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Please read below:

On 9/30/07, Karl Larsen <k5di@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Excalibur Xcalibur wrote:

Hi All,

This is a rather unusual situation. I have a server running fedora linux OS with a 650 Gb Seagate Barracuda Harddrive. Now I wanted to mirror the server with an identical harddrive. When I plugged my new harddrive in, I got the message:

"Reboot and select proper *boot* device or *insert boot media"

*It seems that because it's an identical harddrive (with not OS though), the PC doesn't *see* which one is the correct boot harddrive. Weird! If a plug a different harddisk than the one with the linux OS, they system boots up. Any clues on how to fix this problem? *

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Peter "Excalibur"

I rather think the operator is confused. First you need to look at what

Well Karl you have to agree that this is confusing.:

your bios did to the original HD. Your results make me think your old HD

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became another HD in the chain so it looks like /dev/sdb now when it was /dev/sda when alone in the computer.

Well yeah in a technical way.

Look at what you bios has done. If these are both IDE drives make sure they are not on the same cable.

They are SATA drives. And I only had some molex connectors around. So I used a molex to SATA adapters to connect the drives.

As for the BIOS, it shows two identical drives connected. And they both have the same booting code.

They might have been connected on the same molex cable extension. So if I understand correctly, just placing them on totally different cable would solve the problem?

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Peter "Excalibur"

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