

## Re: Unreadable hdd after XP re-installation

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"MaKhosi" <MaKhosi@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:9F52B414-9227-41E5-8D16-6FE7FA32114A@microsoft.com...  
> *Situation: pc was slow, so I decided to reformat the 40Gb hdd (where the*  
> *OS*  
> *was), and so moved all my documents and other files to another hdd of*  
> *160Gb.*  
> *I reformatted. I re-installed Windows XP Pro on the 40Gb. I could not see*  
> *the*  
> *160 anymore. In Computer Management it says the disk is UNREADABLE, which*  
> *had*  
> *me downloading an app to check its integrity. Disk was fine. Apparently*  
> *it's*  
> *a problem with corruption or I/O errors on part of the disk, which is*  
> *plausible but unlikely (I hope...). The disk is a Maxtor 6Y10P0, 160Gb,*  
> *dynamic. Due to risk of HUGE data loss imminent, I.. well... NEED HELP!!*  
> *AAAARG!*

I'm told this should not be necessary in XP SP1 and greater, but I'm not sure if I agree with what I was told. In any case it certainly will not hurt to try this.

Please download and use the "big drive" registry modification utility from Maxtor from here ...

[http://www.maxtor.com/portal/site/Maxtor/menuitem.3c67e325e0a6b1f6294198b091346068/?channelpath=/en\\_us/Sup](http://www.maxtor.com/portal/site/Maxtor/menuitem.3c67e325e0a6b1f6294198b091346068/?channelpath=/en_us/Sup)

Then reboot and then reformat the 160 Gigs HDD again.

The utility will have no effect if your drive has a SCSI interface. In that case you must have a SCSI Card that supports big drives.