

fdisk "unable to open" /dev/hdb

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Hi folks,

My wife's hard disk stopped booting, and her backup is corrupt. (of course)

I took the disk and put it as a slave (/dev/hdb) in a linux machine. Booted up. fdisk reported that it is "unable to open" the drive. Now this is weird. The bios reports that the drive is there when I power on. This is a different error than a missing disk, that error is "unable to read". Anyone have any idea what type of failure I have on the disk and how to read it to recover data?

Many, many thanks,

Mark --

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