

RE: Re-formatting drive containing system files from WIN XP PRO

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Click Start> Run>
type in 'compmgmt.msc'
click OK

Click on Disk Management
right click on the Drive and choose Format

"Tim" wrote:

> *I have a home computer whose boot drive has crashed. I
> had the drive backed up on a slave from which I have
> restored to most of the data to a newly purchased boot
> drive. I'd like to reformat the slave and use it for
> backup. I have deleted all the data on the 120GB drive
> and from Windows XP Professional, no files appear.
> But "Properties" indicates that 9.39GB of this drive is
> occupied with files.
> From the command prompt, I have done a "dir/s" and find
> thousands of system files that don't appear in
> Windows....mostly numbered .dll and .exe files. I have
> attempted to format this slave from Windows, but Windows
> refuses to format a drive that contains system files. How
> do I format this drive from either the command prompt or
> Windows XP Professional since a search of the new boot
> drive finds no FDISK.EXE? Life is never simple.....
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