



Booting from the correct drive when using an eSATA cavalry external drive.

The way to find out is to look at your BIOS. When you turn on your computer, there's usually a message on the first motherboard manufacturer screen that says 'Press DEL to enter setup'. It could also be "F2" key, or "F1" key or something else. Pressing DEL (or "F1" or "F2" or something else) when your computer boots up will just get you into the BIOS setup tools. You'll see a blue screen pop up with some menu items.

Usually for most BIOS's there is a selection for general, or main BIOS setup. On that page you should be able to see if your external hard drive shows up listed, along with your main system drive. If it doesn't show up, then it means your external drive isn't detected by BIOS on first power up.

If you go back to the main selection menu there is usually besides the main BIOS setup an "advanced" BIOS setup or "boot startup" setup. Sometimes the "boot startup" setup is within the "advanced" BIOS setup page. What you want to do here is make sure your correct boot drive is selected by the BIOS. If it was automatically set to your external drive, you need to change it back to your system drive. You can usually tell which drive is which by the listed Model number which BIOS usually shows. Select the boot order where your system drive is the only drive listed besides a CD-ROM or other boot-up device.

Then usually you need to save your selection. On the common Phoenix type BIOS you can select "F10", then click "save" then quit. On restart if you've done everything correctly, your main system drive should be the first one to bootup. And your external Cavalry drive will be the extra drive which can be seen when Windows finished booting and you can see your external drive listed.