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*Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'fdformat.8' command*

**\$ man fdformat.8**

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NAME

## fdformat - low-level format a floppy disk

## SYNOPSIS

**fdformat [options] device**

## DESCRIPTION

fdformat does a low-level format on a floppy disk. device is usually one of the following (for floppy devices the major = 2, and the minor is shown for informational purposes only):

/dev/fd0d360 (minor = 4)

/dev/fd0h1200 (minor = 8)

/dev/fd0D360 (minor = 12)

/dev/fd0H360 (minor = 12)

/dev/fd0D720 (minor = 16)

/dev/fd0H720 (minor = 16)

/dev/fd0h360 (minor = 20)

/dev/fd0b720 (minor = 24)

/dev/fd0H1440 (minor = 38)

/dev/fd1d360 (minor = 5)

/dev/fd1b1200 (minor=0)

/d1u1/fd1D260 (minor - 12)

111-1111111 (version 1.0)

111-141D700 (version 13)

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/dev/fd1H720 (minor = 17)  
/dev/fd1h360 (minor = 21)  
/dev/fd1h720 (minor = 25)  
/dev/fd1H1440 (minor = 29)
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The generic floppy devices, /dev/fd0 and /dev/fd1, will fail to work with fdformat when a non-standard format is being used, or if the format has not been autodetected earlier. In this case, use setfdprm(8) to load the disk parameters.

## OPTIONS

**-f, --from N**

Start at the track N (default is 0).

**-t, --to N**

Stop at the track N.

**-r, --repair N**

Try to repair tracks failed during the verification (max N retries).

**-n, --no-verify**

Skip the verification that is normally performed after the formatting.

**-V, --version**

Display version information and exit.

**-h, --help**

Display help text and exit.

## NOTES

This utility does not handle USB floppy disk drives. Use uiformat(8) instead.

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## SEE ALSO

fd(4), emkfs(8), mkfs(8), setfdprm(8), uiformat(8)

## REPORTING BUGS

For bug reports, use the issue tracker at

<https://github.com/karelzak/util-linux/issues>.

## AVAILABILITY

The fdformat command is part of the util-linux package which can be downloaded from Linux Kernel Archive  
<<https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/>>.

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