

Re: Bulk erase methods

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In article <MPG.1d404fd8e039f476989b24@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Keith Williams <krw@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

>In article <Orvcd1turrc57e41r5g60bpbv2s6u4crin@xxxxxxx>, >thegreatone@xxxxxxxx says...
>> On 14 Jul 2005 08:03:47 -0700, larwe@xxxxxxxx wrote:
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>>> very well. A shredder is a far better method. If the floppys are to
>>> be reused, formatting them will deter all but the black-hats.
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>>>You'd be surprised how easy it is to recover data from a floppy that
>>>has only been formatted. All you need is a scope and patience. The
>>>azimuth variations between any two drives make the "lost" data readable
>>>easily on another drive.
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>> I've been lurking at this thread for awhile...
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>> If the OP meant that bulk erase was needed to render the floppies
>> disposable with security, then mechanical destruction is certainly the
>> only reliable way.

I still sometimes have to erase a floppy to use it, if the format is not recognized by the computer. A standard hand held bulk eraser is what I use. Still a somewhat time consuming process, as it takes several passes to do it. Is there still such a thing being sold? Ebay?

Using the computer to erase is obviously a very long chore.

greg

>Yep. Raising the temperature above the curie point works too, but that
>likely amounts to the same thing.
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>> If the OP only wanted to re-use the floppies himself, what's wrong
>> with simply "delete *.*" ??
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>That simply clears the directory. The files are still there.
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>> If he meant to distribute erased floppies for others to re-use, but
>> with security, there exists software which will write randomized data
>> over the existing data.
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>The new data won't cover the old data completely, unless it was written
>by the same drive (an