

Re: installing from usb HD because of no cd availability

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Sarah, what is it that you exactly want to accomplish? Yes you can format the harddisk on the desktop with a bootdisk but the disk has to be formatted in FAT32. If NTFS then the bootdisk will not be able to see it. You could probably copy Win98 or WinMe from the external hard drive to the freshly formatted hard drive in the Desktop but not WinXP. With both hard drives connected you could use XCopy.

Check here for xcopy. www.xxcopy.com and here for a super boot disk www.bootdisk.com

"sarah" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:a4ca01c487a0\$d036dcb0\$a501280a@phx.gbl...

- > *i want to format a desktop machine previously loaded with*
- > *win xp. no cd rom available. instead, i have an external*
- > *harddisc with many programs, softwares and operating*
- > *systems copied to it. this harddisc could interact with*
- > *the computer via usb connection.*
- > *- can i format the desktop harddisc using the fdisk*
- > *utility that i have it on a seperate floppy?*
- > *once the harddisc is formattted, will the usb HD be*
- > *supported so i can call the windows setup file and*
- > *install the operating system that i want?*
- > *your input to my questions is appreciated and will*
- > *appreciate any idea to have the job done.*
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