

Format New Hard Drive

Most new hard drives come with written instructions for formatting. Always follow these instructions if they are available.

1. Right click MY COMPUTER. Select Manage.
2. Click Disk Management
3. Click the Letter that is the new hard drive.
4. Click non-allocated to bring up the wizard. Press Next a couple of times.
5. Click New Partition. Turns green all.
6. Click new logical drive. Select NTFS
7. Click Quick Format if **new** drive. Click Next. Takes only few minutes to format new hard drive.

Note: Click Primary ONLY if you're going to install OS.

You can daisy change several external hard drives to the same Firewire by plugging #2 to #1, etc.

There are two options to change a hard drive from FAT32 to NTFS. You can use the Convert.exe command from a DOS prompt in Windows or you can delete the existing FAT32 partition or volume and create a new NTFS partition in Disk Management.

Western Digital recommends deleting the existing FAT32 partition and creating a new NTFS partition. Using the Convert.exe command may cause data corruption or loss.

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