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"Jim Stewart" <[jstewart@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jstewart@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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Ray Haddad wrote:

On Thu, 20 Dec 2007 11:20:37 -0800 (PST), I said, "Pick a card, any card" and Didi <[dp@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:dp@xxxxxxxxxxx)> instead replied:

Does anyone know of an IDE flash drive that will work in an old pc (pre LBA capable)?

What flavor of PC is it? Is it an XT? 286? 386? 486? Pentium? Does it even have an IDE port? You've left a lot of questions before you can expect an answer.

To those familiar with ATA – who are the obvious addressees of the query – the question is clear enough.

Where did you see any addressees? I must have missed that. When posting a technical question to a technical forum it is customary to give all the details required for a qualified answer.

You seem to forget that this newsgroup is searchable on Google Groups meaning that without the qualifying parameters I requested the thread is useless as far as newsgroup conventions goes. Unless, of course, all details are provided in the query.

Let's not forget about why newsgroups are here to begin with.

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From the original post, it seemed pretty clear to me that he needed some sort of IDE/ATA flash drive that was hardware compatible with a spinning drive and could be addressed by CHS. If you didn't get that, I would think that proper netiquite would be to just chill out and let the cavalry handle it.

It the risk of turning the flame back on, I didn't know all the answers at the time, but thought the information was adequate. I was actually asking for an employee that isn't an NG user.

The pc is actually a 386. It must have an IDE port, otherwise he wouldn't need an IDE hard disk replacment. In truth, this is a floppy replacement. The system is working as a fairly sophisticated home controller. The other option is buy a few spare floppy drives and a case of floppies while they are still available. The floppies have been wearing out on rare occasions. I suppose a real hard drive is also an option.

You could argue that it should be replaced, but why turn a working system into recycled junk or landfill? I would expect power supply mortality to be the biggest concern, but the system is old enough that the power supply (and fan) seems to have been made in the era when they were expected to last more than a year or two.

Jim's solution seems quite good. The Mesa adapters are in the \$15 range and you can put any CF card in them.

Merry Christmas and thanks to all who posted.

Scott

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