

Re: Create A Drive D:

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I highly recommend Symantec Partition Magic 8. I bought it bundled with Norton Ghost and a utility for working with older OS (Like Win. ME) for about \$25.00. It lets you add delete and resize partitions, and change the drive letters. Works like a dream and has some safe guards to keep you from screwing things up.

Norton Ghost lets you back up everything on your HD to a disk or to another Hard drive. They have both been around for a long time & most repair men that come to work on your computer carry a copy of both these utilities.

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"Stan Brown" wrote:

Sun, 19 Mar 2006 11:11:28 -0800 from Shujinko
<Shujinko@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

Sorry for the long message. Please do not ignore it.

For the future, there are things you can do to improve your likelihood of useful answers:

1. Start with a short statement of the problem; then give details. Your problem statement seems to be "How can I create a D: partition on my disk for backups?"
2. Keep paragraphs short. Many people have problems reading on screen, and it's harder when the paragraph is twenty or thirty lines long.
3. Leave out the irrelevant stuff. While I can understand you're annoyed at Compaq, all that business about the failures and their charge for off-warranty service contributes zilch to the actual problem statement.

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You did a good thing: you gave details of hardware and software. That helps us to help you.

So I decided to install a new Hard Drive with a new setup disc for [XP Home] with Service Pack 2. I installed everything except right up until I came across the Partition part of the setup. Had no idea what to do so I chose the limit based on my new Hard Drive.

Okay, fair enough.

After the installation ended, I started up my new OS but it only came with one drive, C:, and I do not have a D: for backups, in the one Hard Drive. So what should I do to create the D: drive within my one Hard Drive?

First, let me challenge your assumption. Having backups on the same physical disk is really not very safe. If (gods forbid) your computer is stolen, there go your backups. If your disk goes bad, you won't be able to access your backups. You've already had one disk go bad. Believe me, lightning can strike twice in the same place.

So if you want to make backups (a good thing) you really want to be doing them to an external drive. These are cheap -- a 160 GB USB drive should cost you less than \$100 these days. Do your backups to the external drive, and keep it unplugged and away from your computer except when you're actually making a backup or restoring from one.

You'll need software. I use Acronis True Image release 8. Release 9 is current; I don't know much about it but it should be just fine.

Now to answer the question you asked, even though I don't think it's a good idea. You have two choices: reinstall Windows and this time set up partitions on the disk, or get third-party software. Much software can carve out partitions without losing what's already on the disk. Partition Magic used to be the obvious choice, but since Symantec has taken it over I believe it's a different program and I don't want to recommend it. Perhaps someone has a recommendation?

Manufacturer: Compaq. Model: Presario 5000 Series: 5321SR.
... Hard Drive: Maxtor 80 GB

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