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Archimedes' Lever wrote:

On Fri, 12 Dec 2008 08:50:43 -0800, "Joel Koltner" <zapwireDASHgroups@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Joerg,

"Joerg" <notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:Nkw0l.13876\\$Ws1.4389@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:Nkw0l.13876$Ws1.4389@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

A lot of disks came with it but not that one.

If there wasn't a recovery CD, there's a good chance that either...

1) There's a recovery partition, and pressing some magical key combination like Ctrl+F11 at boot (this is what older Dells used) activates it.

...or...

2) There might be an option somewhere buried in the Start Menu that allows you to manually create a restore CD. I've used Sony laptops that were this way... either create your own restore CDs, or if you had to do a complete re-install, you called up Sony and forked over something like \$30 for their copies. :-)

Afraid it's too late. The laptop did not get off the ground this morning. The equivalent of finding a huge puddle of transmission fluid under your car :-)

Ah, well, then the above is moot at this point. Hopefully you were able to backup her data files prior to the final death spiral?

I doubt she'll be unhappy with a new laptop for Xmas here... :-)

---Joel

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If the drive "eventually comes up to full rpm" then has anyone considered that it may be a laptop power supply issue?

Aside from that, one can get a laptop sized (2.5 inch) external USB enclosure, put one's new laptop hard drive in it, boot a Linux live CD like Knoppix DVD or such and copy the laptop drive to the USB drive, then, make the switch of the two and VIOLA!

No need to spend all that money on a new laptop just because the one you have is experiencing a small problem with its storage device.

That boils down to about the same effort as a complete re-install onto a new HD, plus Linux is quite nerdy, requires you to know the magic command line Swahili with which I am not familiar.

BTW, the old trick putting the drive (or in this case the whole laptop) on its side worked. It spun up one more time and I could get her bookmarks off of the machine. Not the latest address book data though because the sectors where that lives seem to be corrupt already.

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Regards, Joerg

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