

## Re: Drive setup

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Right off the bat, I am going to be controversial and suggest that there has been some very bad advice given here.

Hardware RAID is much better than software RAID. Always. I will cite speed, CPU utilisation and efficiency as just some obvious reasons.

Even if you convert a Basic disk to a Dynamic disk, you cannot make the changes yo want to if the boot disk sdtarted live as a Basic disk.

Given the choice, you would probably always create RAID5 arrays using every disk, reducing the amount of wasted disk space through parity. Not only is it a good idea to have RAID for your system partition, but it will be much quicker, striping data across four fast disks. Create a partition for the paging file to further improve performance (no fragmentation).

And yes, you can still software RAID even if you have a perfectly good hardware RAID controller.

And yes, you can still punch out the letters you want to type with an on-screen keyboard, even though you have a perfectly good keyboard sitting on the desk.