RAID Toolbox Quick Start Guide Setting Up a RAID Level 0 (Striped) Array

NOTE – Demo version users will only be able to create a 100 MB array.

1) Launch RAID Toolbox from the CEI RAID Toolbox folder in your Programs folder.

2) The left area of the RAID Toolbox screen shows available drives, including the internal (boot) hard drive. NOTE - Your stripe can not include your internal boot drive.

3) Hold down the control (Ctrl) key and select the drives that you wish to include in your array. The selected drives will appear highlighted.

4) Once you have selected the drives that you wish to include in your array, click on the "Stripe" button. You may also right-click one of the highlighted drives and select "Stripe" from the pop-up menu.

5) A Partition window will appear asking how may partitions, or separate areas on the disk, that you would like to create.

RAID Toolbox defaults to 1 partition,

however up to 4 partitions may be created.

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RAID Toolbox's interface shows a list of available drives on the left, the arrays that have been built in the center and a listing the partitions in the pane on the right.

6) After clicking "OK" the array will be partitioned. You should now see a new partition located under the "Partitions" window on the RAID Toolbox interface. Newly created arrays will show "No file system" at the file system type.

NOTE – A generic "System Settings Change" dialogue box may appear after partitioning a new array. This dialogue box will ask you if you would like to restart your computer. It is not necessary to restart your computer at this time. Simply click No and proceed to the next step.

8) Right click on the newly created partition under the Partitions window on the right. Select Format. *NOTE* – Formatting an array will erase all data on all of the drives associated with the array. Make sure than any critical data has been properly backed up prior to proceeding with the format.

9) From the Format window, select a file system and Allocated Unit (Block) Size that you want for your array. If you are not familiar with the different file system or allocation unit sizes CEI recommends using the default settings. You may name the new array by typing the name in the Volume Label area.

10) A quick format will now occur on your array. When the quick format has been completed your array should now be available under My Computer.



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