

# Reformatting External hard drive from NTFS to FAT32

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I have an external hard drive running on XP SP2 which I originally formatted in NTFS. My daughter now wishes to use it at college on a Mac which I understand will only work with FAT32. I followed the undernoted procedure to reformat the drive to FAT32 but after reformatting it has remained at NTFS. Any suggestions as to what the problem might be or any other way I can get back to FAT 32?

- 1. Formatting an XP System Disk by booting from the XP CD is accomplished by loading the Recovery Console by typing R at the first window.
2. After selecting the Windows installation you want to access and typing in the Admin password [leave blank if no password was created] you will see a command prompt.
3. Type Map & press ENTER
4. Note the letter designation of the drive you want to format. [write it down]
5. Type format x:<space>/fs:fat32 then press ENTER, where x is the drive letter you want to format. Substitute NTFS or FAT if desired.
6. Type Y to confirm your selection and then type exit & press ENTER to restart computer.

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