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Subject: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [Viking](#) on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 03:33:15 GMT  
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I am installing Half-Life2 and noticed...

In the spot near the clock it says safely remove hardware, when I click it, it tells me my hard drive is there wtf? Please help!

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [z310](#) on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 05:49:15 GMT  
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Ignore it.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [puddle\\_splasher](#) on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 06:54:10 GMT  
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There is another post similar to this one.

It also stated that you need not bother. I cant remember the techno-babble, but needless to say its safe.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [Jonty](#) on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 10:20:06 GMT  
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I'm probably completely wrong, but I guess it's because you may have a SATA drive, and they're supposedly hot-swappable.  
I don't think it's that wise to "Safely Remove" your only hard drive though.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [almor999](#) on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 13:39:30 GMT  
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It will not let you remove your system drive. Go ahead and try, it is completely safe. If you have a second SATA or a USB/Firewire drive you use that so you can remove it while the computer is on without having to worry about corrupting your data.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 18:05:00 GMT  
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And when you have four?

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [puddle\\_splasher](#) on Sat, 20 Jan 2007 18:59:03 GMT  
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almor999 wrote on Sat, 20 January 2007 07:39It will not let you remove your system drive. Go ahead and try, it is completely safe. If you have a second SATA or a USB/Firewire drive you use that so you can remove it while the computer is on without having to worry about corrupting your data.

I knew there was techno-babble. It was a post about SATA.Thanks all for reminding me also

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [PaRaDoX](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 09:15:32 GMT  
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You have SATA drives. They are called "hot swappable". that means you CAN take your hard drives out while your computer is on, and plug other drives in too.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [Zion](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 14:14:34 GMT  
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I do that with IDE drives too.

Not all the time though.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [Viking](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 21:59:58 GMT  
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PaRaDoX wrote on Mon, 22 January 2007 04:15You have SATA drives. They are called "hot swappable". that means you CAN take your hard drives out while your computer is on, and plug other drives in too.

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Why would you need to?

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 22:18:03 GMT  
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Some people have a lot of data and a computer tower can only hold so many drives while your motherboard and operating system can only support so many drives.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [Viking](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 22:29:05 GMT  
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I had a 40GB HD for 5 years and never ran out of room... Now I have 250GB and I have TONS of room.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [TD](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 22:36:54 GMT  
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Viking wrote on Mon, 22 January 2007 23:29 I had a 40GB HD for 5 years and never ran out of room... Now I have 250GB and I have TONS of room.  
Same here, except with 20gb, 1 year ago I bought a new PC and thought 80gb was pretty much enough since I lived with 20, but now I keep running low on space, games are getting bigger, files are getting bigger, programs are getting bigger, people download more because internet keeps getting faster, your harddrive gets full before you know it.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [R2Rynis](#) on Mon, 22 Jan 2007 22:56:58 GMT  
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I have An HpMediaCenter PC, it has SATA but for my Safely Remove Hardware it does not list a hard drive

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 00:09:45 GMT  
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I've filled up about 90% of my 200GB hard drive.

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Subject: Re: So I am on my newly built computer...  
Posted by [genetix](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 01:31:14 GMT  
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Its aint a hard thing to do. I've got a 200 gb and last time I got a really bad virus I said screw it because I was upgrading windows anyway. Partitioned my HD in half installed new windows on the new partition and left the old windows on as a file backup. Works pretty good. Except that happened over 2 years ago and I still only get to use half my hd... I should probably wipe the old side and repartition.

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