

Re: Cannot Format Entire Drive

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- > XP Home originally on drive. I am trying to install Professional.
- > Compaq Presario, 2.2 ghz, 200 gig HD, 512 ram.
- > I am working on a computer for family friend. It was totally infested with
- > spyware, viri, you name it.
- > 200 gig hard drive, 59 gig of space being used
- > I used a Win 98 boot disk to format.
- > I noticed that only the 59 gig was formatted, the other 130 gig would not
- > show up as being available.
- > I have removed all partitions and reinstalled still getting only 59 gig.
- > At the moment I have a 59 gig partition on the computer. I tried to make a
- > larger Logical drive but the computer says no space is available to do so.
- > I have jacked with computer for years now, but I am no expert by any
- > means.
- > The friends who know more than me say that the 98 Boot disk is not the
- > problem.
- > Looking for suggestions.
- > Thanks....gary

Gary:

Is there some specific reason why you're using a Win98 startup disk to partition/format the 200 GB HD?

Assuming there are no OEM issues involved here and you are using a retail copy of Windows XP Professional — if you're performing a fresh install of XP as you apparently are, would it not be more advisable to boot up with the XP installation CD, delete the partitions and make a fresh install XP?

Anna

P. S.

I'm sure you understand this — but just in case you don't — when you delete the partition(s), **all** data on those partitions will be gone. So if there's any data you or your friend's want/need on that 59 GB partition you mention (or, for that matter on any other partition), please make sure you've backed the data up **before** you begin deleting partitions.

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