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Subject: Laptop Hell.....

Posted by [John Macy](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 03:33:10 GMT

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Subject: Re: Laptop Hell.....

Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:08:06 GMT

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news:4670b6f6\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: Laptop Hell.....

Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:14:04 GMT

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dang!!!..WTF did I type???. .....it's been so long since I've had sleep

that I'm sitting here in a room with Abraham Lincoln, a talking muskrat and a guy in a hardhat diving suit. OK, here it is again:.....

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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:18:50 GMT

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John

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:19:54 GMT

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Subject: Re: Laptop Hell.....

Posted by [John Macy](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:51:14 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:51:19 GMT

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Posted by [John Macy](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:53:52 GMT

The files seem OK--I can open up word documents--not sure about the other stuff--

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:54:04 GMT

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Find out if it's a IDE or a SATA drive. Buy the appropriate USB case for  
your interface. it will be a 2.5" drive, not a 3.5".

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p;Description=usb%20drive%20enclosure&bop=And&SrchIn Desc=2%2E5%22&Page=1](http://www.newegg.com/Product/ProductList.aspx?Submit=ENE&amp;Description=usb%20drive%20enclosure&bop=And&SrchIn Desc=2%2E5%22&Page=1)

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:58:02 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 05:00:46 GMT

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This is the one I got. The performance boost was 'so' worth it from the Toshiba stock 5400 80GB.

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16822146230>

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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 05:09:08 GMT  
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The external thing looks like the ticket--if I can copy my files and documents onto another computer, I can just start over on the Goat...I mean Gate...

Damn, I'm so good at backing up audio, I forget about the personal stuff...

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Subject: Re: Laptop Hell.....

Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 05:35:14 GMT

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oh DOH....

Man, I didn't even think about that one, LOL. Need..... sleep..... ( or  
coffee, whichever is more available )

Yup. Coca Cola with real sugar, not the cheapo syrup substitute we get with  
"USA" Coca Cola..

The only white powdery substance I mess around with is Sweet'n'Low or flour  
if I'm cooking. Occasionally, baking soda but I try to stay away from that  
hard stuff :)

AA

"John Macy" <spamlessjohn@johnmacy.com> wrote in message  
news:4670ce83@linux...

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> He is referring to the Mexican Coca-Cola we had while eating carnitas...

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>>news:4670cbaf$1@linux...
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>>> Hey AA, is it time to go eat again?? :)
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>>Why, I believe it is. Bring that Mexican coke w/you. I'll call Fuji here
> in
>>Tulsa, when you comin' down? :)
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>>> Is there a special case for the small laptop drives?
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>>yup. See second post my friend - even gave ya a link to go to. If you
>>think
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>>you'll be tracking any on this machine, do yourself a huge favor.... go
> get
>>a 7200 RPM Seagate. I bought one a few months ago and at a dollar a GIG
> it's
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 15:07:08 GMT

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Debian?

TCB

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Subject: Re: Laptop Hell.....

Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 00:56:42 GMT

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On Wed, 13 Jun 2007 22:14:04 -0600, "DJ" <[www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com](mailto:www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com)> wrote:

>dang!!!..WTF did I type???. .....it's been so long since I've had sleep  
>that I'm sitting here in a room with Abraham Lincoln, a talking muskrat and  
>a guy in a hardhat diving suit. OK, here it is again:.....  
>

Ya know, I see that ad all the time and the only thing I can think is,  
"Why the F\*(&# would I want to take that pill if the result is Abraham  
Lincoln, a talking beaver, and a salvage diver???"

Not really hitting the target audience, I'm thinking.

pab

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Subject: Re: Laptop Hell.....

Posted by [Paul Artola](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 01:51:45 GMT

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Gee, I always thought those commercials were saying guys who drive  
Lincolns like to dive for beaver!

- Paul Artola  
Ellicott City, Maryland

On Thu, 14 Jun 2007 19:56:42 -0500, Paul Braun  
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