

Re: formatting hard drive

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"Jonny" wrote

"Rock" <rock@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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"Natalie Aggarwal" wrote

I tried uninstalling windows xp home edition but it won't let me. I tried formatting my hard drive but I get the message that the volume is in use and cannot be locked. It is a fat 32 system. How can I format my hard drive?

You can't "uninstall" the OS. The way to get rid of an OS is to delete the partition it's on and/or format it. Didn't you read the responses to your other post? You can't format from within XP. Boot from the XP CD. See your other post.

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Rock [MVP User/Shell]

You're right, of course, Rock. For clarification, XP cannot format the partition from which it sources its files. XP can format other partitions.

Some readers may be keying in on "You can't format from within XP." sentence.

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Jonny

Yes, good clarification.

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