

Re: raw file system ?

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The easy/inexpensive thing to try would be to give the drive a good cleaning. Although it's possible that you got a bad batch as Poprivet suggested, that really is a small chance.

You could try formatting a floppy from a DOS boot disk. If that also fails, you'll know that it has nothing to do with the OS. Boot with a bootable 98 DOS disk, which you could obtain from bootdisk.com. (of course you'll want to create the disk on another machine). After the machine is booted, remove the boot disk, insert the new disk and at the A:\> prompt, type
format A:

As far as prolonging the lives of your floppys, I'd suggest storing the files directly on the HDD. Another option would be to create an image using a virtual solution such as Virtual PC or perhaps Virtual Floppy Drive.

"oldman" <oldman@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:C6FC39B3-7C6E-4C67-ACCB-ADB3F991D6AE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi Bill,

I tried but didn't get very far, here's what happened.

I tried to prepare a new floppy to be the desination disk, it was loaded and the usual response from the system is that the disk is not formatted would you like to proceed which I did and the result was that it cannot be formatted, I tried on a few blank floppies and result is still the same. My floppy A drive cannot format a brand new floppy. Not satisfied I load the one and only useable floppy disk in and I was able to access and update those files and documents in it – conclusion my floppy A drive is alive and kicking. I was not able to try copy disk on my ancient floppy game disk. My assessment is that after XP SP2 updates, changes made to the operation of floppies resulted in rendering the system unable to format new floppies thus accelerating the demise of floppies (I read somewhere that a major UK computer store will in the near future stop stocking floppies). Any assistance in temporarily prolonging the lives of my floppy collections will be appreciated.

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oldman trying to understand computers

"Bill Blanton" wrote:

The (small) hope was that the copy process would succeed in producing a disk that was error free. If you're able to read the directory, it is not in Raw.format.

"oldman" <oldman@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:FF681842-236D-4361-81E8-22114C3B92A0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

The floppy disk drive works fine, the only problem was this ancient RAW formatted disk that the system was unable to accept. Isn't copying to another floppy disk (assume able to copy disk) would require the floppy disk drive to accept RAW format (unless when copying, the system will convert the resultant copy being in a format acceptable by the system). Nevertheless I thank you for the guidance.
Thanks and regards

"Bill Blanton" wrote:

Try cleaning the hardware with a floppy disk head cleaner after blowing it out with compressed air.

If that doesn't work..try copying the floppy to another.
Right click (A:\)> Copy Disk...

"oldman"
<oldman@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in message
news:8C664DB2-9A11-4E7C-B584-513003693764@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I have an ancient floppy
-Best of Microsoft
Entertainment Pack (Disk
format:

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High-density(1.44MB)
Version 1.0 which I tried to
load through my floppy
drive A connected by USB
to my PC (XP+MCE). I
scanned the floppy with
AVG and
was reported clean, I then
clicked Drive A for
properties and noted that the
disk was formatted under
RAW. I next left clicked
Drive A and the directory of
the floppy was displayed, I
then left clicked Setup and
the problem occurred,
the system came back with
an error message that the
floppy is to be
formatted, I was never able
to get rid of this error
message (my event viewer
indicated warning sfloppy
event51 and error sfloppy
event7) in the end there
was a stack of this error
notifications and my PC
hung. I hope this will
provide more information to
Ken Blake with the view to
assist II

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"II" wrote:

what is raw
file system
and why my
floppy disk
was
changed to
this system
from fat file
system
without my
knowledge
making it

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not useable?

i tried to
format it by
my pc does
not allow it.