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Hi all,

Thanks once for all the amazing info. But it looks like I'm screwed. The micro center guy told me that the hard drive is clicking. I made the mistake of trying to reboot too many times and ran too many dell diag tests the last three days without knowing about all this.

Quick question, if my dell diag can turn the hard drive on/off, do tests called march test, write test and pass but fail occasionally on read tests, does it not mean that hard drive is okay and only parts of it are corrupted?? Then what is this clicking thing??

Do you guys think that this needs a new hard drive install. I saw prices like \$115 installed for a new 60GB hard drive. Sound reasonable??

Arvind

Patrick Keenan wrote:

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Hi Patrick,

Thanks. I'd really appreciate it if you could mail me instructions on how to do the hard drive back up you have mentioned above.

It's very simple. Get a USB drive case of the correct size, remove the hard disk from your laptop, and attach it to the case.

The method varies depending on the construction of the laptop. Some laptops use an extra header on the hard disk pins, and that has to be removed. It just pushes on.

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I also sometimes get a message like

"PBR for descriptor 2 loading...done

A disk read error occurred

Press alt+ctrl+del..."

That can sometimes mean that the BIOS needs updating to deal with issues with attached USB devices.

Dell diag shows that hard drive can be accessed but some parts/blocks are corrupted (cannot be read from). Does this suggest anything to you?

Yes, it suggests that you should replace the drive soonest, before it fails. If your Dell came with XP install disks, this is pretty strai