

## Error formatting external hard drive



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I haven't seen this issue before and it's not MOSS related :)

I bought a new 160GB 2.5" external hard drive.... sure why not! Anyhow, when I tried to format the drive I received the following error message "All NTFS boot sectors are unwriteable. Cannot Continue." Screen shots below:

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Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.0.6000]
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C:\Windows\system32>format n: /q
The type of the file system is RAW.
The new file system is NTFS.

WARNING: ALL DATA ON NON-REMOVABLE DISK
DRIVE M: WILL BE LOST!
Proceed with Format (Y/N)? y
QuickFormatting 152632M
Volume label (32 characters, ENTER for none)? movies
Creating file system structures.
The second NTFS boot sector is unwriteable.
The first NTFS boot sector is unwriteable.
All NTFS boot sectors are unwriteable. Cannot continue.
Format failed.

C:\Windows\system32>
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Screen shot of my reaction:



Not really :) but that's how I felt when I searched the web and couldn't find anything to help resolve the issue. In the end I simply deleted the partition and formatted the drive without any problems or errors. For some reason the initial partition must have been corrupted somehow and caused the format to fail. Hopefully, this doesn't happen to you but if it does you know what to do!

### Comments

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