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Thread: [URGENT]How do I COMPLETELY format my laptop

The Prophet - *January 4, 2013, 7:11 pm*

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kingpin69 - *January 4, 2013, 7:12 pm*

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The Prophet - *January 4, 2013, 7:18 pm*

(Jan 4, 2013 08:12 PM)kingpin12685 Wrote: *[CITE]* Most newer laptops have a seperate recovery partition on them to restore the factory settings as it was shipped.Do you know where I could find that?

FederalReserveOSRS - *January 4, 2013, 7:19 pm*

Do you have a system cd? Anything windows7 xp?

If you have pm me for help :)

kingpin69 - *January 4, 2013, 7:21 pm*

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If you look in "my computer" or computer in newer versions of windows, do you see a seperate partition for recovery other then your C: drive i mean.

Also would help if you could give the make and model of the laptop please

for instance, my HP came shipped with a HP_RECOVERY (F:) partition which holds a factory default copy of the operating system within it. It can be accessed by pushing f11 before windows starts to boot to enter the recovery manager. Different manufacturer's will have different ways to enter recovery though, hence me asking make and model

The Prophet - *January 4, 2013, 7:28 pm*

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kingpin69 - *January 4, 2013, 7:32 pm*

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The Prophet - *January 4, 2013, 7:33 pm*
(Jan 4, 2013 08:32 PM)kingpin12685 Wrote: [CITE] ok try f4 or look in all programs for samsung recovery solution.

Hope this helpsWAIT, I've found what you were talking about..there was a samsung recovery solution to do a complete factory settings..Thanks you :)!

m4gnumsnip3r - *January 4, 2013, 10:50 pm*
Start laptop, keep pressing F8
Select repair your computer.
Windows Recovery Environment will boot
After that click Start command prompt.
Type DISKPART and then press enter
type select disk 0 and then press enter
type clean and then press enter
type exit
wpeutil shutdown

That's it.

Furtivus - *January 5, 2013, 10:06 am*
Dan boot and nuker, will make sure that nothing is readable.

bobsmith - *January 5, 2013, 10:09 am*
Put in windows 98,
Press format and Install
Wait 1 hourish

there you go, you have successfully deleted all your files and have installed windows 98 !

Genraven - *January 6, 2013, 9:19 pm*
Boot GParted (http://gparted.sourceforge.net/) and format your hard drive as NTSF if you are installing windows

deeprybka2020 - *January 6, 2013, 10:09 pm*
there are many tools can do this thing (format computer physically) i recommend to you using HDD low level format its amazing and your hard drive will be like when you just buy it :)

here is a link to know some information and download the tool :

http://hddguru.com/software/HDD-LLF-Low-Level-Format-Tool/