

Re: Problem Copying a Large File

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The Lurker At The Threshold wrote:

- > *I have 2 external hard drives. I am attempting to copy a large (4.19 GB)*
- > *file from one to the other. Tje destination drive has 32 GB of free space*
- > *but each time I attempt to do the copy,Windows tells me there is not enough*
- > *space available on the target drive.*
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- > *I am mystified.*
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- > *Any suggestions?*
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- > *Sheena*
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The drive is FAT32 file system, right? If so FAT32 has a file size limit of one byte less than 4GB. Back up the files on it to another drive and format it using NTFS file system. You could alternately convert it from FAT32 to NTFS but it may be easier for you to re-format it plus that way you'll get the optimum cluster size and not have to fiddle with any of that. Additionally, before converting the file system you should back up the files anyway just in case something goes awry.

If you need more details on how to do this post back.

Steve