

QUICK START GUIDE

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DOGHOUSE SYSTEMS



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WELCOME!

Congratulations on receiving your order from DogHouse Systems! We are thrilled that you have chosen us and we can't wait for you to start using your new system.

Now it's time to get it set up.

To get started, we have included a booklet with eight simple steps to help you connect your system and get it ready for use online.

If you encounter any issues during the setup process, please don't hesitate to reach out to us via phone or email. We are always here to help.

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LET'S BEGIN...

SECTION 1: ***SYSTEM SET-UP***

STEP 1: UNBOXING

1. Remove accessories box from the top of the packaging.
2. Take out foam inserts and lift the system's inner box.
3. Remove the system from the inner box and place upright on the ground.

Remember to lift with your legs!

4. Remove protective bag and place where you want to have the system.

- **NOTE:** Ensure your installation area is object-free to ensure proper airflow. *(These are on the front and left sides and include the rear exhaust ports. Please ensure 6 inches of clearance to help with proper cooling.)*

OPTIONAL: Keep all packaging material.

- We recommend keeping all packing material, just in case you need to ship your system back to us for repairs!
- If you have misplaced, or thrown out your DHS packaging, we highly recommend heading to FedEx to have them wrap and insure your system when you ship it.
- **NOTE:** Any damages occurred during transport due to improper packaging are not the responsibility of DogHouse!



STEP 2: POWER

1. Connect the power cord to the power supply (in the rear) and to a power source.

- a. It is highly suggestive that you connect your system's power to a **surge protector** or an **uninterruptible power supply (UPS)**.

2. Set the power switch (near the power cord!) to ON.

3. If a surge protector/UPS power switch is equipped, ensure those are set to ON.

- A **surge protector** will protect your system from power spikes that could inflict irreparable damage to your system.
- A **UPS** prevents your system from unexpectedly shutting down in the event there is power loss. Most have surge protection already in them.
- By using the battery to boost a sagging power signal and the surge protection circuit to protect against power spikes, a line conditioning UPS will greatly increase the life of your power supply.



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STEP 3: KEYBOARD & MOUSE

1. Connect your mouse to the USB ports in the rear (or where you prefer!)

STEP 4: MONITOR

1. Connect your monitor's DVI, HDMI, or DisplayPort cable to the appropriate port on the video card on the system's rear.
2. For your monitor setup instructions, please refer to the manufacturer's user manual.

STEP 5: SPEAKERS

1. Please refer to the manufacturer's user manual for specific speaker setup instructions.
2. For analog 2.0, 2.1, or headphones, use the lime-colored connector in the rear or the front of the system.



STEP 6: NETWORK

1. **WIRED NETWORKS:** Connect the Ethernet cable to the system's rear Ethernet port and the network switch/broadband router.
 - a. Refer to the Rear Panel Diagram for assistance.
2. **PCI-BASED WIRELESS CARDS:** install a PCI card according to the manufacturer's documentation.
3. Once booted, Windows should notify you that wireless networks are detected. Find your network in the list and enter appropriate security codes if applicable.

STEP 7: PERIPHERALS

1. After initial boot and establishing your internet connection, attach each peripheral, one by one, installing the manufacturer's software and restarting after each installation.
2. If your peripherals are not Windows 11 64-bit compatible, you may need to replace them with a modern version which is Windows 11 64-bit compatible.

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STEP 8: FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT

1. The crafting of your DogHouse Systems computer is the result of hours of compatibility validation, stress-testing, and benchmarking to be sure you have the most intense gaming experience available with the least amount of down time.
2. We are focused on bringing you the best in available gaming technology without breaking the bank.
 - a. If, at any time, you're not 100% satisfied with your system, please get in touch with us and let us know what we can do to perfect your experience.



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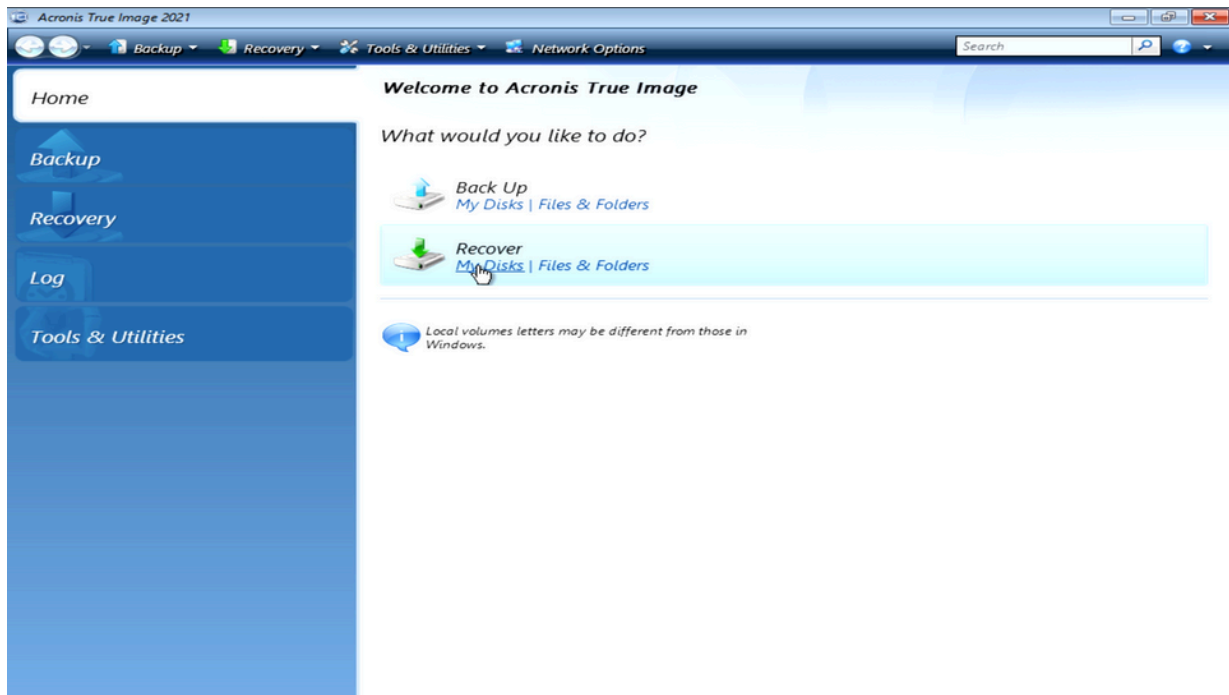
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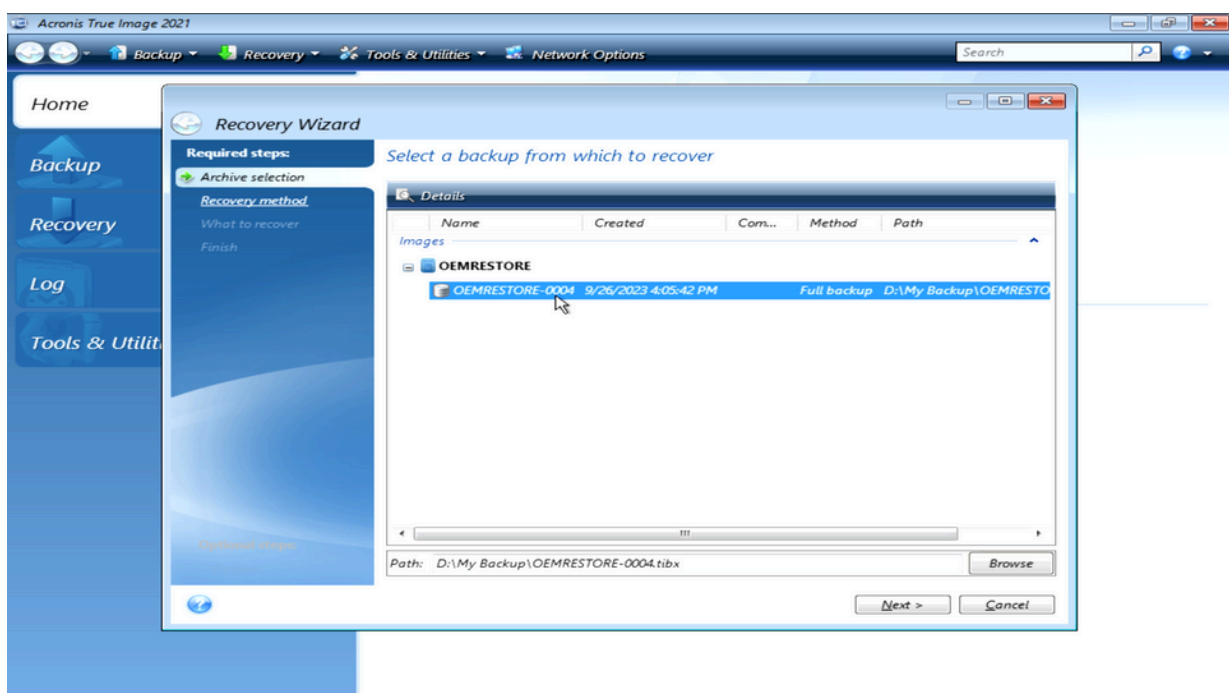
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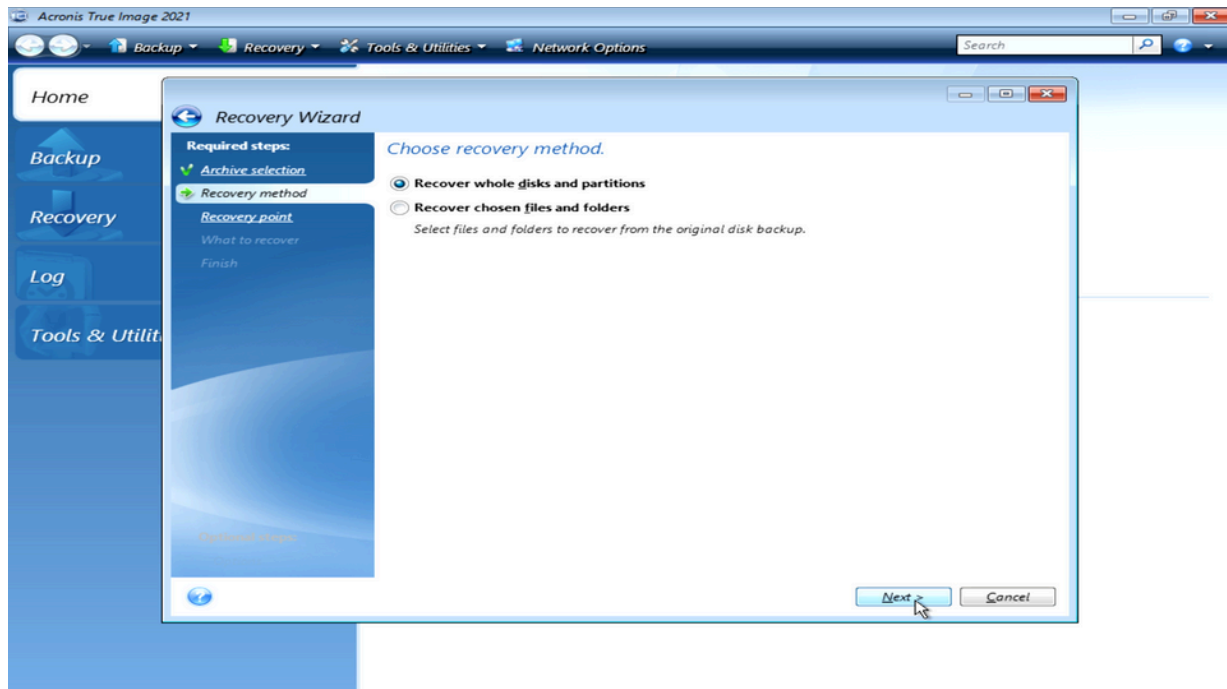
1. Power on your system
2. Insert the **DogHouse Systems Restore** flash drive into one of the USB ports.
3. Press **F8** to access the boot menu. Make sure to press **F8** before **Windows** starts loading.
4. Select the **Kingston USB flash drive** from the boot menu. This will boot your system into the **Acronis True Image** graphical user interface.
5. Select **My Disks** under **Recover**.



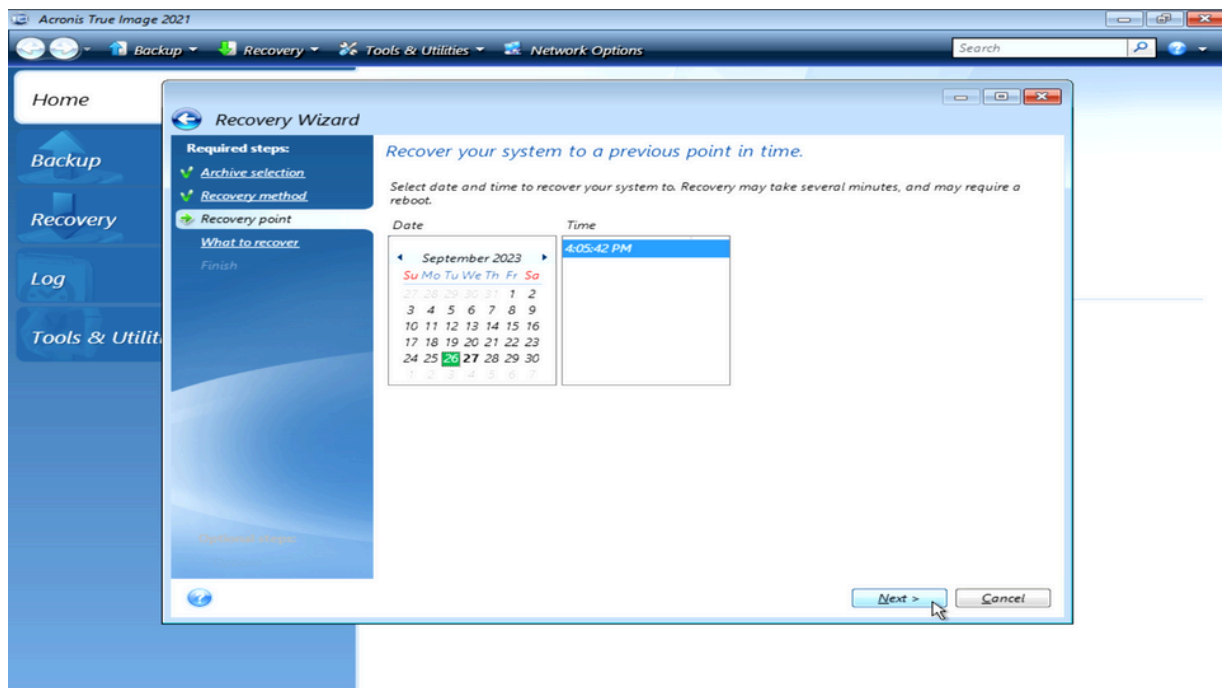
6. Select the **OEMRESTORE** backup file, and then select **Next**.



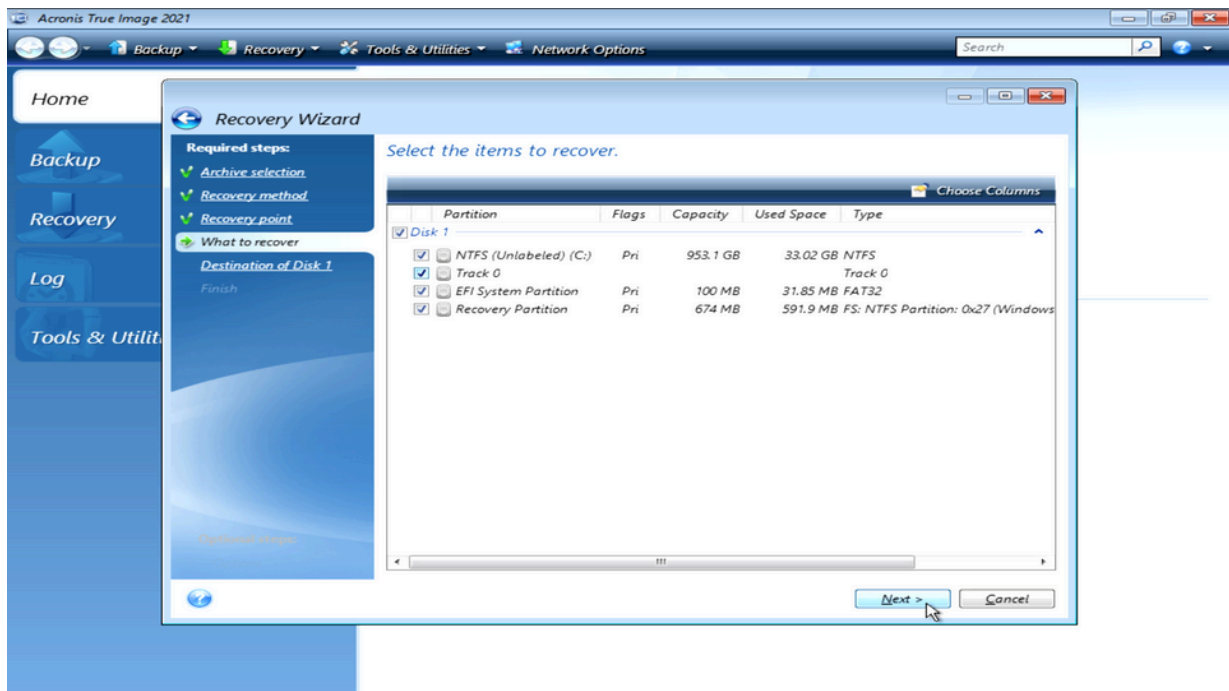
7. Select **Recover whole disk and partitions**, and then select **Next**.



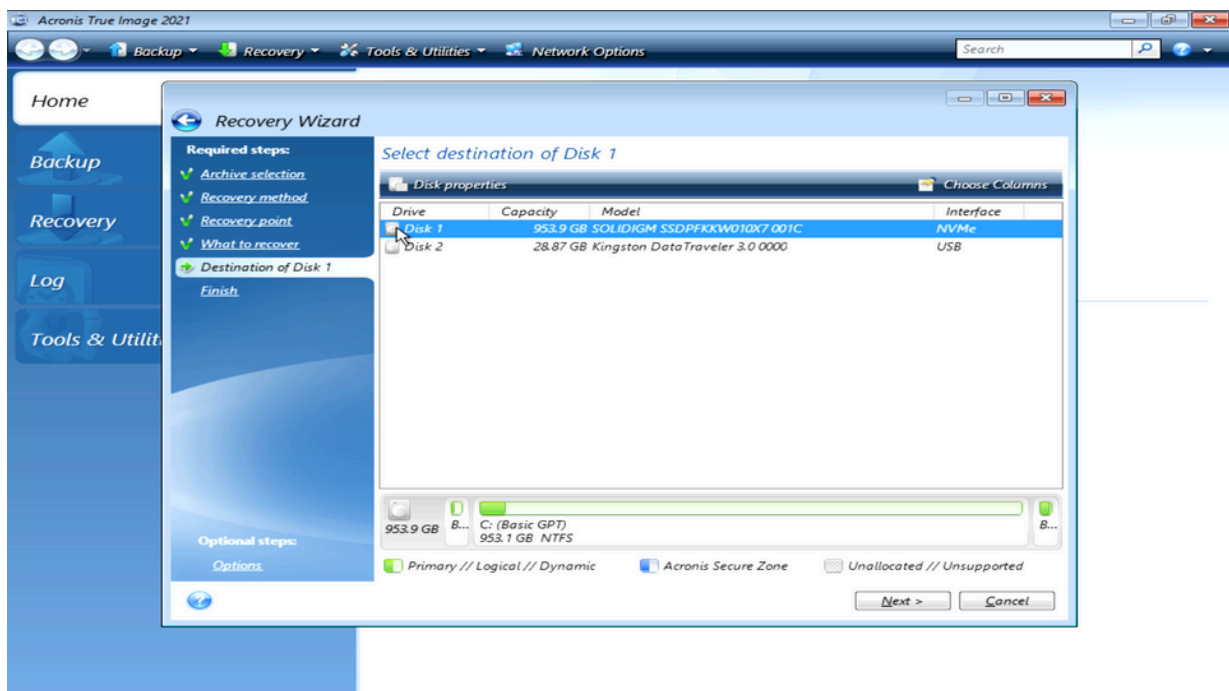
8. Select the date and time the **System Restore** was created, and then select **Next**.



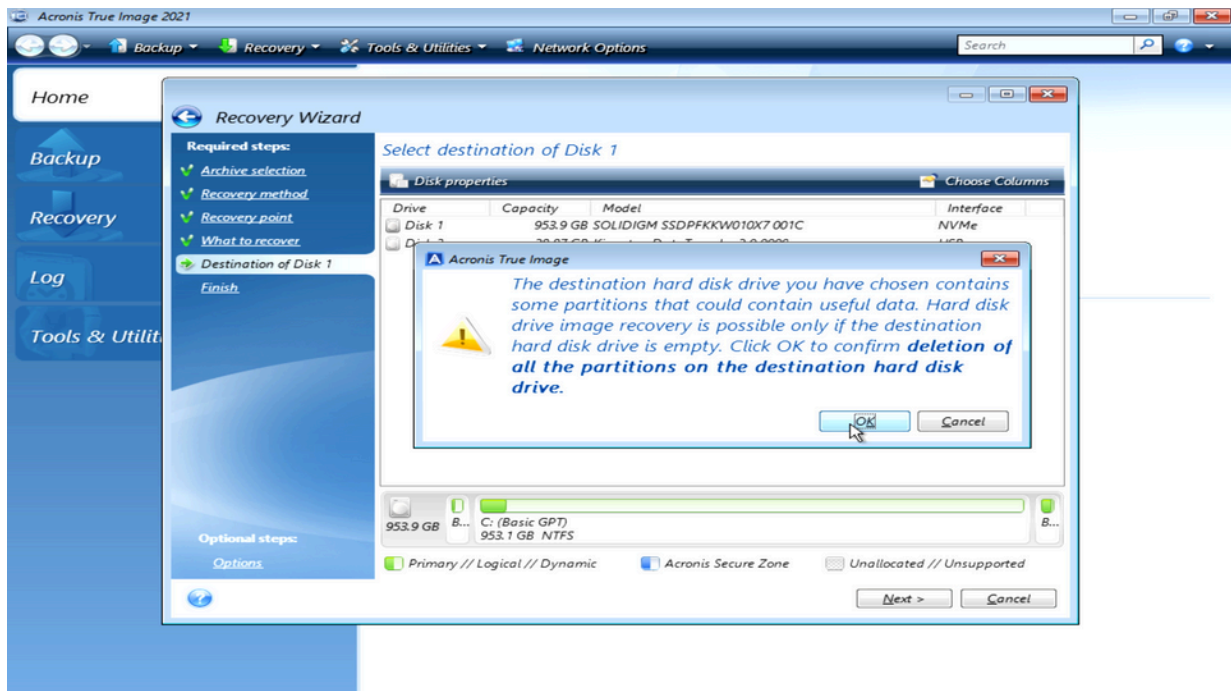
9. Select all the items, and then select **Next**.



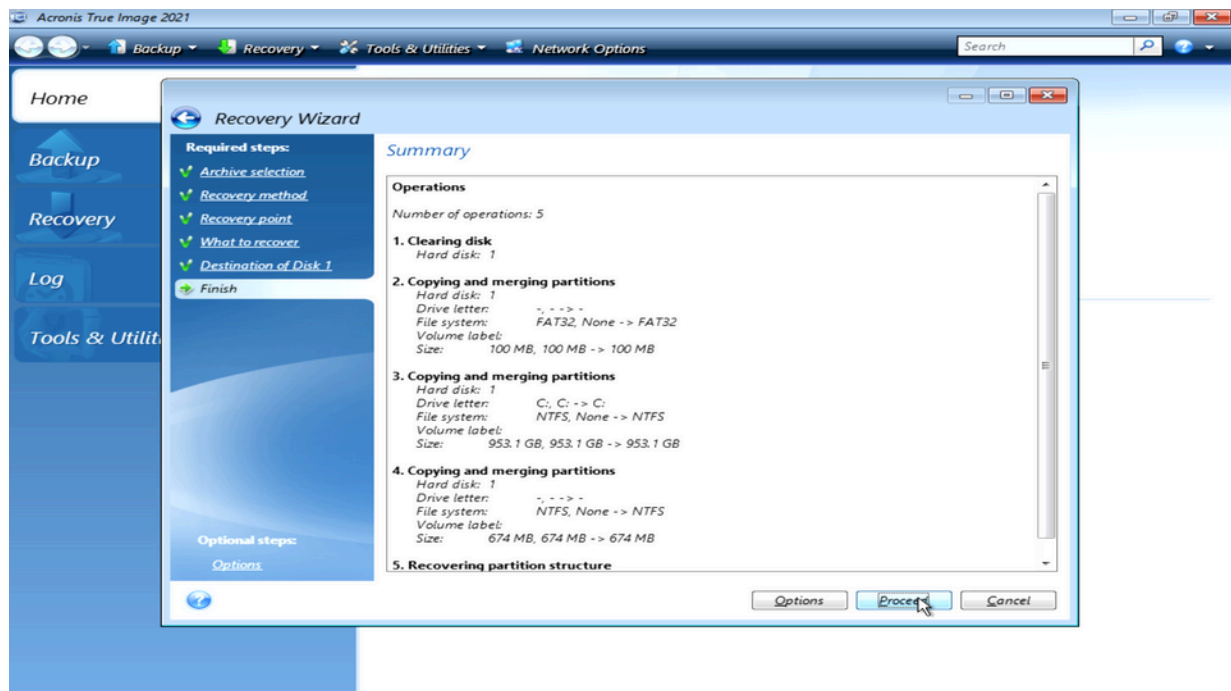
10. Select the destination disk of where **Windows** needs to be installed, and then select **Next**.



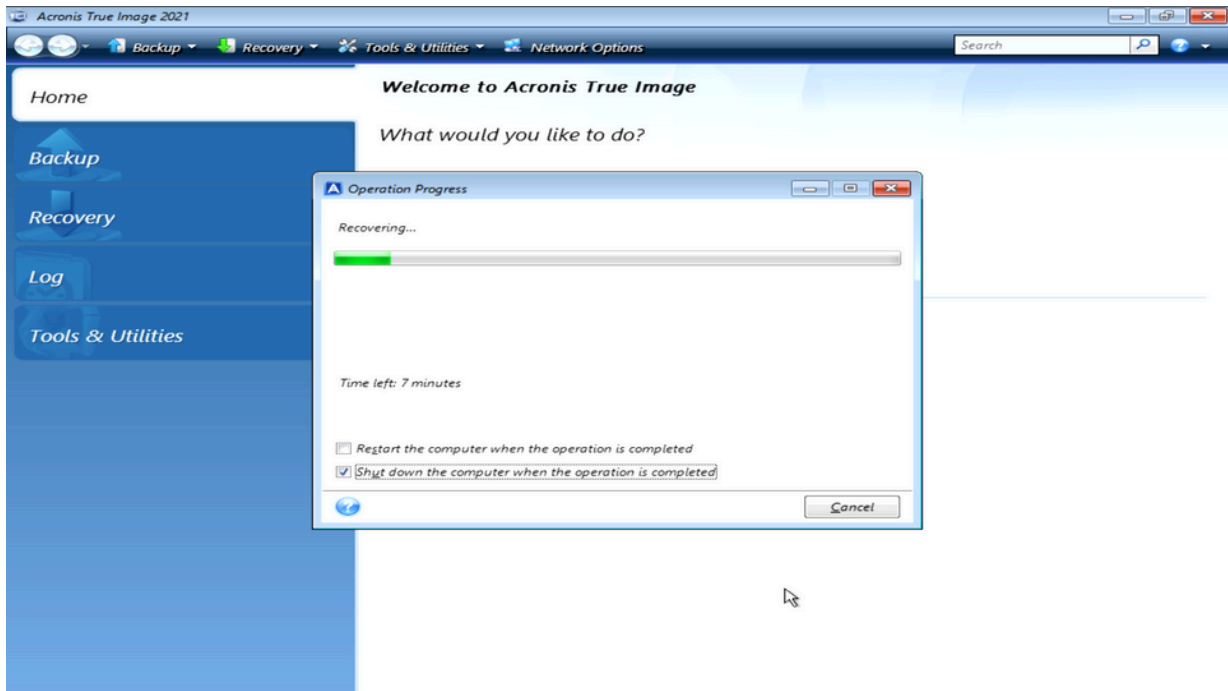
11. Select **OK** on the warning message, and then select **Next**.



12. Select **Proceed**.



13. Select **Shut down the computer when the operation is completed**.



14. When the restore has completed, the system will shut down.

15. Take the **DogHouse Systems Restore** flash drive out of the USB port.

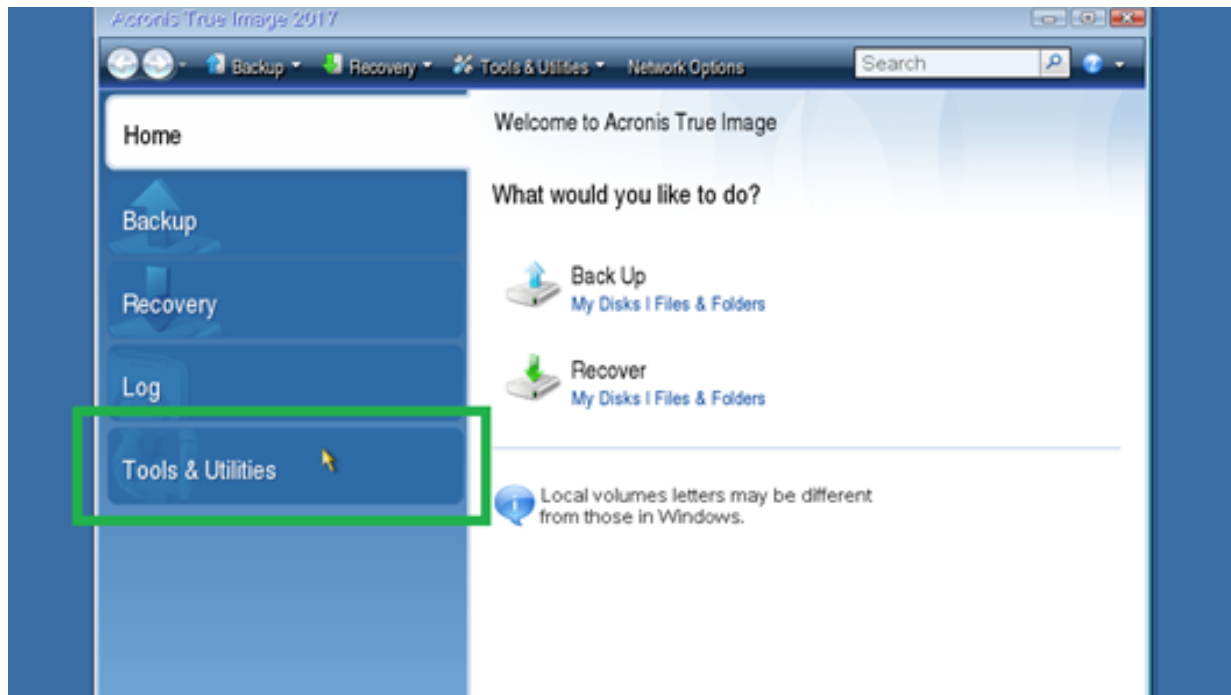
16. Power on the system

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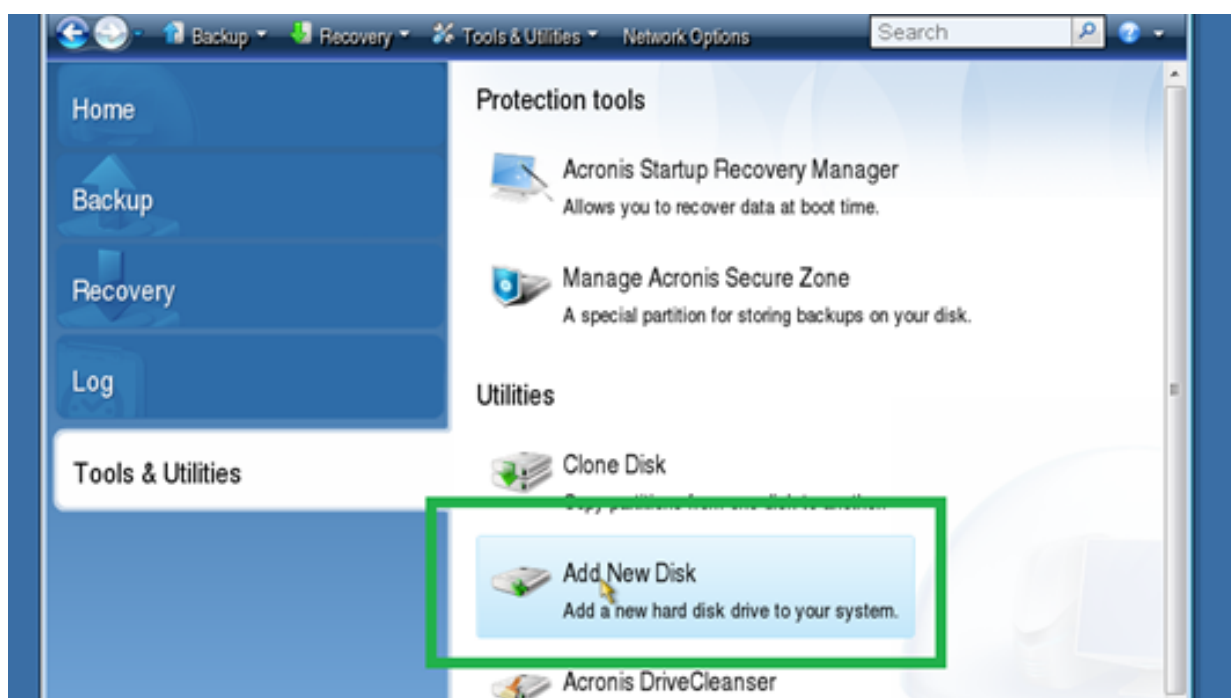
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SECTION 2.1: ADDING A NEW DISK

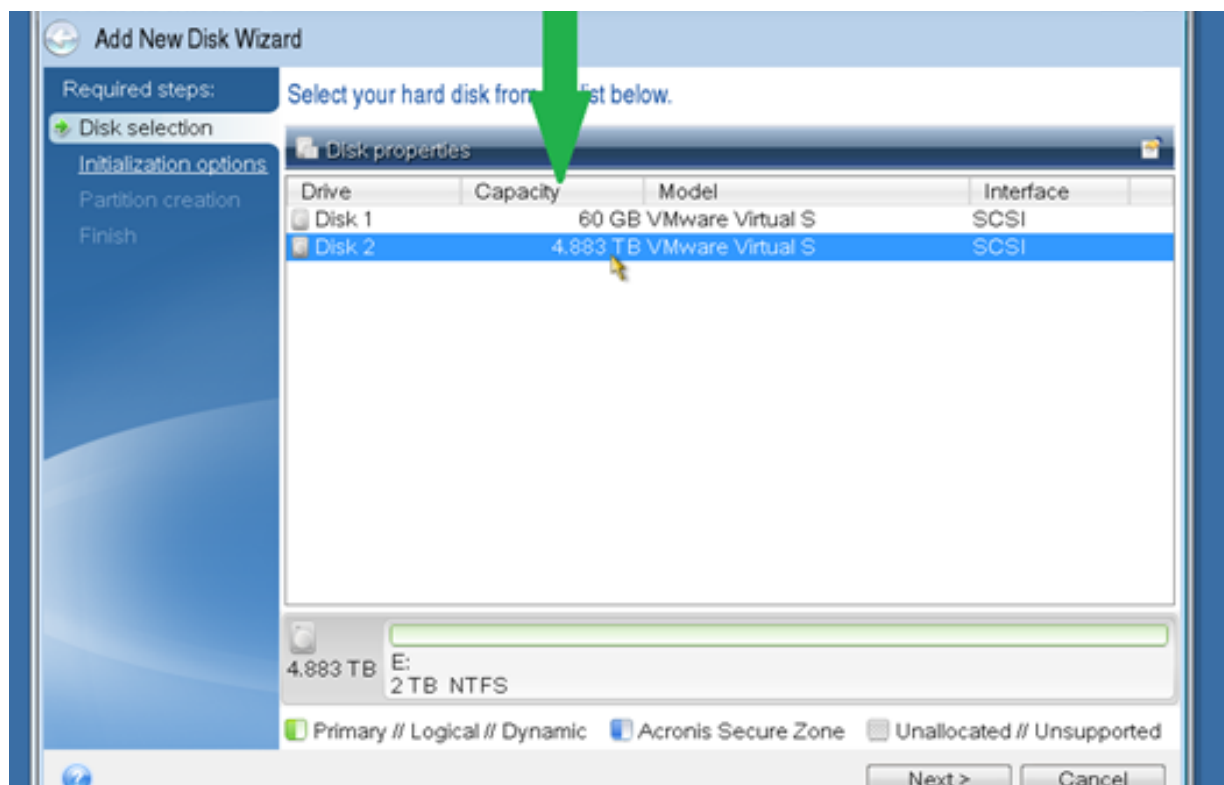
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5. Navigate to **Tools & Utilities**.



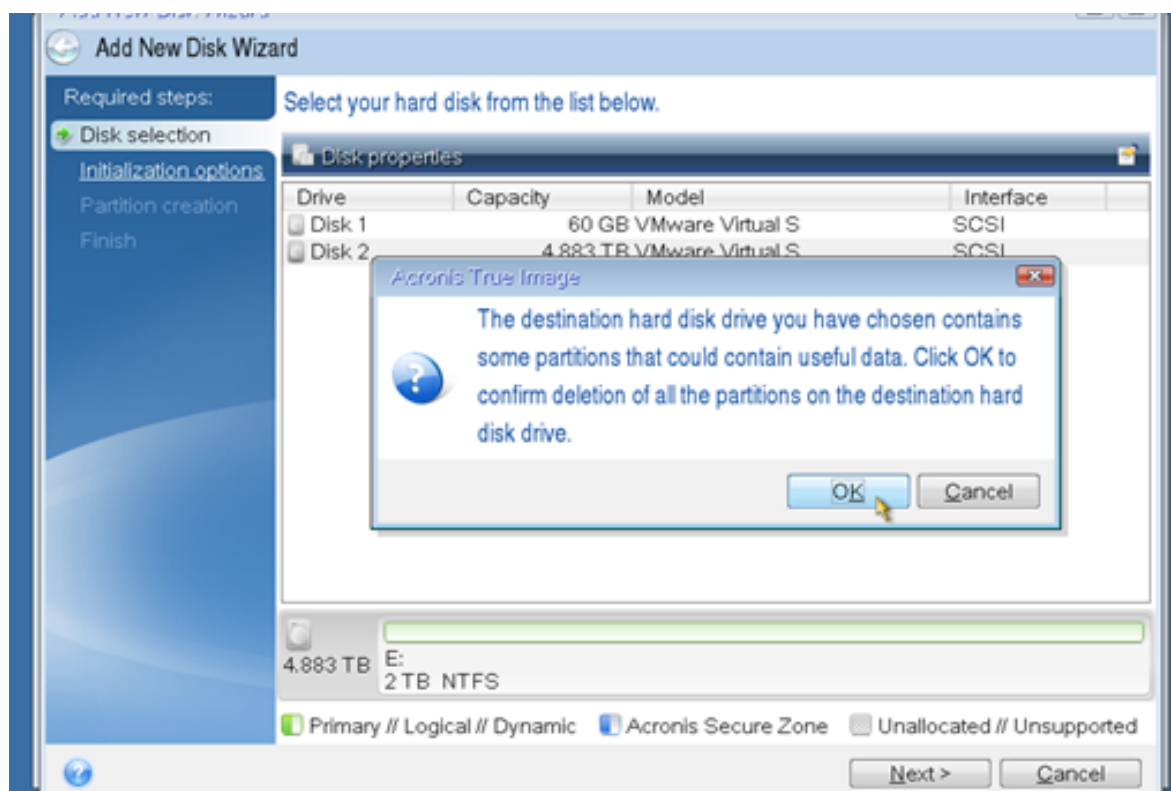
6. Click **Add New Disk**.



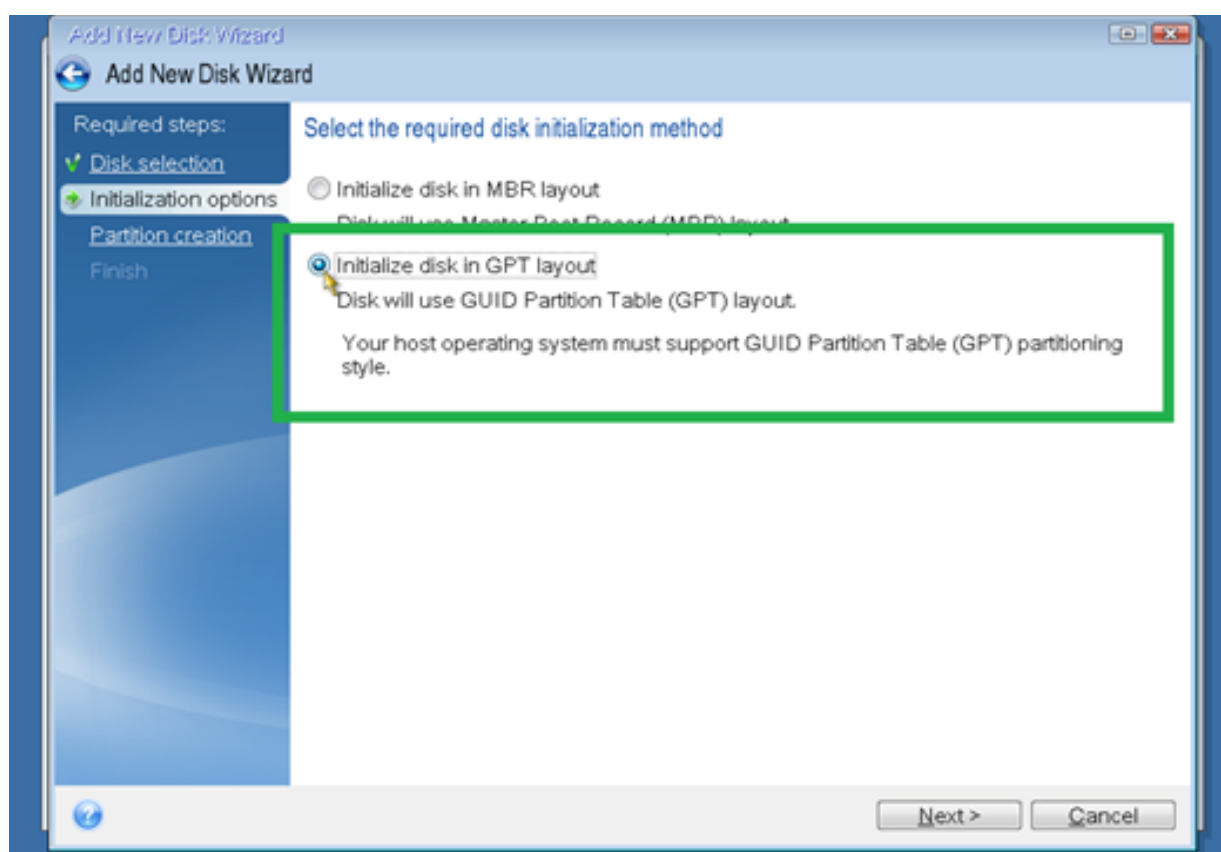
7. Select your new drive. Pay attention to the **Capacity** column and make sure you are selecting the correct drive:



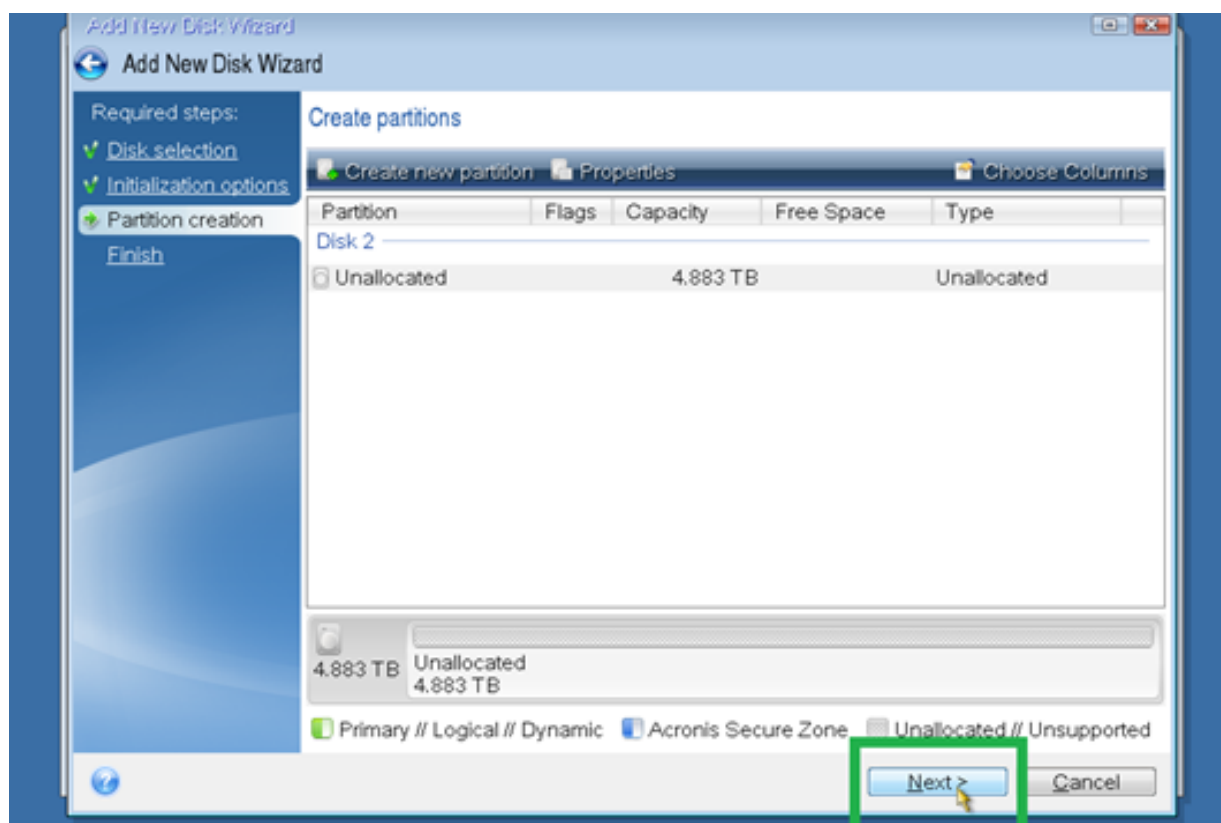
8. A warning appears stating that all data on the selected drive will be deleted. Click **OK**:



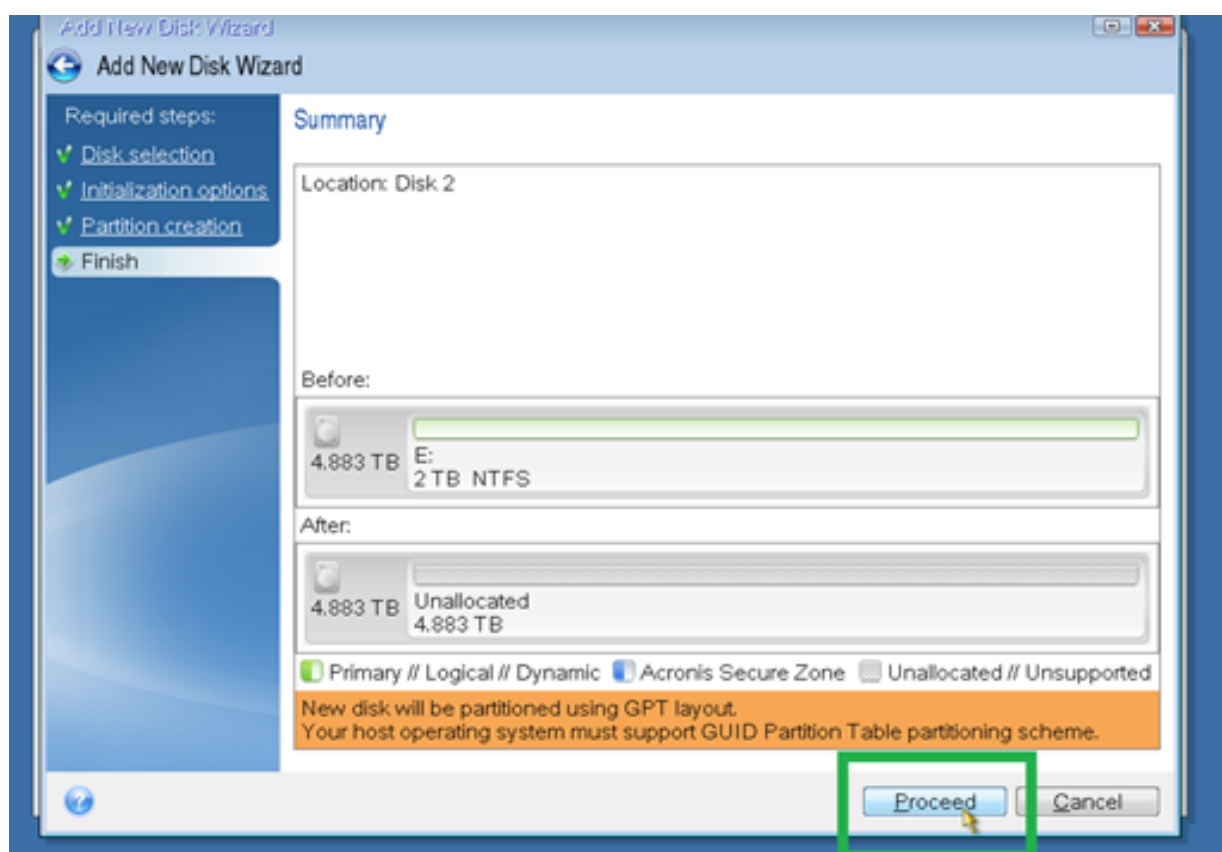
9. Select **Initialize disk in GPT layout**.



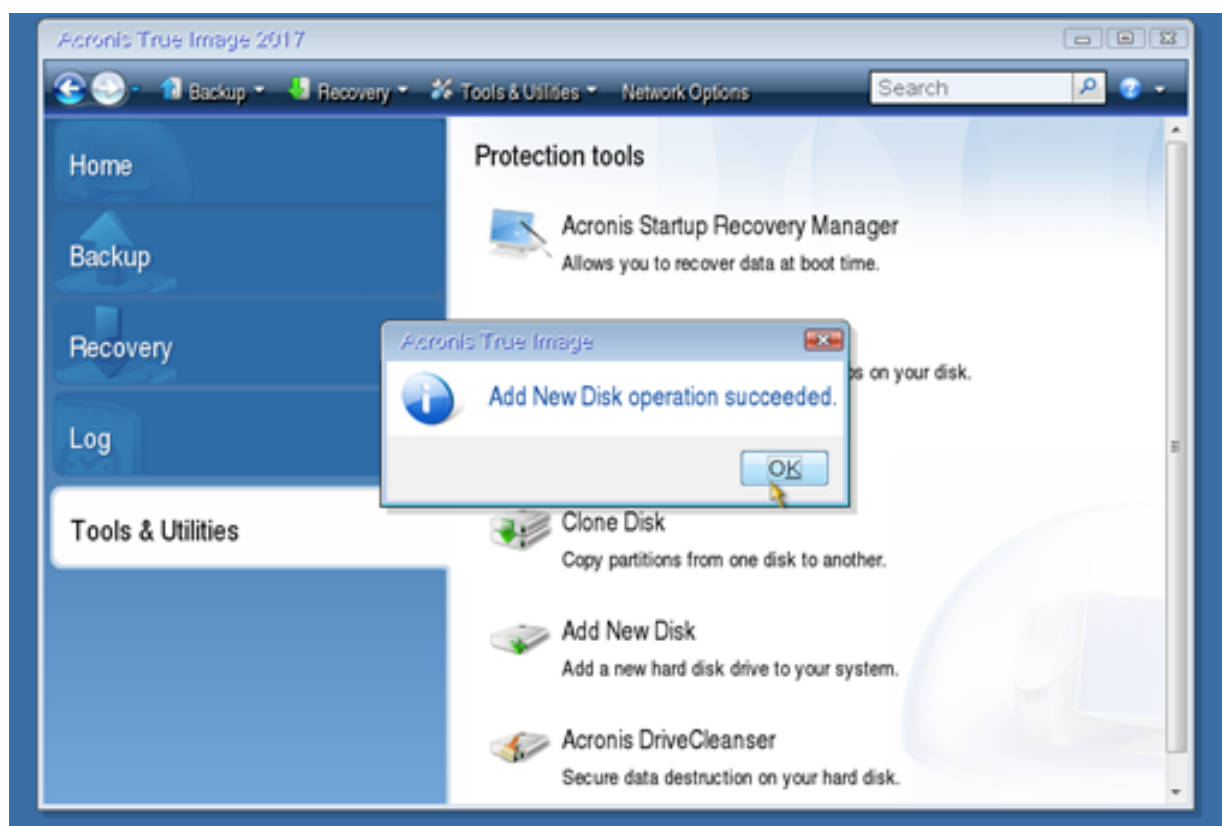
10. Skip the partition creation step. Click **Next**:



11. Review the summary and click **Proceed**:



12. Click **OK**:



SECTION 2.2: ***ADDING A WI-FI*** ***ADAPTER***

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SECTION 2.3: ***PLUGGING*** ***MONITORS IN***

When plugging your monitor into your system, we recommend plugging the HDMI cord into video card ports (circled in red) instead of the motherboard. This will provide a faster and smoother performance than if plugged into the motherboard. The next couple of pages showcase where to plug your monitor in on your system.

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SECTION 3: ***MAINTENANCE***

Following some of these tips will ensure that you are getting the most out of your DogHouse Systems computer.

AIRFLOW

1. Cool air is the lifeblood of your system. Be sure not to block the air intake and exhaust ports located on the front, left side, and rear panels.
 - a. As a rule of thumb, keep objects at least 6 inches away from these areas to let your system breathe.
2. Periodically purge system interior of dust and pet hair.
 - a. To do so, remove left side panel by first removing the two thumb screws on the rear of the panel then pull both levers on the panel. The panel swings open from the rear forward.
 - i. The side fan is connected directly to the motherboard so please exercise caution when removing the side panel. Use a can of compressed air to gently blow out debris from the processor heat sink, front intake ports, rear exhaust fan and port, as well as the power supply.
 - b. Give the system a thorough blasting with the air to remove any loose debris.
 - c. This should be done about every **1-3 months**. Pet owners should perform more frequently.
 - d. **Be sure to perform in a well-ventilated area, preferably in an area other than where the system normally sets** (i.e., the garage, or outside).
 - i. If using a compressor, be sure to blow any condensation out of the line before you begin and be careful not to apply too much pressure as component damage could occur.
 - e. If you do not blow out your system on a regular basis, your system may overheat. Your motherboard will detect if the system is too hot and automatically shut down to prevent damage.

Please do not rely on this feature as it is not fool proof.

ANTIVIRUS AND ANTISPYWARE/ANTIMALWARE

1. New Windows viruses are released every day. A large number of our Customer Support calls are related to virus infections. In many cases, once systems are infected, they can only be repaired by performing a complete system restore using Acronis (this is why your Acronis backup is so critical to maintain).
 - a. Many of these cases could have been avoided by having installed and maintained a robust internet security solution such as Microsoft Security Essentials (a free download at http://www.microsoft.com/security_essentials).
 - i. ***Symptoms of a virus infection include degraded performance, erratic behavior, data loss, random reboots, and the system becoming non-bootable.***
2. Windows Updates is a simple way to keep your system secure. Quite often, Windows Updates includes Security Updates that patch security holes in your operating system. These updates can stop viruses before they even reach your hard drive.
 - a. Please take the time to download and install Windows Security Updates whenever they “pop up”.

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Your gaming and computing experience is our top priority. If there is anything we can do to improve your experience with our products or services, please do not hesitate to call on us. Thank you again for purchasing a DogHouse Systems computer...welcome to the DogHouse family. And, although it'll be difficult, remember to go outside and play every once in a while...it's good for you.

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