

Re: Hard drive About To Crash

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That really doesn't sound like an HD problem to me but to make sure you should run the proper diagnostic software from the HD's maker to verify your suspicions. If it tells you that there really is a drive problem then obtain a replacement HD and a piece of cloning software. There are a number of options for the software but if you buy an HD made by some makers (Seagate comes immediately to mind) you can download free cloning software from their website. Install the HD on a secondary channel in the computer, run the software, perform the cloning, remove the original HD and replace it with the new HD. It is just about that difficult. There may be other little things like jumpers and BIOS settings but with a fairly modern computer using SATA this should be no problem.

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I have a similar problem. My XP Pro system's drive is very old and I have no installation CD. Can I purchase a hard drive (not new) and install as a secondary, THEN somehow copy my current C: drive onto the other drive. What command would I have to use? I understand I may have to (somehow) convince XP to boot to my fresh drive when the old one fails, but how.

Many questions; hope you can shed some light. Thanks.

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