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Note:

All New / Raw Drive(s) should follow hard drive / system manufacturer guideline or visit Thermaltake FAQ Site to Partition, Format and any necessary steps prior to usage. Hard drive(s) not properly formatted or partitioned will not work with enclosures.

Below Steps serve as General Guideline to Partition and Format "NEW & RAW" hard drives.

For Windows XP & Vista:

1. After connecting all necessary cable(s) to PC, insert the Hard Drive into drive slot.

2. Power on the HDD Docking Station.

3. After OS recognizes the **"New Hardware",** the driver will automatically be installed.

4. Next, ***"Right Click"*** on **<u>My Computer</u>** icon on the desktop and choose option: **<u>Manage</u>**.

5. Under **<u>Storage > Disk Management</u>**, ***initialize*** the newly installed hard drive. If the drive has been initialized before, the initialize option will not be available.

6. ***Right Click*** on the newly added hard drive and ***choose*** **<u>New Partition.</u>**

7. Follow the onscreen **<u>New Partition Wizard</u>** to setup Partition and Format hard drive. *(Be Sure to Assign a Drive Letter)*.

8. Once Partition and Format is completed, hard drive is ready to use.

For Mac OS:

Mac OS 9.2 & earlier version does not support partition creation for external hard drive. In order to create partition for external hard drive with Mac OS 9.2 & earlier, user will need to purchase additional 3rd party software to create hard drive partition.

For Mac OS X, simply use the **Disk Utility** to Partition and Format external hard drive as follows:

1. Select **Disk Utilities** in the utilities folder.
2. Choose newly added external drive and format it.

Note:

If you want to operate HDD Docking Station on both Windows and Mac OS, it is recommended to format the hard drive in Windows and choose FAT32 file format. Do not change set partition or format hard drive. Otherwise, Windows OS will not be able to recognize the hard drive.