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good advice, there is way too much fooling around here and with all these settings I havent a clue what I am doing.  
Try to follow all these instructions, I would have had it complete by now if I re-installed  
I will just back up my data on CD and simply re-install using ntfs.....it souns so much simpler.

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> "gp" <grum@invalid> wrote in message  
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>>>> No  
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>>>> Thats not what you need only, there are problems with just doing this.  
>>>> I had many responses here about thats not all you do. You get extra  
>>>> problems by not using bootitng.exe to change clusters  
>>>>  
>>>> I know about the convert command, that not what I am asking though  
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>>>> "José Gallardo" <jogalb@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
>>>> [news:uwqPGAKUFHA.3392@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:uwqPGAKUFHA.3392@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>>>> To do what you want you only need this:  
>>>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;es;307881>  
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>>>> [news:4278b5c8\\$0\\$8122\\$afc38c87@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:4278b5c8$0$8122$afc38c87@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>>>>>i want to convert my fat32 winxp to ntfs.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> I need to do 2 things  
>>>>> 1)boot up with bootitng and create clusters  
>>>>> 2) run convert to get ntfs on  
>>>>>



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>> need a bootable floppy or floppy drive for this part of the process. You  
>> simply type in "convert C: /fs:ntfs" (without the quotes) and hit  
>> <enter>.  
>> Then follow the prompts to schedule it to be done on a system restart, as  
>> you cannot dismount the drive while Windows is running. Then reboot the  
>> system – it's as simple as that. The process will occur automatically,  
>> and  
>> the delay in boot it causes will depend on several factors, but be  
>> prepared  
>> for a long wait.  
>>  
>> It is not that simple to just run convert by the sounds of it. The  
>> instructions to convert are hazy when you include the 1st step .  
>> I might simply reinstall everything...this sounds a lot simpler because  
>> all these 'boot up cd's' for step 1 is just too messy  
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>  
> OK now it makes sense. Partition Magic can do this after the partition is  
> converted. It's not free but it is easy. See the following link for some  
> good info on reserving a contiguous area for the MFT  
>  
> <http://redmondmag.com/columns/article.asp?EditorialsID=643>  
>  
> Make sure you have a good backup before converting the partition. There is  
> always the possibility of data loss when doing things like this.  
> Personally I would just back up the partition, then recreate it and format  
> it as NTFS then restore the backup. This will create the MFT properly and  
> set the default cluster size. With all the steps needed to create a  
> contiguous MFT and then change the cluster size there is too much chance  
> of something going wrong. You need the backup anyway. It may be quicker  
> just to reformat and restore.  
>  
> I've never tried bootitng so I can't give you any advice on it. I'm not  
> very familiar with Nero. I don't have it on this computer and haven't used  
> it in awhile. I'm sure it can make a bootable CD but maybe someone else  
> will chime in with instructions.  
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> Kerry  
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◇ *From:* Kerry Brown

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