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Subject: [opensuse] hard drive pause when moving a laptop

Guys,

I was wondering if it is safe to move laptop around while turned on. When I first got it (with Vista) there was some software which was pausing the hard drive while moving. Well, after couple of days I got rid of vista, so I was thinking if there is any similar program for opensuse and if it is necessary.

Thanks
Sergey

p.s. laptop is thinkpad t61 with opensuse 11.0 kde 3.5

That feature isn't there to protect the hd from damage by simply moving the machine around. That isn't harmful.

It's there to ward against the day you drop your laptop, or I suppose the day you use it to bash over the head of a mugger.

By the time it hits the floor (by the time it moves even 1cm toward the floor, or the mugger's head) the head should be parked and because of that, most likely even if the laptop is destroyed the drive will still work in some other laptop or in a usb drive enclosure so you don't lose any data. (unless the mugger wasn't fazed and ran off with your laptop.)

I don't know if there is a linux answer for the feature (perhaps an acpi event ?)

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