

DOS Diskcopy

When you need to make a copy of a floppy disk, you probably use Windows 95/98's Copy Disk utility. To access the Copy Disk utility, you launch My Computer or Windows Explorer, right-click the floppy disk drive icon, and then select the Copy Disk command from the shortcut menu. When you do, you'll see the Copy Disk dialog box.

Unfortunately, the Copy Disk utility is actually limited when compared to its DOS counterpart--the Diskcopy command. Windows 95's Copy Disk utility is fine for making quick, single copies of disks. However, if you need to make more than one copy of a disk, the utility forces you to copy the original each time it makes a duplicate. In contrast, DOS's Diskcopy command lets you make multiple copies of the same disk without having to recopy it over and over again. Therefore, if you want several copies of a disk, you'll save time by using Diskcopy instead of Copy Disk.

To do so, simply open an MS-DOS Prompt window and type the command

Diskcopy A: A:

You can also make a shortcut to this command and put it on your desktop for easy access.

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