

Re: Disk management

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Actually no; you don't need to do a thing with the raid configuration. Hardware mirroring is done at the drive controller's hardware level. The operating system is completely unaware of the hardware mirror. Hardware raid configurations are far superior to software raids.

To do a clean install, boot the Windows 2003 install CD-Rom. When you get to the point, delete the existing NTFS and or other partitions found. After you delete the partition(s) abort the install, then again restart the pc booting the CD-Rom to avoid unexpected drive letter assignments with your new install.

If your drive controller is not natively supported you'll want to boot the Windows 2003 CD-Rom. Then *F6* very early and very important (at setup is inspecting your system) in the setup to prevent drive controller detection, and select S to specify additional drivers. Then later you'll be prompted to insert the manufacturer supplied Windows 2003 driver for your raid controller in drive "A"

If you wait and then S to specify additional drivers, then it may be too late as Windows 2003 Setup at this point may have already assigned the resources your drive's controller is wanting to use.

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Regards,

Dave Patrick ...Please no email replies - reply in newsgroup.

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"rocker40" wrote:

| Actually that is exactly what is going on. I contacted IBM and this server
| has a hardware RAID controller. I am working with them to gather a log
file

| and make sure there are no hardware problems before I upgrade the server.

I

| imagine I will have to break this mirror(using their software for the
RAID

| controller) then wipe both drives then load the win2003 and add the mirror
| back in?

| Thank you for your time