

Re: Re-formatting XP problem

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Hi William –

What I'd do if I were you is download the software of the hard drive and reformat that way. I don't know what kinda hard drive you have so I can't say what to download. It's basically a tool to let you diagnose and reformat the drive. Most drives comes with a disc or sort when you buy it but I know this one probably came with your computer since it's a Dell. It's probably easier to print out those instructions (from the website DL gave you) and follow them instead of trying to memorize all the steps. Take it from someone who learned the hard way ;-)

Good luck,
Wy

"William W Hines" <wmwh1217@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Thank you for your response, DL. I'm still puzzled somewhat, because I thought that followed every step in your post website. Maybe not! Here's where I suspect that I messed up:

<10b If the hard drive or partition has a previous installation of XP you want to remove, choose to delete the partition by pressing "D". You will then be prompted to create a new partition in the empty space. This will remove all data from the deleted space.>

I wasn't interested in partitioning anything (even though I have a pretty large HD). I just wanted to delete all the content from the previously installed XP Home Edition. Then, I noticed my PC starting to act up and become very slow (almost to a stop). I don't understand why that during my re-install the content wasn't deleted when I selected "D" for delete? The factory disk came with my Dell 4550 Dimension PC.

Will there be any use to try the re-install (format) again, or will the situation only get worse?

Any ideas?

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Thanks!