

## Re: Cabling question

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"anonymous" <PA20Pilot@faa.gov> wrote:

- > *I went to a friends house today and installed a second hard drive in his*
- > *Gateway box. I found that his primary master is cabled to a card that's*
- > *plugged into a PC I slot instead of into one of the two sockets on his*
- > *motherboard, those sockets are feeding his CD/DVD and a CD writer he's*
- > *installed over the years. I added the second drive on the same CPI cable*
- > *that's running the master drive. It's working OK, but.....*
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- > *I'm wondering if things could speed up for him if we switched a few*
- > *things around in there, like plugging the hard drives into the*
- > *motherboard instead of into a CPI slot? I just can't imagine a CPI slot*
- > *having the connectivity of the boards sockets.*
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- > *Also, he was told by the local shop there's a limit to the amount of RAM*
- > *98 can handle, is there? He's clunking along with 128mb. He wrote that*
- > *he bought some more, but I don't know how much just yet.*

If you don't know what the card is and you plugged a common HDD into it, I guess we can assume it isn't SCSI. How old is the machine? How big are the HDDs? It's possible the system bios can't handle large HDDs (over 8GB, for example) and the add-in card is to get around that.