

Repartitioning a Duplicated Drive

Once you have successfully duplicated your old (small) drive onto a new (larger) drive using the Retriever or RAID docks, you will probably want to increase the partition size; rather than fumble with 2 volumes. This is especially common with people who duplicate a system or OS drive.

In order to do this, you need either Windows Vista, 7, or a 3rd party partition manager software. Windows XP does not support re-partitioning. We'll leave the partition manager software tutorials to the third party manufacturers. For now, we can focus on the built-in partitioning capabilities of Windows Vista and 7.

Thankfully, re-partitioning in Windows 7 and Vista is a relatively quick and painless task. First, you will need to navigate to Disk Management. You can use our online guides for step by step instructions on using Disk Management.

Once you locate the disk number for your duplicate drive, you will need to right-click on that number and select "Online" (if it is not already online). This will allow you to see the drive in your browser and make modifications to it.

Then, return to Disk Management and right-click the long horizontal rectangle to the right of your disk-number and select "Extend" or "Shrink" partition; depending on what you would like to do. In the following wizards, simply select your preferred partition-size in megabytes. Or, allow the wizard to pick the maximum size for you.

Finally, click "Next" and wait a minute or so for Windows to finish. Once you see the disk re-appear within Disk Management, check the disk-size just to be sure. You can then open the drive-letter within your browser and begin using it as normal.