

Re: What is this 5 pin slot for on the back of card reader?

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Neat device. You can mount it internally (they supply the rails). If you do, then you have no way to get data from the card reader until you "externalize" the USB port. They do that using that really complicated looking cable with slot mounting bracket. That carries the power/data to a custom plug on the back of the computer. So, for the internal mounting, you need a free slot on your machine even though you won't use the actual slot, just the opening at the back of the computer. Once that internal cable is plugged in, you loop from that now-external port over to a USB port on your computer using the other supplied cable (the custom USB cable). Wild... they are running the power/data out, then back in.

If you use it externally, you don't need the port adapter, just the custom USB cable.

However, that 5-pin plug looks tenuous... no real strain relief... semi-exposed fine wires... you wouldn't want to yank the cord out. Most internal connectors look a bit more solid than that looks. But things aren't always as they appear, eh?

"John Wilson" <NotMe@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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> Here is a link to the card reader I want to buy:

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> http://www.lian-li.com/Product/Accessories/Other_Card_Reader.htm

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> I thought it was only going to be usb powered, but I see a 5 pin male slot

> on the back of the device. I have no 5 pin female connectors on my PSU.

> So what would this 5 pin slot be for on the back of the device? Here is a

> link to the pic of what I am talking about:

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<http://www.newegg.com/Product/ShowImage.asp?image=20-213-005-01.jpg,20-213-005-02.jpg,20-213-005-03.jpg>

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