

# Re: The 8 megabytes reserved by Windows XP

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See the references section here:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:309044>

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"Al Dykes" <[adykes@xxxxxxxx](mailto:adykes@xxxxxxxx)> wrote in message

[news:d6fm52\\$fgs\\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:d6fm52$fgs$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

> In article <[eyX58v7WFHA.628@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:eyX58v7WFHA.628@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>,

> Danny Sanders <[Danny.Sanders@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Danny.Sanders@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

>>The 8 meg are there in case you convert your basic disks to dynamic disks.

>>If the partition was created by Win 2k or XP it will automatically reserve

>>the space.

>>See:

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>>"Alex" <[Alex@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Alex@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message

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>>> Whenever Windows XP is installed, it reserves 8 megabytes of hard drive

>>> space.

>>> I recently, by mistake formatted all the available space on the hard

>>> drive,

>>> including those 8 megabytes.

>>> I really need to know what are those 8 megabytes used for;

>>> How will the fact that i formatted them effect my computer;

>>> And, if i need to fix it, what is the best and safest way of doing it,

>>> besides reformatting the drive and installing Windows XP again.

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>>> Thank You!

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> Can someone point this old dog to a document describing dynamic disks  
> and how to use them ?  
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> Thanks  
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> Don't blame me. I voted for Gore.

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