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Hi Jammie,

Yes, it will run as its supposed to. The only real issue with NTFS is that now file restrictions will be put in place for various files/folders based on the user's "permission" level (Administrator, Limited User and etc.). Some programs will only run in an Administrator level account, because they need to write to the file system and/or Registry in locations that limited users don't have write access to. There is no comprehensive list, that I know of, that lists the programs that may have problems.

The biggest effect on your computer would be an improvement in performance (for most users). NTFS uses a default cluster size of 4K for file storage. FAT32 on large drives can go as high as 32K per cluster.

Note: Short of a program like Partition Magic, going from FAT32 to NTFS is one-way.

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"Jammie" <[Jammie@discussions.microsoft.com](mailto:Jammie@discussions.microsoft.com)> wrote in message news:F2BF8BDD-1481-4E8D-996C-BE1332D  
> WOW  
>  
> Thanks Doug, I'll try this, I printed off your post.  
>  
> BUT before I try this I have one question, when I do this, will I loose the  
> data on my computer?  
>  
> Ok, two questions, How will having an NTFS effect the running of my  
> computer? Will it run as it is supposed to?  
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> Thanks in advance!  
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> "Doug Knox MS-MVP" wrote:  
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>> You cannot password protect individual folders in XP. You restrict access by assigning permissions  
>>  
>> To do this, you must be running NTFS as your file system on the drive in question. If your hard drive is  
>> FAT, you must first convert it to NTFS.  
>> CONVERT X: /FS:NTFS  
>>  
>> Where X: is the drive letter you wish to convert. You may also want to see <http://www.aumha.org>  
>>  
>> After this step is completed and you've rebooted the computer, if necessary:  
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>> XP PRO: In Windows Explorer, go to Tools, Folder Options, View and uncheck Use Simple File Sharing  
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>> XP Home: By default, you can only make files and folders under My Documents "private". This is not  
>> operational.  
>> HOW TO: Set, View, Change, or Remove File and Folder Permissions in Windows XP  
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;308418>  
>>  
>> HOW TO: Set, View, Change, or Remove Special Permissions for Files and Folders  
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;308419>  
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>> HOW TO: Disable Simplified Sharing and Password-Protect a Shared Folder in Windows XP  
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;307874>  
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>> "Jammie" <Jammie@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:BE170BF8-0CD7-4B91-9F25-32F0  
>> > HI,  
>> >  
>> > I've got XP pro and I would like to know how to put passwords on document  
>> > folders. I have:  
>> >  
>> > 1. right clicked on the folder  
>> > 2. gone to properties  
>> > 3. clicked on the sharing tab  
>> > 4. the spot that says make this folder private is not operational.  
>> >  
>> > How do you make it operational?  
>> >  
>> > Thanks in advance!  
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