

Re: XP Pro NTFS or FAT32?

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On 20 Feb 2005 11:27:08 -0500, adykes@panix.com (Al Dykes) wrote:

>In article <af5h11dg1a2hipvrn3s3eeifoidoim8nm@4ax.com>,
>BuddyWh <root@localhost> wrote:
>>On Tue, 08 Feb 2005 16:10:48 -0500, Tim Slattery <Slattery_T@bls.gov>
>>wrote:
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>>>NTFS! It's a journaling file system, which means that it keeps track
>>>of what it's doing in a way that allows it to recover from system
>>>crashes.
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>>I have had that situation before... NT crashed, is corrupt and won't
>>start but there is NO WAY for me to simply boot to a DOS disk,
>>navigate the NTFS directories in command line and copy out the
>>files/directories I want to recover, then format and re-install. That
>>caused me no end of grief trying to figure out how to get my files
>>out.
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>You can boot the XP CD and go into repair mode. There is a command
>prompt and yo can copy files to another dis, but I've never tried that.

THAT is what I was not able to do. I could navigate to the directories and read the directory, but I could not copy large directory structures; the copy command was very limited and there was no xcopy facility at all.

I recall there are a slew of utilities that a tech, armed with complete knowledge of the Win2k resource kit, could use to repair the Win2k installation. Fat chance I'd be able to! I just wanted my files... and I'd re-install Win2k on the new hard drive and be happy!

I remember using a third party utility called NTFSDOS, though that enabled me to read NTFS partitions in DOS. I can't remember to well what it's limitations were, but I know it didn't do everything I wanted.

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>*You can put a non-bootable disk in a good XP machine as a secondary
>disk and recover all your files.*

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>*You might*