

## Re: setup external scsi tape drive

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migur <[migurus@yahoo.com](mailto:migurus@yahoo.com)> wrote:

- > *This is too much for me, I am not h/w man at all.*
- > *Would you post a pointer for me how to re-define tape devise?*
- > *I appreciate it,*

I'd help you, except I don't understand your question in this context.

Let me try to paraphrase what I was saying, earlier: You posted the output from `dmesg` and the contents of `/proc/scsi/scsi`. That was a very good idea on your part, and was most helpful -- because, if your running kernel had even seen the `_adapter_` that your SCSI-based HP DAT drive is connected to, we would have seen it listed among the enumerated devices.

Since it was `_not_` so listed, I strongly suspect that your running kernel doesn't have the driver for whatever SCSI adapter your HP DAT drive is connected to.

Which in turn prompted my question: What SCSI adapter `_is_` that? What chip does it use? Once you produce that information, someone here can inform you about what driver it requires, and maybe help you make sure it gets loaded at boot time.

If you don't know the answer to that question, open up the computer case, trace the SCSI cable from the back of the HP DAT drive to its other end, and figure out what SCSI card or motherboard-embedded SCSI chip is driving it. Post that information back to this newsgroup, preferably with a short, concise reminder about the nature of your problem (since people aren't going to keep those details in mind).

What I said about putting "alias ftape off" into `/etc/modules.conf` was in response to your expressing surprise and perplexity about the ftape driver loading during bootup: Making that change will `_prevent_` that driver from loading, since plainly it should not.

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