

AVANQUEST PARTITIONING SOFTWARE LETS EVEN NOVICE PC USERS PROTECT AND ORGANIZE DATA, OPTIMIZE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Partition Commander 10's wizard-driven menus and disk maintenance features offer a simple, effective way to partition and manage PC hard drives.

PLEASANTON, Calif. - August 29, 2006 - Avanquest Software, a leading developer and publisher of business and consumer software for the global PC market, today announced the release of Partition Commander 10, a feature-rich upgrade to its award-winning hard disk partitioning and maintenance utility. Partition Commander 10 features a new look and feel to give PC users of all skill levels the power to separate, protect and organize their data and system files while optimizing PC performance.

Disk Partitioning is a powerful solution that improves data security, enhances system performance, provides better file organization and supports multiple operating systems. With the addition of several helpful "wizards," Partition Commander 10 automates this complex process, allowing even the most novice PC users to take advantage of increased productivity and hard disk reliability.

By offering a safer, more secure method for segregating program files, personal data, media files and backup files into individual partitions, Partition Commander 10 serves as an ideal tool for coping with difficulties frequently associated with operating system upgrades. With partitioning, users installing a new operating system (OS), such as Microsoft Windows Vista or Linux, can maintain their original configuration while continuing to make needed adjustments to the new system. Partitioning also ensures that in the event a virus or crash were to delete the OS, the partition containing data files would remain intact.

Offering the ability to handle today's large 500 GB+ drives as well as supporting external, USB and FireWire drives, Partition Commander 10 provides an "insurance policy" against an array of system threats. The software includes built-in safety technology to protect against system failures by resuming partition operations after power failure. In addition, BootFixer restores boot records in PCs that can no longer initialize an operating system. Lost or accidentally deleted partitions are easily restored with the partition recovery tool. Slow hard-drive performance also can be dramatically improved with Partition Commander's built-in disk defragmenter that reorganizes programs and data.

"Partition Commander 10 provides a new intuitive and enhanced Windows interface for those who want to maximize the organization of data stored on their PC, while protecting their computer's operating system," said Frank van Gilluwe, president, Avanquest Software Utility Products. "Designed for use with computers with large hard drives, Partition Commander 10's comprehensive hard disk partitioning and maintenance functions offer users of all skill levels worry-free partitioning tools."

Features new to Version 10 include:

Advanced Hard Disk Partitioning Operations

- Enlarge existing partitions without rebooting Windows.
- Recover any accidentally deleted partition by using the undelete hard disk partition wizard (for Windows FAT, FAT32, NTFS, Linux EXT2, EXT3).
- Convert OS hard disk partition from primary to logical and vice versa.

PowerShield Technology

- Built-in safety technology protects against system failures by resuming critical partitioning operations after power failure.

Advanced Partitioning

- Create, Copy, Merge, Resize, Delete, Redistribute Free Space and Undelete Partitions Wizards

Virtual Partition Preview

- Preview partitioning changes before applying those changes. This fail-safe feature protects users from making unintended partitioning mistakes.

Boot Fixer & Boot Corrector

- Fix and restore non-booting Windows system back to normal health.

Partition Commander Professional 10 works with desktop or laptop PCs using Microsoft® Windows® 95/98/Me/2000/XP or Linux operating systems. Priced at \$49.95, it is available at thousands of retail outlets across North America and online at www.avanquestusa.com.

Existing Partition Commander 9 users will be able to upgrade to version 10 directly from the following website: <http://www.v-com.com>.