hands on

It's scary how quickly we've all become dependent on email and the huge online community that is the web.

This month I switched my hard drive from the ATA-33 connector on my BP6 motherboard to the ATA-66 one. Suddenly BeOS decided it didn't want to play ball, so I turned to usenet. Sure enough I found the answer – BeOS doesn't like the ATA-66 controller on the BP6 and there's no real fix. A few years ago I would have been banging my head against a wall for weeks trying to fix the problem.

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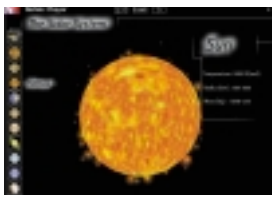

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