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Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 20:39:51 GMT

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Thanks!

Graham

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2007 22:09:44 GMT

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2007 03:10:41 GMT

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2007 19:46:34 GMT

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Hey Neil,

I think this usually has a lot to do with the RAID chipset on the motherboard. If you put quality consumer level stuff in there, like 3Ware, I'm sure it would work smashingly. But a lot of mobos have really shitty Promise chips that are barely RAID at all, the CPU is doing most of the work and they step all over anything real time. With RAID gear you have to shell out for the good stuff.

It's worth it in some cases, and obviously the drive redundancy can let you sleep a bit better. But in general I agree with you, basic IDE mode and basic

IDE drives are MORE than enough for what an audio user needs.

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Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2007 19:24:08 GMT

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Thanks guys...

Graham
