

DOS doesn't work anymore!

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Hi folks. This is my first visit here, so my problem may have a well-known fix, I hope.

My OmniBook started making burnt-plastic smells so I got a new laptop. I have a large database programmed in QuickBasic 4.5. When I run QBasic (off the Windows 98SE disk) under Command Prompt, it can't access any files and quits on Bad File Mode error. I think this is because everything in XP is NTFS.

So ...

- 1) Get Microsoft to fix their half-assed DOS emulator. Not likely.
- 2) Wipe the disk, format it as FAT32, and reinstall XP. What utilities do this? -- not Disk Management or DiskPart as far as I can tell. Will DOS apps read FAT32 files?
- 3) Make a FAT32 partition (how?), install another copy of XP in it. No advantage over #2, I would think.
- 3a) Make a FAT32 partition and install Windows 98SE. Probably would cause horrendous conflicts.
- 4) Make a FAT partition and keep the data files in it. Will XP translate an NTFS file into FAT (or FAT32) when I move it into the new partition?
- 5) Wipe the disk, trash XP, and install Linux. Their DOS emulator works.
- 6) Find a still-working OmniBook and buy it cheap.

Any other (polite) suggestion?

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