Apple Disk Utility How To Format a Hard Drive Dual Format

Note: we don’t recommend formatting the hard drive for dual format for editing projects!! Do this workflow at your own risk!

If you use this workflow make sure you have a backup hard drive because the likelihood your hard drive will crash is very high!!

1. Connect your drive to the Mac computer
2. Once connected open up the Utilities folder.
   - Go > Utilities
3. Open Disk Utility
4. Select the drive you want to dual format and click on "Partition"
Click on the "+" button to add a partition.

Click on one side and set the following:

Partition Information

Name – Mac or whatever you want
Format – Mac OS Extended (Journaled)

Click the other side and enter in the following:

Name – ExFat whatever you want
Format – ExFAT
Click on Apply
Then Click on Partition

Partition device “WD Ext HDD 1021 Media”?
Partitioning this device will delete the data stored on some of the partitions, and cannot be undone.

This partition will be added:
“Mac”

This partition will be erased:
“ExFAT”

This partition will be resized:
“ExFAT”

Cancel  Partition

The applying changes updated menu

Applying changes to “WD Ext HDD 1021 Media”
Checking extended attributes file.

Hide Details
Running operation 1 of 3...
Verifying the disk
Verifying file system.
Checking Journaled HFS Plus volume.
Checking extents overflow file.
Checking catalog file.
Checking multi-linked files.
Checking catalog hierarchy.
Checking extended attributes file.

The drive will show up in two partitions
ExFAT and Mac

Disk Utility

WD Ext HDD 1021 Media
500.11 GB USB External Physical Disk

Internal
APPLE SSD SM10...
Macintosh HD
SK Storage

External
WD Ext HDD 1...

EXFAT 249.88 GB
Mac 249.75 GB

Location: External Capacity: 500.11 GB
Connection: USB Child count: 3
Partition Map: GUID Partition Map Type: Disk
S.M.A.R.T. status: Not Supported Device: disk2