

## Re: data migration

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Will K wrote:

- > *How can I transfer files from my old comp to a new one? I*
- > *don't have a CD burner and I'm too cheap to purchase*
- > *software.*

You can use XP's File and Settings Transfer Wizard. Here's a link to an explanation:

Read Gary Woodruff's article on Files and Settings Transfer at <http://aumha.org/win5/a/fast.htm>

Another way is to slave the old hard drive temporarily in the new computer and copy the files over that way. Here is how to slave a hard drive in another machine in order to copy over its data. We'll call this drive "drive.old" and the target drive "target.drive". Turn off both computers, and then take drive.old out of its computer, gently removing the ribbon cable and power connector. Handle hard drives carefully, and try not to touch any exposed circuit boards. Look at drive.old – between the connectors for the ribbon cable and power is a small section with little pins. There will be a tiny plastic rectangle covering some of the pins. This is called a "jumper" and is used to set the drive's status to master, slave, or cable select. The easiest thing to do is to remove the ribbon cable from the cd drives in the new computer and connect drive.old to one of the connectors on that cable. If you do this, you won't need to change the jumpers on drive.old. Be sure to plug in a power connector to drive.old. Turn on target.drive's computer. If you've done everything right, then drive.old will show up in the BIOS and then in Windows. You can then drag and drop your data from drive.old to the place of your choice on target.drive. When you are finished, shut down the computer and reverse your steps. This procedure is actually very easy and doesn't take long to do.

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