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Disk Management is one of the most important tasks you need to accomplish for better performance and accessibility. There is a specific program inside Windows called **Disk Management** that has an easy-to-use UI and can perform most of the tasks but what if you can't get that program to work or you want more grasp on your disk management or your Windows isn't booting up normally? These are the situations where you would need a pretty neat utility called **DiskPart**.

As its name represents, it is a tool, in-fact, it is a **command-line** tool used for disk management using a simple command prompt. It can perform various operations from **listing the disks and partitions details** to **deleting and creating new partitions**. So, you get a better hold on your disk management using DiskPart inside Windows.

DiskPart was first made available in **Windows XP** and it is still integrated inside the latest version of Windows i.e. **Windows 10**. DiskPart works with numerous **commands** that are used to perform different operations on a selected disk or partition. All you need to do is to **select a target** disk or partition and you can do anything you desire.

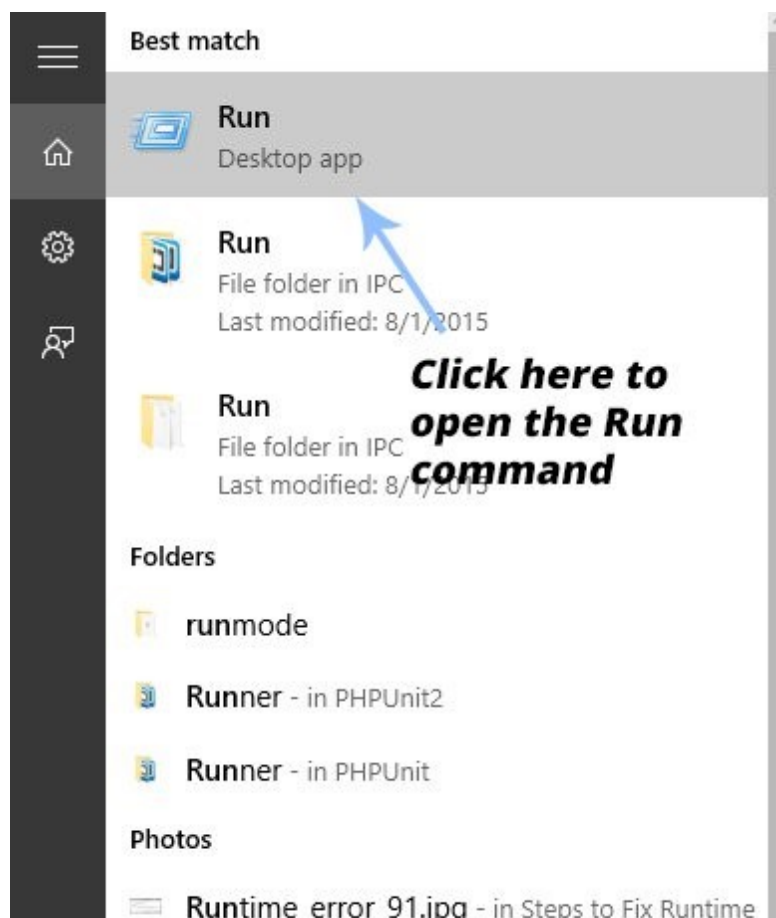
So, in this guide, I am going to explain some of the most useful commands you can use to manage your disks using the DiskPart utility tool.

## How to Launch the DiskPart Utility Tool?

Launching the DiskPart utility tool is pretty straightforward if you are booted to your specific version of Windows. Follow the instructions below to launch DiskPart.

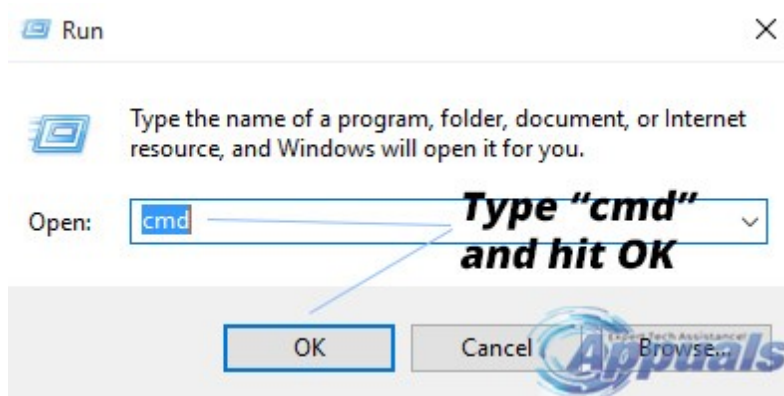
### Launching DiskPart if Booted to Windows:

There are different ways of launching this utility tool but here is a universal method of launching it in any version of Windows. If your Windows is running **normally**, then, you can launch the DiskPart utility tool by opening the **Run** Command. You can open **Run** by typing this inside the **Start Menu** search area.





Now, you need to open the **Command Prompt** in order to access DiskPart. Type **cmd** inside the Run command area and hit the **Enter** key on keyboard. It would launch the Command Prompt.



Inside the Command Prompt, type **diskpart** and hit the **Enter** key again. Your command prompt will launch the DiskPart utility tool in a new window with some of your computer's info at the top.



**Launching DiskPart if you can't Boot to Windows:**

To launch DiskPart if you can't boot to Windows is a bit complicated. All you need to do is to access **Command Prompt** at the start-up of your PC. Accessing the Command Prompt is different based on different versions of Windows.

## Windows 7:

The best and the most convenient way of launching the command prompt if you can't boot to your Windows 7 is to use a **bootable Windows 7 USB drive**. Plug-in the USB to your PC and hit any key when prompted to boot from the USB. On the Windows 7 installation screen, you would find an option i.e. **Repair your computer** at the bottom.



Select the OS from the list and click **Next** to move to the next window. Click on **Command Prompt** at the bottom and type **diskpart** followed by the **Enter** key.





## Windows 8 and 10:

In Windows 8 and 10, you can access the DiskPart by restarting the PC and holding the **Shift + F8** key combination to open the advance menu. Click on **Troubleshoot** and select the **Command Prompt**. Type **diskpart** inside and hit **Enter**.

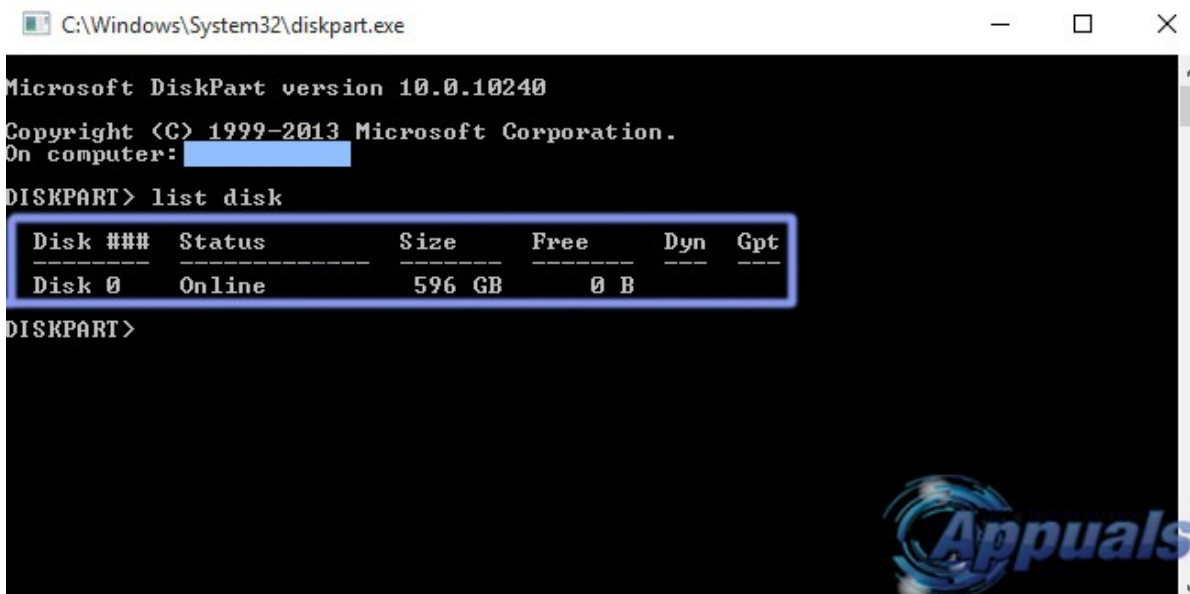
## DiskPart Commands and Instructions:

The heart and soul of the DiskPart utility are the commands used to perform different operations. These commands are **case-insensitive** and can be conveniently utilized to manage your disks. Here are some of the most important commands you would require at the time of Disk Management.

### list disk:

If you want to output a list of all the disks currently connected to your PC, then, this command comes in quite handy as it displays a bunch of information including the **total number of disks**, **status of the disk** and **size of the disk** etc. In my case, I have only one disk connected to my PC.

## Syntax: list disk



```
C:\Windows\System32\diskpart.exe

Microsoft DiskPart version 10.0.10240
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On computer: [REDACTED]

DISKPART> list disk

  Disk ###  Status              Size               Free              Dyn  Gpt
  -----  -
  Disk 0    Online                596 GB              0 B               --  --

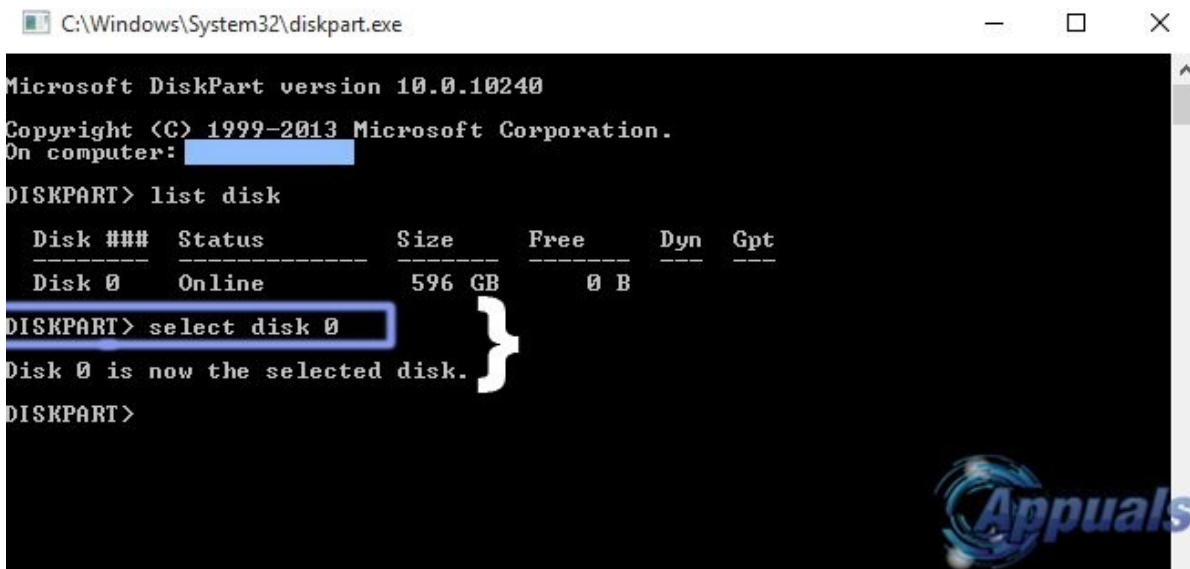
DISKPART>
```

The screenshot shows a Windows command prompt window titled "C:\Windows\System32\diskpart.exe". The output of the "list disk" command is displayed in a table format. The table has columns for Disk ###, Status, Size, Free, Dyn, and Gpt. The output shows Disk 0 is Online, 596 GB in size, and has 0 B of free space. The Dyn and Gpt columns are empty. The Appuals logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

## select disk:

To select a particular disk connected to your PC, you can use **select disk** command along with the **disk number**. In my case, I will select the **Disk 0**. It will display a message that the particular disk is now selected.

## Syntax: select disk 0 ("0" is the number of disk in my case)



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On computer: [REDACTED]

DISKPART> list disk

  Disk ###  Status              Size               Free              Dyn  Gpt
  -----  -
  Disk 0    Online                596 GB              0 B               --  --

DISKPART> select disk 0
Disk 0 is now the selected disk.

DISKPART>
```

The screenshot shows the same DiskPart command prompt window. After the "list disk" command, the "select disk 0" command is entered and executed. The output shows "Disk 0 is now the selected disk." The Appuals logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

## detail disk:

This command is used to view complete details about the selected



disk. It is pretty useful on certain occasions where you need an extensive info about a disk.

### **Syntax:** detail disk

```

DISKPART> detail disk
Hitachi HTS547564A9E384 ATA Device
Disk ID: 6DAFACE2
Type : ATA
Status : Online
Path : \
Target : \
LUN ID : 0
Location Path : \\.\PhysicalDrive0
Current Read-only State : No
Read-only : No
Boot Disk : Yes
Pagefile Disk : Yes
Hibernation File Disk : No
Crashdump Disk : Yes
Clustered Disk : No

Volume ### Ltr Label Fs Type Size Status Info
-----
Volume 1 System Rese NTFS Partition 350 MB Healthy System
Volume 2 C NTFS Partition 224 GB Healthy Boot
Volume 3 D NTFS Partition 190 GB Healthy
Volume 4 E NTFS Partition 181 GB Healthy
  
```

### **delete disk:**

Delete disk command is used to delete a missing dynamic disk from the disk list. This command should be used carefully as it might lead to some serious issues.

### **Syntax:** delete disk

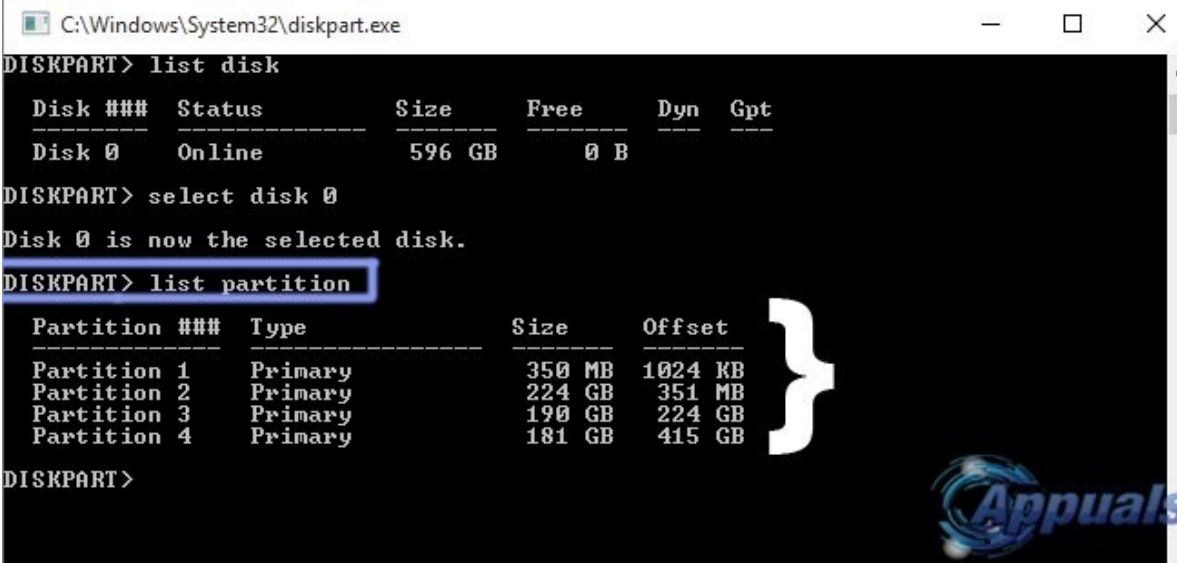
### **list partition:**

**PRO TIP:** If the issue is with your computer or a laptop/notebook you should try using Reimage Plus which can scan the repositories and replace corrupt and missing files. This works in most cases, where the issue is originated due to a system corruption. You can download Reimage by [Clicking Here](#)

Now, you would like to have a glance at the partitions in your selected disk. So, DiskPart has a pretty neat command for that

purpose. All you need to do is to type **list partition** in the prompt and hit Enter. It would display a list of all the partitions along with their numbers and sizes etc.

**Syntax:** list partition



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DISKPART> list disk

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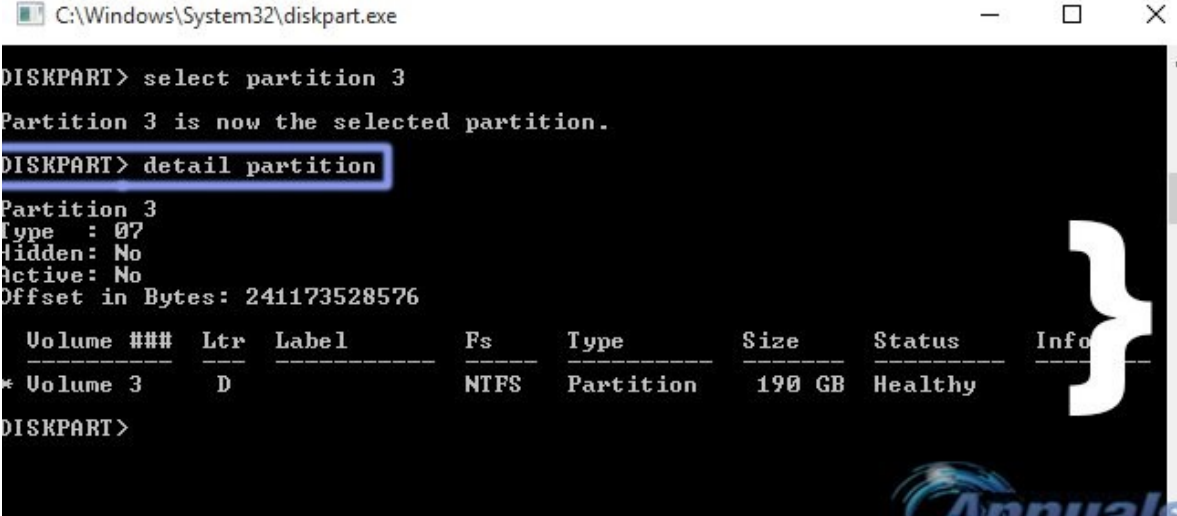
DISKPART> select disk 0
Disk 0 is now the selected disk.
DISKPART> list partition

  Partition ###  Type              Size       Offset
  -----  -
  Partition 1    Primary           350 MB     1024 KB
  Partition 2    Primary           224 GB     351 MB
  Partition 3    Primary           190 GB     224 GB
  Partition 4    Primary           181 GB     415 GB
  
```

**select partition:**

To set the focus of the DiskPart utility to a specific **partition** inside the select disk, you can use the **select partition** command along with a number of the partition displayed. In my case, I will set the focus to **Partition 3**. So, the syntax will be as below.

**Syntax:** select partition 3 (“3” is the number of partition in my case)



```

C:\Windows\System32\diskpart.exe
DISKPART> select partition 3
Partition 3 is now the selected partition.
DISKPART> detail partition

Partition 3
Type       : 07
Hidden     : No
Active     : No
Offset in Bytes: 241173528576

  Volume ###  Ltr  Label          Fs      Type          Size      Status       Info
  -----  -
* Volume 3    D    NTFS           NTFS     Partition     190 GB     Healthy

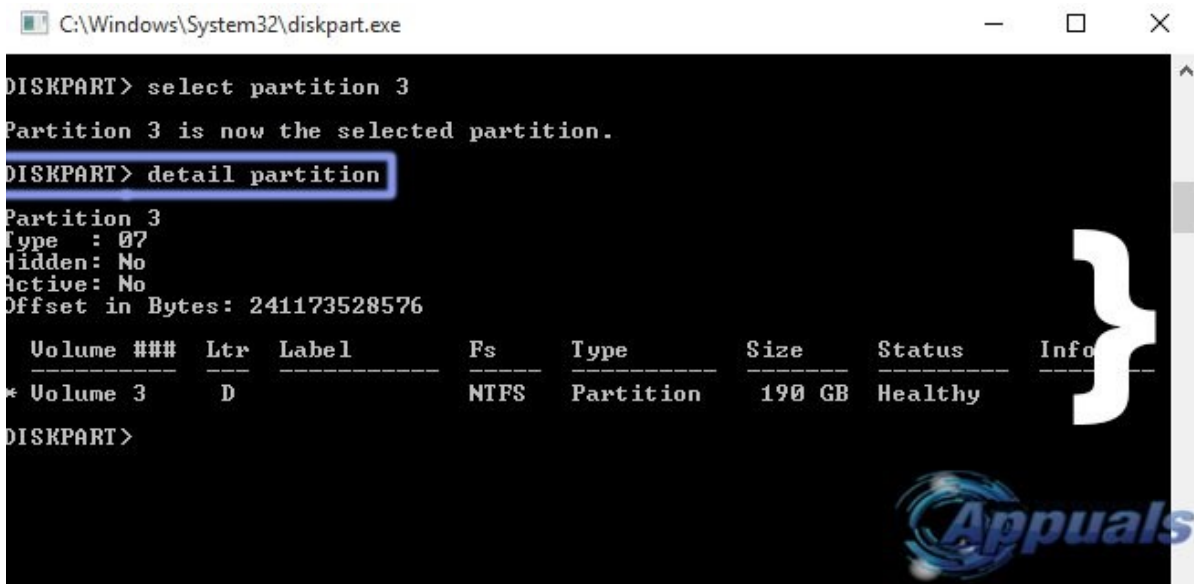
DISKPART>
  
```



## detail partition:

You can use the **detail partition** command to view the details of the currently selected partition. You can select any partition using the **select partition** command mentioned above. In my case, I will view the details of the **partition # 3**. For this purpose, I will select the partition # 3 and execute the detail partition command afterwards.

### Syntax: detail partition



```

C:\Windows\System32\diskpart.exe
DISKPART> select partition 3
Partition 3 is now the selected partition.
DISKPART> detail partition
Partition 3
Type       : 07
Hidden     : No
Active     : No
Offset in Bytes: 241173528576

  Volume ###  Ltr  Label           Fs      Type        Size      Status       Info
  -----
* Volume 3    D   D               NTFS     Partition    190 GB    Healthy
  -----
DISKPART>
  
```

## delete partition:

To delete the currently active partition, **delete partition** command can be used. It is recommended that you should select the partition first using the **select partition** command and then, use the delete partition command to delete it.

### Syntax: delete partition



```

C:\Windows\System32\diskpart.exe
DISKPART> list disk

  Disk ###  Status      Size     Free     Dyn  Gpt
  -----
  Disk 0    Online     596 GB   0 B

DISKPART> select disk 0
Disk 0 is now the selected disk.
DISKPART> list partition
  
```

```

Partition ###  Type              Size      Offset
-----
Partition 1    Primary             350 MB    1024 KB
Partition 2    Primary             224 GB    351 MB
Partition 3    Primary             190 GB    224 GB
Partition 4    Primary             181 GB    415 GB

```

DISKPART>

## list volume:

Volumes on a PC can be viewed using the **list volume** command inside DiskPart. It displays all of the volumes available on the computer along with some basic info. In my case, there are five volumes available on my PC.

**Syntax:** list volume

```

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On computer: [redacted]
DISKPART> list volume

```

| Volume ### | Ltr | Label       | Fs   | Type      | Size   | Status   | Info   |
|------------|-----|-------------|------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Volume 0   | G   |             |      | DUD-ROM   | 0 B    | No Media |        |
| Volume 1   |     | System Rese | NTFS | Partition | 350 MB | Healthy  | System |
| Volume 2   | C   |             | NTFS | Partition | 224 GB | Healthy  | Boot   |
| Volume 3   | D   |             | NTFS | Partition | 190 GB | Healthy  |        |
| Volume 4   | E   |             | NTFS | Partition | 181 GB | Healthy  |        |

DISKPART>

## select volume:

To select a particular volume, you can use the **select volume** command along with the number of the volume listed above using the list volume command. In my case, I will select the third volume.

**Syntax:** select volume 3 ("**3**" is the number of the volume in my case)

```

C:\Windows\System32\diskpart.exe
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On computer: UMARRASHID

```

```
DISKPART> list volume
```

| Volume ### | Ltr | Label       | Fs   | Type      | Size   | Status   | Info   |
|------------|-----|-------------|------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Volume 0   | G   |             |      | DUD-ROM   | 0 B    | No Media |        |
| Volume 1   |     | System Rese | NTFS | Partition | 350 MB | Healthy  | System |
| Volume 2   | C   |             | NTFS | Partition | 224 GB | Healthy  | Boot   |
| Volume 3   | D   |             | NTFS | Partition | 190 GB | Healthy  |        |
| Volume 4   | E   |             | NTFS | Partition | 181 GB | Healthy  |        |

```
DISKPART> select volume 3
Volume 3 is the selected volume.
DISKPART>
```

## detail volume:

Details of a selected volume can be viewed using the **detail volume** command. It displays a whole list of info regarding the selected volume. In my case, as I had selected the volume 3, so, detail volume command displayed the details of the 3<sup>rd</sup> volume on my PC.

**Syntax:** detail volume

```
C:\Windows\System32\diskpart.exe
```

```
DISKPART> select volume 3
Volume 3 is the selected volume.
DISKPART> detail volume
```

| Disk ### | Status | Size   | Free | Dyn | Gpt |
|----------|--------|--------|------|-----|-----|
| * Disk 0 | Online | 596 GB | 0 B  |     |     |

```
Read-only           : No
Hidden              : No
No Default Drive Letter: No
Shadow Copy         : No
Offline             : No
BitLocker Encrypted  : No
Installable         : Yes

Volume Capacity     : 190 GB
Volume Free Space    : 35 GB
DISKPART>
```

## delete volume:

A volume can be deleted the same way as a disk or a partition. So, to delete the selected volume, you can utilize the benefits of the cool command called **delete volume**.

**Syntax:** delete volume

## **create volume:**

Creating a volume is quite easy. You can create a simple volume by using the command i.e. **create volume simple** along with a few attributes including **size (MBs)** and **disk number**. If you don't specify the size or disk number, basic settings will be adopted to create a new simple volume. The same goes with **create volume stripe** and **create volume raid** command with a little bit of difference in disks.

**Syntax:** create volume simple [size] [disk #]

**Syntax:** create volume stripe [size] [disks (two or more than two)]

**Syntax:** create volume raid [size] [disks (three or more than 3)]

## **format:**

One of the most important commands used inside DiskPart is **format**. You can format any volume using this command. You should first select the volume you want to format using **select volume** command before using format. You can also specify various parameters to get the desired results.

**Syntax:** format FS=NTFS label="My Drive" Quick Compress

**FS:** FS represents the **file system**.

**Label:** label is the name of your drive. You can write anything.

**Quick Compress:** It compresses the drive accordingly.

## **create partition:**

There are various commands dependant on the type of partition you need to create. You can create a primary partition by using the **create partition primary** command along with some option parameters including the **size (MBs)** and **offset**. You can also

create **extended partitions** and **logical partitions** using **create partition extended** and **create partition logical** commands respectively.

**Syntax:** create partition primary, logical, extended [size] [offset]

### **convert mbr:**

To convert an empty disk with GPT partition style to MBR partition style, you can use **convert mbr** command keeping in mind that the disk should be empty. Otherwise, you might lose all of your data.

**Syntax:** convert mbr

### **convert gpt:**

To convert an empty disk with MBR partition style to GPT partition style, you can use **convert gpt** command keeping in mind that the disk should be empty. Otherwise, you might lose all of your data.

**Syntax:** convert gpt

### **rescan:**

The best advantage of using the DiskPart utility tool is its ability to rescan for the I/O buses along with any newly added disks to the computer. This can be done through a single command called **rescan**.

**Syntax:** *rescan*

The above mentioned commands are just the basic ones that are mostly used inside the DiskPart utility. For detailed reference, you can navigate to this [link](#).

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**most cases, where the issue is originated due to a system corruption. Reimage will also optimize your system for maximum performance. You can download Reimage by [Clicking Here](#)**