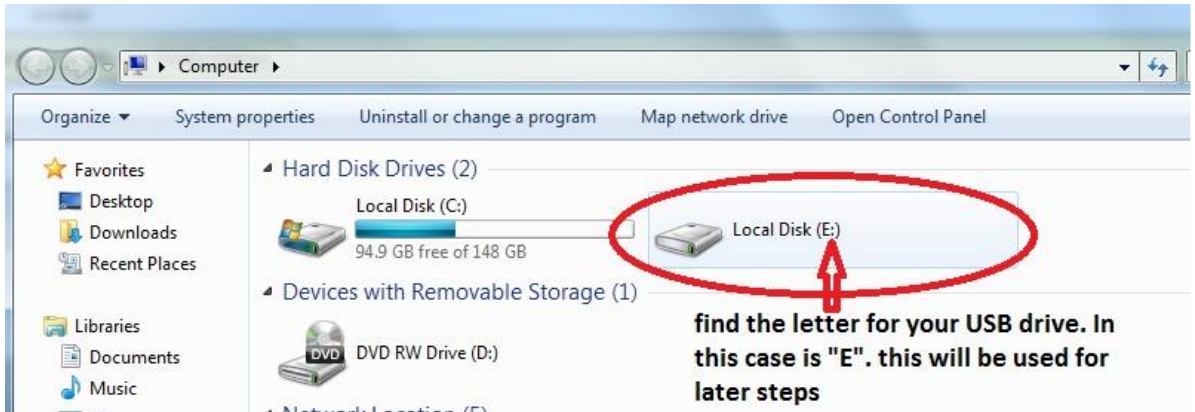


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- **FAT32** is the format compatible with both Windows and Linux OS.
- To format an external USB drive larger than 32 GB, we will need some special programs to do the job.
- A free-of-charge program called **"FAT32format"** developed by Ridgescrop Consultants Ltd works well and fast and it is easy to use.
- Below is the step-by-step instruction on how to format a large drive to FAT32 (can go up to 1TB) using "FAT32format".

**Step1:** Figure out what drive letter is allocated for your USB drive. It is "E:" in this case.



Click on the link <http://www.ridgescrop.demon.co.uk/index.htm?guiformat.htm>

**Step2-5:** and you will be directed to the website of "Ridgescrop Consultants Ltd. Follow the steps 3-5 to carry out formatting

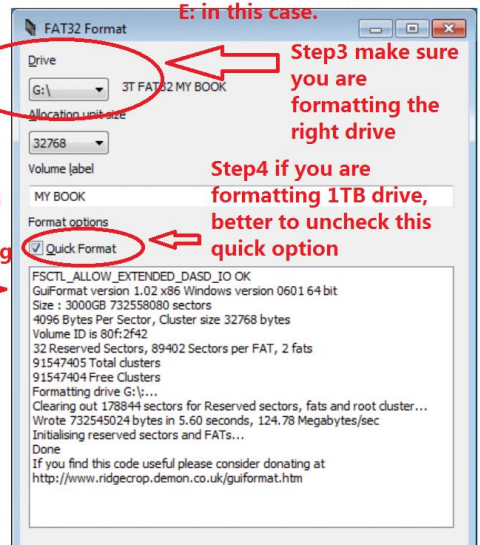
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I finally got round to doing a Windows GUI version of **fat32format**.

Click on this picture.

**PS: i should change G: to E: in this case.**



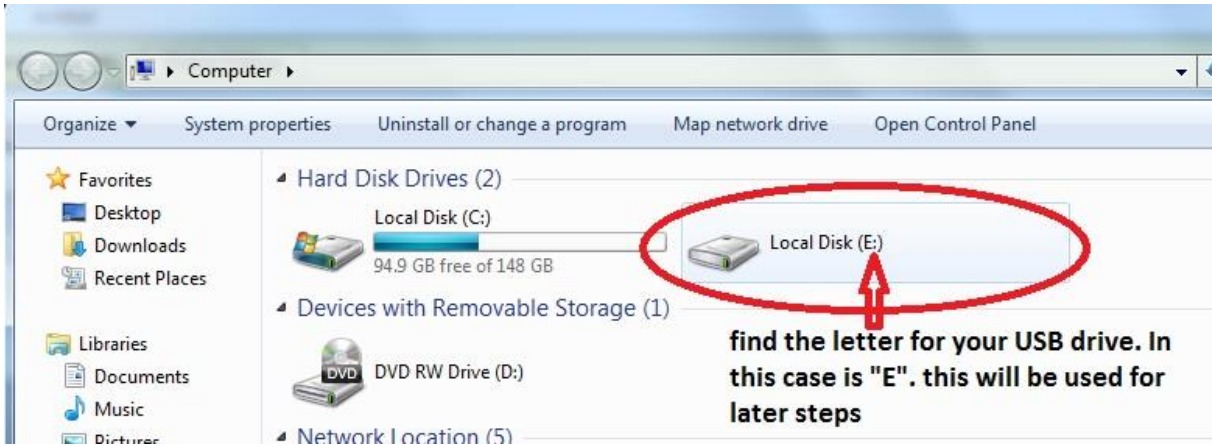
**Step 5**  
click anywhere on this picture to initialise formatting



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**(Reformatting a drive <32 GB must be done through the Windows command prompt)**

**Step 0.** Figure out what drive letter is assigned for your USB drive



**Step 1.** Open a command prompt by clicking on "Start" button, and then type "CMD" in the dialog followed by hitting the "enter" key on your keyboard:

**Step 2.** Type "CMD" in the dialog followed by hitting the "enter" key on your keyboard:



**Step 3-5** as shown in below picture to complete formatting:

