

Re: Formating Hard Drive

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Hi Anna,

You can't use fdisk to format NTFS drives, regardless of whether or not there are any FAT32 partitions. Fdisk is a Win9x partitioning tool, and really has no place in an NT environment.

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Best of Luck,
Rick Rogers aka "Nutcase" MS-MVP - Windows
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"Anna" <MystyIsles@starband.net> wrote in message
news:5UDic.2777\$FB1.1738@fe25.usenetserver.com...
>I use fdisk because right now I have 2 partitions. One is NTFS and the
>other
> is FAT32. I was lead to believe that if I made them both NFTS then when I
> tried to use fdisk to reboot and format the hard drive it wouldn't work. I
> don't use the WinXP CD to format my hard drive. I understand how fdisk
> works
> and I know how to make the computer boot from cd. I just prefer to do it
> this way. Extra work you may say. That's just me. I am running a Pentium
> II,
> 400mhz with 256+ ram, and 2 hard drives one 60gb and one 20gb. I use the
> 20gb for storage. I know, it's time to get a new computer. Thanks for
> your
> replies and advise.
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> Anna
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> "Rick "Nutcase" Rogers" <rick@mvps.org> wrote in message
> news:egQemClKEHA.2024@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...
>> Hi,
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>> 1) Yes you can do this but....
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>> 2) It won't work like you are thinking
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>> You can't use fdisk for anything but FAT/FAT32 partitions. It can delete
>> non-dos (NTFS) partitions, but that's about it (and even then is somewhat
>> limited when it comes to multiple volumes in extended partitions). Having

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>> one small FAT32 partition is not going to make any difference.
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>> The WinXP CD has the drive tools you need, just boot it and start the
>> installer. Delete the existing system partition, then repartition in the
>> preferred manner. Keep in mind also should you create any FAT32
>> partitions
>> that WinXP limits the size to 32GB. Frankly, you don't want to use fdisk
>> when working with an NT system.
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>> "Anna" <MystyIsles@starband.net> wrote in message
>> news:K3Bic.2745$FB1.1324@fe25.usenetserver.com...
>> > Here's a question I have. I want to do a complete reboot on my computer
>> > and
>> > format my hard drive before I install Windows XP Pro. I have a 60GB
>> > hard
>> > drive and what I need to know is if or can I partition the drive into 3
>> > sections and make 2 NTFS and the last one FAT32. I'll make the first
>> > partition 50% of the hard drive and the second one 49% and the last 1%,
>> > so
>> > in future if I need to reboot and format again, I'll be able to use
>> > fdisk.
>> > Will this work? Thanks
>> >
>> > Anna
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