

Re: hard drive limitations

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I would really suggest sticking with NTFS. As for accessing files in case of a system crash, try this program (I always use it):

<http://www.sysinternals.com/ntw2k/freeware/ntfsdos.shtml>

Nathan McNulty

septemberschild wrote:

> I have had bad experiences with NTFS, When end users do crazy things and the
> system crashes how do you or can you access the drive to pull their files off
> of it so you can do a re-install? With FAT32 I can boot with a floppy and
> save any important data they need before re-doing the drive. They do not back
> up files as they should just like having an antivirus program and not running
> it.

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> "Jim Macklin" wrote:

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>>Because FAT32 is not stable and NTFS is much more suitable
>>for large drives, neither large hard drives nor NTFS existed
>>when FDISK was written.

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>>Unless you are in need of FAT because you are dual booting
>>an obsolete OS or have some system that does not yet support
>>NTFS, there is no reason not to use NTFS. Even Linux is
>>working on NTFS support.

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>>The people think the Constitution protects their rights;

>>But government sees it as an obstacle to be overcome.

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>>"septemberschild"

>><septemberschild@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

>>news:9F606E67-6841-49D3-AB64-AFBE64A4E534@microsoft.com...

>>| oh please please mighty Microsoft, find a way to remove

>>the limitations that

>>| cause this: Why when inside of Disk Management are you

>>able to fdisk a drive,

>>| partition

>>| it and then when you go to format it your only option is

>>NTFS? Then if you go

>>| to the Command Window and type "format D: /fs:fat32" it

>>will check the disk

>>| for errors which takes a long time on a 100gig HD and

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>>returns an error
>>| message that states "Disk is too large for FAT32"? But yet
>>you can boot with
>>| a Win98 boot disk, run FDISK, re-partition, reboot then
>>format the disk with
>>| no problem? Why is there a limitation inside of XP? Both
>>from Disk Manager
>>| inside of Admin Tools and from the DOS window?
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