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Subject: Re: 2.6.18-028stab053 doesn't find my NIC.  
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> how can I be sure that after reboot those cards are not switched back?

Well, on the kernel side ordering should stay the same, assuming you

- \* aren't physically moving NICs in PCI slots, and
- \* don't flip between 2.4 and 2.6 kernels (those two enumerate PCI devices in different order, use pci=bfsort to get 2.4 behaviour)
- \* and don't change =y/=m settings of NIC modules

Userspace (read: udev) on modern distros will try to rename NICs back looking at their MACs. You can look at /etc/udev/rules.d/70-persistent-net.rules (or how it's called).

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