

Re: Returning drive to fat32 from NTFS

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> GTT wrote:

>> I bought a second hard drive for my machine and a friend installed it.
>> He formatted it on his machine first. I notice it is NTFS while my
>> other drive and partitions on it are Fat32. I would leave it as NTFS
>> but I still have dual boot with win 98.
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>> Nothing is on this drive yet. What do I do under XP to format it as
>> Fat32. Detailed steps please or is it as simple as typing format E: How
>> do I designate Fat32 or will it ask me. I have Partitionmagic but
>> it doesn't have any instructions on going from NTFS to fat32 just the
>> other way..

"Gordon" <gordonbp1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:uYsbiRrNFHA.3512@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Right-click on My Computer and choose Manage. In the right-hand pane,
> click on Storage, then Disk Management(local). Right-click on the drive
> and choose "Format".
> HTH
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HTH...

Gordon's instructions are accurate (as is the similar response you rec'd from Yao Su); in that you can use XP's built-in Disk Management utility to format your drive in FAT32, but there is a limitation. Keep in mind that by using XP's DM utility you will **not** have the option of formatting your drive in FAT32 if the drive is > 32 GB. And I assume that since you just purchased the drive, it's probably at least 40 GB. Assuming your drive is > 32 GB, you could, of course, multi-partition it in the DM utility so that at least one partition you create is < 32 GB. Then you could use DM to format one or more of those partitions in FAT32. If that's acceptable to you, then use DM. The DM Help file contains detailed information on how to partition and format your hard drive.

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You mention you have Partition Magic. Assuming this is version 8, you can use PM to convert the present NTFS partition to FAT32. The instructions are contained in PM's Help files.

Anna

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- ◆ ***Re: Returning drive to fat32 from NTFS***
◇ *From: Steve N.*

• ***References:***

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