

# How to Check the File System & Format a USB Device to FAT32

## CHECKING USB STORAGE DEVICE FOR FAT32 COMPATIBILITY

**Note:** These steps may vary by operating system version.

### WINDOWS operating systems:

1. Click "Start" and then click "My Computer".
2. In the "My Computer" window, right-click on the drive icon in which the USB device appears.
3. From the menu, click "Properties".
4. Under "Properties", the File System should display FAT32.
5. If the File System is not FAT32, follow the instructions below to format your USB storage device to FAT32.

### MAC OS:

1. Click apple.
2. Select "About Mac".
3. Select the system profile.
4. Click to select the USB storage device in the left panel.
5. Choose the USB drive from the top center of the screen.
6. View the File System in the bottom pane.
7. If the File System is not FAT32, follow the instructions below to format your USB storage device to FAT32.

## TO REFORMAT THE USB DEVICE FOR FAT32, FOLLOW THESE STEPS

**WARNING: formatting the USB device will delete all content on the device.**

**Note:** These steps may vary by operating system version.

### WINDOWS operating systems:

1. Connect the USB storage device to the computer.
2. Click Start and then click "My Computer."
3. In the "My Computer" window, right-click on the drive icon in which the USB device appears.
4. From the menu, click "Format...."
5. In the "FORMAT device name (drive letter)" window, under "File system," click the drop-down arrow and select FAT32 and then click the Start button.
6. At the "WARNING..." message, click "OK" to continue.  
**IMPORTANT: Formatting the USB storage device will delete all content on the device.**
7. At the "Format Complete" message, click "OK".
8. Click the Close button to close the "FORMAT device name (drive letter)" window.
9. Click the X in the top-right to close the "My Computer" window.

### MAC OS:

1. Connect the USB storage device to the computer.
2. Open Disk Utility.
3. Click to select the USB storage device in the left panel.
4. Click to change to the Erase tab.
5. In the "Volume Format:" selection box, click "MS-DOS File System".
6. Click "Erase" button.  
**IMPORTANT: Formatting the USB storage device will delete all content on the device.**
7. At the confirmation dialog, click the "Erase" button.
8. Close the Disk Utility window.