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Richard Shaw wrote:

2008/6/18 Mikkel L. Ellertson <mikkel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

Kevin J. Cummings wrote:

The kernel assigns SCSI device names in the order it finds them from searching the hardware. That's usually the boot device first. Check to see if you can change the boot order in your BIOS, that usually helps.

This is not going to help – the kernel does its own search, and does not rely on the BIOS order. (Grub does.) You could change the initrd so it only has the SATA drivers, so the SATA drive would be the first one found.

Mikkel

Let me know if my thought process gets off track, but if the BIOS points to the right boot device and grub listens to the BIOS that will at least get you to the initrd, right? From that point couldn't you specify the correct drive by label or UUID?

Richard

That is correct. If you are using UUID or labels, the what drive is /dev/sda does not matter. Only Grub uses the BIOS designation.

Mikkel

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for thou art crunchy and taste good with Ketchup!

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