

## Re: OS Installation from usb HD

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On that floppy you would need DOS-mode drivers for the USB port and disk  
(and I haven't seen such creatures)

It's be like adding CD support to DOS, ie. in config.sys a statement  
"device=a:\oakcdrom.sys /d:oakcd"  
and in autoexec.bat "a:\mscdex.exe /d:oakcd /l:e"

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Most learned on [nntp://news.microsoft.com](http://news.microsoft.com)

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> i want to format a desktop machine previously loaded with  
> win xp. no cd rom available. instead, i have an external  
> harddisc with many programs, softwares and operating  
> systems copied to it. this harddisc could interact with  
> the computer via usb connection.  
> - can i format the desktop harddisc using the fdisk  
> utility that i have it on a seperate floppy?  
> once the harddisc is formattted, will the usb HD be  
> supported so i can call the windows setup file and  
> install the operating system that i want?  
> your input to my questions is appreciated and will  
> appreciate any idea to have the job done.