

Re: Convert to NTFS?

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Walter R. wrote:

The hard drives in my seven year old computer are formatted in Fat 32.

Can I use Win XP pro SP2 to convert all my partitions and drives to NTFS. Is it worth the trouble? How would I go about it? Can I convert the drive that holds the OS (C: drive)?

"Malke" <malke@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Yes, you can convert all the drives from FAT32 to NTFS. Read the following article first:

<http://aumha.org/win5/a/ntfscvt.htm> – Converting FAT32 to NTFS by Alex Nichol

Make sure you have all your data backed up first because Stuff Happens. Actually, you should be doing this anyway – particularly with such an elderly machine.

As for whether it's worth it or not, only you can answer the question.

What

is your reason for wanting to convert? After all, you've gone along with FAT32 for 7 years; what has changed that you need NTFS now? NTFS is certainly better but unless you have a pressing need I think I'd leave a very old computer like yours alone.

Malke

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Walter:

Malke's final sentence is the "controlling" one. There's really nothing to be gained in any substantial way by converting your file system from FAT32 to NTFS given your seven year old PC. And there's a danger, slight as it is, that unexpected problems will arise as a result of the conversion, even should the conversion appear to be successful. We have seen too many cases where that has happened. We're assuming that your PC is functioning without any problems – (at least any problems that would be caused by the OS present file system). Leave well enough alone.

Anna

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