

Hard Drive Revival

When it appears that your hard drive has died and you're frantic because you need info that is on the hard drive, there are a few things you may want to try.

1. Some components of a HD fail due to being outside its temperature range tolerance. Remove the hard drive, put it in a plastic bag and seal. Put it in the freezer overnight. Next day, connect up the hard drive, leaving off the covers to the CPU to prevent quick rise in temperature again. IF the hard drive starts, get your important data off as quickly as possible. One of the quickest ways is to attach files to emails and send them to yourself. When you have replaced the dying hard drive with a new one, you can open the emails and download to folders of your choice.
2. Install another hard drive, setting the jumpers to make it MASTER. Connect the ailing hard drive and set its jumpers as SLAVE. Start the computer and see now if you can access the second hard drive. IF so, move your files immediately to the new hard drive. Note: check the manufacturer's warranty online for the dying hard drive model, you may be entitled to a replacement.
3. Turn off the PC, lift it 10 inches above the desk, then drop it. Sorts out most hard drive problems. (Note: I have not tried this solution...so use at your own risk...watch out for toes or anything that might be under the falling PC). If the hard drive starts, get your files off ASAP.

If none of the above works, it's time to call on the experts to see if they can retrieve your data.

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