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This is a great KB article on installing 2000 Professional: 304868 How To Install Windows 2000 Professional
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I suggest you format with NTFS when it comes time to make that decision. I also suggest you check on the hcl located at www.microsoft.com/hcl for any compatibility issues and you can also use the "winnt32.exe /checkupgrade" function. In short, here's the article:

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SUMMARY

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This article describes how to install Windows 2000 Professional.

Installing Windows 2000 Professional

To install Windows 2000 Professional, follow these steps:

1. Start the installation by using one of the following methods:

– Start from the Windows 2000 Professional installation CD-ROM.

Make sure that the CD-ROM is set to start before the hard disk starts. Insert the CD-ROM, and then when you are prompted, press any key to start the Windows 2000 Professional Setup program.

– Start from boot disks. Insert Disk 1, and then insert each of the remaining three floppy disks when you are prompted to do so.

For additional information about creating boot disks for Windows 2000, click the article number below

to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

KBLink:197063.KB.EN-US: How to Create Setup Boot Disks for Windows 2000

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- Start from within a current operating system. Insert the CD-ROM, and then, at a command prompt, type "<drive>:\i386\winnt32.exe" (without the quotation marks) and then press ENTER, or if this is an installation on a computer that has no previous installation of Windows, type "<drive>:\i386\winnt.exe" (without the quotation marks) and then press ENTER, where <drive> is the letter of the CD-ROM drive.
2. Setup inspects your computer's hardware configuration and then begins to install the Setup and driver files. When the Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional screen appears, press ENTER to set up Windows 2000 Professional.
 3. Read the license agreement, and then press the F8 key to accept the terms of the license agreement and continue the installation.
 4. When the Windows 2000 Professional Setup screen appears, either press ENTER to set up Windows 2000 Professional on the selected partition, or press C to create a partition in the unpartitioned space.
 5. If you choose to install Windows 2000 Professional on a file allocation table (FAT) partition, specify whether you want to:
 - Leave the current file system intact.
 - Format the partition as FAT16.
 - Convert the existing file system to the NTFS file system.
 - Format the partition by using the NTFS file system.Press ENTER after you make your selection. Setup examines the existing hard disks and then copies the files that are needed to complete the installation of Windows 2000 Professional. After the files are copied, the computer restarts.
- Important Do not press a key to boot from your CD-ROM drive when your computer restarts.
6. When the Windows 2000 GUI Mode Setup Wizard appears, click Next to start the wizard. Setup detects and installs such devices as a specialized mouse or keyboard.
 7. When the Regional Options dialog box appears, customize your installation of Windows 2000 Professional for locale, number format, currency, time, date, and language, if necessary. Click Next.
 8. In the Personalize Your Software dialog box, type your name and the name of your organization, and then click Next.
 9. In the Product ID dialog box, type the 25-character product key, and then click Next.

10. In the "Computer Name and Password" dialog box, either accept the default name that Setup generates or assign a different name for the computer. When you are prompted for an administrative password, type a password for the Administrator account. (You can leave the box blank; however, this is not recommended.) Click Next.
11. In the "Date and Time Settings" dialog box, set the correct date and time for your computer. You can also specify which time zone you are in and set the computer to automatically adjust the clock for daylight saving time. Click Next.
12. Setup installs the networking software and detects your network settings. When the Network Settings dialog box appears, click either
 - Typical to set default network settings such as File and Print Sharing for Microsoft Networks, Client for Microsoft Networks, and TCP/IP protocol that uses Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), or
 - Custom to specify the network components that you require for your network environment, and then click Next.
13. In the "Workgroup or Computer Domain" dialog box, specify the workgroup or the domain to join. If you indicate that you are part of a domain, specify your domain user name and password. Click Next. Setup installs the networking components.
14. During the final stage of installation, Setup installs Start menu items, registers components, saves settings, and removes temporary files. When the "Completing the Windows 2000 Setup Wizard" dialog box prompts you to do so, remove the Windows 2000 CD-ROM, and then click Finish to restart the computer.
15. After the computer restarts, click Next in the "Welcome to the Network Identification Wizard" dialog box.
16. In the "Users of This Computer" dialog box, specify either that users must enter a user name and password or that you want Windows 2000 to automatically log on a specific user when the computer starts. Click Finish.

When the Windows 2000 Professional desktop appears, the installation is complete.

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See the Windows NT Homepage at <http://www.microsoft.com/ntserver/>

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