

## Re: Clearing Old PC's

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On 2007-08-10, Adam Funk wrote:

[Adam, talking about DBAN]

Does anyone know if this will work to wipe a SATA drive connected to a PCI SATA card which is plugged into a motherboard that has IDE jacks but no IDE drives connected?

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So I'm wondering what will happen if I boot a DBAN CD or floppy in a computer that has two IDE ports with nothing attached and one PCI SATA card with one HDD attached. Will the SATA drivers in DBAN detect and use a SATA drive connected in this less direct way?

If nobody has any idea, I'll try it anyway and report back.

Unfortunately I have nothing to report. I got a PCI \_Express\_ card by mistake, which wouldn't fit in my old computer, so I ended up plugging the dodgy drive into the second SATA port and using GNU shred on it (after carefully verifying which drive was which). It didn't cause any trouble.

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