

FORMAT

Syntax: `format devname [name] [opts]`

Function: Establishes and verifies an initial file structure on a floppy diskette or a hard disk. You must format all disks before you can use them on an OS-9 system.

Parameters:

<i>devname</i>	The drive name of the disk you want to format.
<i>name</i>	The name you want to assign the newly formatted disk. Enclose the disk name in double quotation marks.
<i>opts</i>	One or more of the following options.

Options:

<code>l</code>	Writes system format information only, does not physically format disk.
<code>r</code>	Causes the format to proceed automatically, without issuing prompts.
<code>1</code>	Formats single-sided. Use with single-sided drives or single-sided diskettes in double-sided drives.
<code>2</code>	Causes a double-sided format. Use with double-sided drives and double-sided diskettes.
<code>'cylinders'</code>	The number of cylinders (in decimal) that you want formatted.
<code>:interleave:</code>	The number of the sector interleave value (in decimal).