

## RE: MS DOS Manual Boot Disc load old version of DOS

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For your edification, Windows XP and the programmes in Windows Directory or Root directory of the hard disk are not designed to be run in DOS 4.9.

In order to 'Format' when booting off a floppy disk, one must have a copy of FORMAT.EXE on the floppy disk which can be run from the DOS version of the bootable floppy disk.

If you have a friend with Me or 98 make a bootable floppy drive on their system and make sure that you copy the version of format.exe from their system to the floppy drive if it isn't part of the file set.

If your objective is to format your drive and reinstall Windows XP, then boot off the Windows XP install CD and do a clean install. Part of the process will request if you wish to format the existing drive. You can choose to Format at this time, prior to the installation taking place.

"killryan420@hotmail.com" wrote:

> *When I boot my computer from the MS DOS boot disc(that*  
> *was made in windows xp which supports DOS ver 5.1) it*  
> *displays the heading "window millenium edition" the*  
> *version of does that is displayed when the ver command is*  
> *entered is DOS ver 4.9. Therefore none of the commands*  
> *will work properly.(For instance, when I attempt to*  
> *manually format and partition the C: drive with the*  
> *command: FORMAT C:, it niether recognizes the command or*  
> *communicates with the DOS file which is on the hard*  
> *drive. What is the reason for this, and is there a way*  
> *to remedy this situation. Also, is there an alternative*  
> *route to formatting hard disc C:.*  
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