

Worksheet 5.4.2: Hard Drive Preparation

Match each vocabulary word with its correct definition.

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| 1. _____ Primary Partition | a. This is the collective name for all tracks having the same number in a hard disk drive when several disks are stacked and rotate on a common spindle. |
| 2. _____ Extended Partition | b. The area on each logical DOS disk where the information to boot the operating system is recorded. |
| 3. _____ Active Partition | c. A special file that is created and located in the disk's sector 0 where DOS stores information about the disk's directory structure. |
| 4. _____ Logical Drive | d. The first partition on a DOS disk (usually contains an operating system). |
| 5. _____ FDISK | e. A 512 byte "chunk" of space on a DOS disk. |
| 6. _____ Boot Sector | f. The partition DOS refers to at boot up. |
| 7. _____ Partition Table | g. The process that creates a blank File Allocation Table and root directory structure on a DOS disk. |
| 8. _____ Track | h. A physical separation of information within an extended partition. |
| 9. _____ Sector | i. The process that marks off the disk into sectors and cylinders, and defines their placement on the disk. |
| 10. _____ Cluster | j. The partitioning program for MS-DOS. |
| 11. _____ Cylinder | k. The partition that is normally assigned all the available space left on a DOS drive. |
| 12. _____ FAT | l. Concentric circles on the disk surface created by formatting a hard drive. |
| 13. _____ Low-level Format | m. Two or more sectors on a single track. |
| 14. _____ High-level Format | n. A record of the starting point of each logical drive, active partition, and master boot record. |