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mikesmith9999@xxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

I would like to format a hard disk that is bigger than 32GB. I have XP and don't have a floppy disk. Please tell me what to do. Thanks.

Format the hard disk as NTFS. By design, WinXP cannot create and format a new partition greater than 32 Gb. This is because NTFS is the superior file system, and not nearly as wasteful of drive space. (If you make a FAT32 partition larger than 8 Gb, you're "throwing away" significant amounts of storage capacity.

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Bruce Chambers

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–Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. –Bertrand Russell

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