

## Re: winxp and freebsd

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0 GB – Windows  
Max GB – FreeBSD

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Just kidding. It would mostly just depend on what you need. Keep in mind that you can read Windows files from BSD but not vice verse (and writing is kind of sketchy).

On a recent 20GB HD I put 5GB for Windows, 10GB for FreeBSD and left the other 5 open so I could add it to either one.

What do you need your Windows box for? That will mostly determine how much space you want to allocate to it.

On Tue, 22 Feb 2005 18:10:31 -0500, Eric <eric@savaka.com> wrote:

> *Thanks --- any recommendations on formatting and partitioning my hdd  
> prior to the OS installs?*

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> *Tyler Gee wrote:*

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> > *"...you would have no way to access FBSD."*

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> > *Except with a boot disk, as Grant points out.*

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> > *On Tue, 22 Feb 2005 15:59:30 -0700, Tyler Gee <geekout@gmail.com> wrote:*

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> > > *You always have to install Windows first if you are going to dual boot*

> > > *with anything. The reason is that Windows will automatically rewrite*

> > > *your Master Boot Record without asking so if you did FBSD first and*

> > > *then Windows you would have no way to access FBSD.*

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> > > *-wtgee*

