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> *Paul,*

> *Sorry for starting the second thread. But some how the first thread*

> *seem to have given the wrong impression about why I was looking for*

> *RAID*

> *controller. You can easily see from the replies that it went deep into*

> *the worlds of RAID as opposed to leading to 5+drives on the same mobo.*

> *To make sure that the real intention comes out, I simply abandoned the*

> *first one and started a new one. This ways the subject line is*

> *clearer*

> *- I do not care for the RAID but want another set of IDE controller/*

> *host.*

> *Thanks and Regards*

> *Ramesh*

You really do not need another motherboard, but an ATA controller card. Most motherboards will only have 2 IDE connectors on the board, for up to 4 drives, so if you have say a cdrom, a dvdrom and two harddrives you have already maxed out the connectors. Or if you want a Zip drive, or a dvd writer, what do you do then? I say use your current motherboard, and just purchase a controller card. Such as the highpoint, or promise controllers, you can pick them up for a good price. Just make sure they have Linux drivers, both highpoint, and promise are supported in the newer kernels.

Rthoreau

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