

Re: defrag floppy

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Shenan,

Thank you very much for the explanation. Now I understand and appreciate it. Semms like Mike Hall (MS-MVP)" has a real attitude problem. Must think he is something special. And I will not return to this newsgroup.

"Shenan Stanley" <newshelper@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:eV74Eg%23UFHA.544@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Greg wrote:

>> Can someone tell me how to defrag a floppy with win xp, Was easy
>> with win 98 but I am stuck on this one.

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> Shenan Stanley wrote> Why?

>> There's no real need nor advantage to defragmenting something as
>> small as a floppy diskette.

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> Greg wrote:

>> For Shenan;\

>> So you are not going to tell me how to defrag a floppy, just ask why?

>> I was told these newsgroups were helpful, but I guess your ego just
>> got in the way.

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> No ego. Just trying to point out that just because it is/was possible to
> do – it doesn't make it right/necessary/desired.

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> Being so small, the easiest way – as always (and safest) is to copy the
> information off the diskette onto your hard drive, format the diskette
> (full) and copy the information back to the floppy. There is just not
> that much space on a floppy diskette and moving things around on this
> "self-destructive" media is dangerous at best. I have personally
> witnessed way too many students at college lose their work because they
> were working directly off floppy disks – which just does not work well
> with Microsoft Office products.. (Temp files and such without warning fill
> up the diskette, user tries to save, no space, office locks up – two hours
> of work gone.. Or they leave the diskette in their backpack and *poof*,
> "something" happens, cannot read the diskette, even on a Macintosh.)

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> Perhaps this is one of the reasons the ability to defragment such media

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> has been removed from the OS series. There has to be reasons this type of
> media is going away – and in my opinion it is size, reliability, storage
> (actual physical size/weight) and compatibility. Many times, a floppy
> disk drive is a special order item on new PCs now.
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> My suggestion is to not store anything on floppy diskettes. Invest in
> CD–R/CD–RWs – which many times are actually CHEAPER than floppy diskettes
> and definitively hold more. They also do not have fragmentation problems
> nor are they as easily destroyed/messed up and there are very FEW machines
> that do not have CD drives – so compatibility is not at issue.
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>>=– Shenan ==<
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> The information above is intended to assist you; however, it is
> suggested you research for yourself before you take any advice – you
> are the one ultimately responsible for your actions/problems/solutions.
> Whenever possible, the advice will include the method/places used in
> compiling the answer. Also, questions may have been asked to clarify
> your situation OR to give you an idea of where to look – do not dismiss
> them lightly.
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 ◇ *From:* Mike Hall \ (MS–MVP\)

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