a long time to do

>>> this and am just being very cautious.

>>> thanks and have a great Christmas, Holiday, ETC.

>>> nethinim

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>>> "PA20Pilot" wrote:

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>>>> Hi nithinim,

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>>>> If you copy files from a FAT32 partition to a NTFS one they will be

>>>> converted automatically. The file storage type doesn't effect the

>>>> content and doesn't need converting first.

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>>>> ----==X={ }=X==----

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>>>> Jim Self

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>>>> <http://avanimation.avsupport.com>

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>>>> Your only internet source for spiral staircase plans.

>>>> <http://jself.com/stair/Stair.htm>

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>>>> Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

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