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New PC build, new SATA drive with Win XP Home SP2.

Just added an IDE drive from an older PC and Disk Management is showing as disk 0 and the first partition of this as a logical drive and *active* (there is no system or data on it).

The SATA drive with the system loaded is now shown as disk 1 (was disk 0) and the C partition as healthy (system).

This system is booting OK, although pausing for confirmation of the IDE disk for some reason, but I would have thought the C partition on the SATA drive should be the active one but I cannot find a way of 'inactivating' the current active partition.

Grateful for any advice.

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Since you don't indicate otherwise, I'm assuming you're not experiencing any significant problem here other than some slight pause during bootup re the system recognizing the PATA (IDE) HDD.

It's perfectly normal in your configuration that the system (Disk Management) would be reflecting your boot drive, the SATA HDD as "Healthy(System)" and your secondary HDD as "Healthy(Active)".

It's possible the Disk 0 – 1 reversals are due to the boot priority order in your motherboard's BIOS. Possibly that setting indicates the PATA HDD occupies a higher order of priority than the SATA (or SCSI) HDD. The system will still (usually) default to the bootable SATA HDD under those

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circumstances when it finds the PATA HDD to be an unbootable device – I'm assuming, of course, that your PATA HDD is not bootable. Actually, I'm not really sure whether that accounts for the Disk 0 –1 reversals in your situation, but you might want to check out your boot priority (and any related) BIOS settings.

Anna