

Re: hard drive?????

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Does fdisk delete data? Yes according to Microsoft.

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=http://support.microsoft.com:80/support/kb/articles/Q255/8/67.ASP&N>

Below is an extract. Note the second question.

Important Considerations Before You Use the Fdisk and Format Tools

Consider the following questions before you use the Fdisk and Format tools:

- a.. Is the hard disk new? If not, view the second question.
- a.. Is this hard disk the only hard disk on your computer (master) or is this hard disk a second hard disk (slave)?
- b.. Have you prepared the hard disk by following the manufacturer's instructions? It is important to set the jumpers and cabling according to the role of the hard disk (master or slave).
- c.. Have you checked your basic input/output system (BIOS) to verify that it supports the hard disk or the second hard disk? If not, check the documentation that came with your motherboard, or contact the manufacturer. Typically, the BIOS has an auto detect hard disk setting that configures the drive, but you should verify this before you continue.
- d.. What type of file system do you want to use? You can use either the FAT16 or the FAT32 file systems. If you are not sure which file system that you want to use, view the following articles in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

118335 Maximum Partition Size Using FAT16 File System

154997 Description of the FAT32 File System

- b.. Does the hard disk already contain data?
 - a.. Have you backed up all of your important data? If not, back up your data before you proceed. When you run the fdisk command to create, delete, or change a partition, all of the data on that partition is permanently deleted. Note that you can view current partition information without deleting your data.
 - b..
 - c.. End of Extract
 - d..
 - e.. Now unless you want to go into the fine difference between erase and delete, and the use of recovery programs, fdisk does delete data.
 - f..

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g.. Please note I posted my first reply to Gothic and at that time there was no mention of ntfs, only a win98 bootdisk which cannot create an ntfs partition. I never said it could not delete one.

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"Plato" <|@|.|> wrote in message
news:4060a5eb\$0\$94235\$45beb828@newscene.com...

> *Don wrote:*

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> > *How can a Win98 boot disk create an ntfs partition. Using fdisk will delete*

> > *all data anyway.*

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> *A win98 bootdisk can delete a primary ntfs partition, but not a ntfs*

> *logical drive within an extended partition. Either way, the only thing*

> *deleted is the partition, the data remains intact and recoverable. fdisk*

> *does not erase data.*

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> <http://www.bootdisk.com/>

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