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> *HI*

> *I was wondering if I could get instructions on how to uninstall freebsd.*

> *It's on my computer and I don't know how to use it so I was going to just*

> *uninstall it but I can't seem to figure it out.*

Well, I can't recommend that course of action. Much better to learn how to use it.

But, if you absolutely must, then the way to uninstall it is to install whatever else you plan to use over the top of it. The reinstallation will wipe out whatever is already there. eg, you don't really uninstall it. You replace it. With it merely uninstalled you have nothing. Just an inert box of non-functioning electronics with no reasonable way to use it.

If the box was set up as a dual-boot so that it has, say MS Win XP and FreeBSD, then you would need to use a utility that would let you repartition the disk. For that sort of thing, I have had good luck with Partition Magic (though I have used it to turn MS space in to FreeBSD space, not vice versa, it will work either way). Just boot up your MS Win XP or whatever and follow the instructions that come with Partition Magic to make the floppies. Then boot from the floppies and tell it to convert the FreeBSD slice – which it will not have a name for – in to a FAT23 partition. Alternatively, you can have it delete the slice and then have it grow the Win partition to use up the space. If it has Win XP on it, that partition will be either a FAT32 or an NTFS type of partition.

Partition Magic is generally available from most stores like Best Buy and online for around \$70.

But, if you take the time to learn to use FreeBSD you will be muchly rewarded and will feel like you are so severely confined with that commercial "OS" issuing from the Northwest USA (MS Win xxx).

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> *Thanks*

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