
Subject: Computer issues...help?

Posted by [sniper12345](#) on Thu, 01 Jan 2004 10:37:51 GMT

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Today I bought a new hard drive because my old one was running out of space. I installed it alright, did everything alright, and it came out alright. The only problem is that the drive does not appear in My Computer or anything. The BIOS setup shows the HD, the hardware manager in XP shows it too, but I cannot select it or anything...I can't defrag it, clean it, format it or do anything because it doesn't seem to exist.

My computer works fine, it's just that I can't seem to install the drive.

Any help/tips?

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Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Thu, 01 Jan 2004 11:44:27 GMT

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Have you tried formatting it in DOS?

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Posted by [Weirdo](#) on Thu, 01 Jan 2004 12:34:20 GMT

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Your problem is not that it's not formatted.

That's already step 2.

Step 1 is to make partitions.

You can use this with the dos Program Fdisk, or whatever tools XP deliver.
And of course there are more (better) programs on the net to make partitions.

hope this helps.

After this XP will find the HD then step 2 is formatting it.

Good luck

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Posted by [sniper12345](#) on Thu, 01 Jan 2004 15:33:47 GMT

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Hmmm....that's a good idea. Do you know any good tools available in XP or on the net instead of

Fdisk?

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Posted by [Weirdo](#) on Thu, 01 Jan 2004 16:26:30 GMT

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I have no experience with anyother tool myself then the linux partition manager and fdisk. Fdisk isn't that hard to use, but I don't know if XP still has the program.

Maybe try <http://www.download.com> or anything for special tools.

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Posted by [sniper12345](#) on Thu, 01 Jan 2004 17:59:58 GMT

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Ok, thanks for the help man, I'll try it tomorrow (it's 2.05 am here).
