
Subject: bootable cd?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Sat, 07 Oct 2006 23:19:36 GMT

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is it possible to create a CD that will boot straight into windows? i don't have a floppy drive. im working fully from linux so any windows programs is out of the question.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [Yoshimitsu](#) on Sat, 07 Oct 2006 23:25:15 GMT

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Try BartPE

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Sat, 07 Oct 2006 23:29:54 GMT

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i already have windows installed but because i am using the bootsector for a different os, i need some cd with the windows bootloader on it

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [light](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 01:40:04 GMT

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Is this so you can dual boot? You can try Lilo.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 03:52:08 GMT

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Why didn't you setup dual-boot?

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [Yoshimitsu](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 04:22:26 GMT

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BartPE for the 2nd time.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [light](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 04:57:52 GMT

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Yoshimitsu wrote on Sun, 08 October 2006 17:22BartPE for the 2nd time.

BartPE wil give him a 'live' XP, I think he just wants access to the XP he already has on his HDD.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [0x90](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 06:19:25 GMT

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either setup your grub/lilo to optionally boot from windows,
use a commercial bootmanager like acronis os selector
or boot your windows xp setup cd, go straight into the repair console and do a "fixmbr"

that are the options. but this is basic.....!

0x90

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [light](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:42:54 GMT

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I didn't suggest fixmbr because it would remove access to his linux partition.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [0x90](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:54:58 GMT

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thats why i mentioned it last...

would be the fastest way anyways.. if you want to access your linux partition again boot from your linux cd and install your linux bootmanager again.

and if you wanna do it right just do one of the first two points... i would recommend setting up the windows partition in your linux loader (lilo/grub or w/e)

0x90

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 09:52:47 GMT

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fixmbr doesn't work because for some reason no matter how many times i do it nothing happens, grub still come up.

there is an option in grub called windows but for windows is on ntfs and grub doesn't like like that so i get an error.

"unsupported partion type" or something like that. here is my menu.lst if it is any help.

```
# Modified by YaST2. Last modification on Sun Oct 8 09:41:26 2006
```

```
color white/blue black/light-gray
default 0
timeout 8
gfxmenu (hd0,1)/boot/message
```

```
###Don't change this comment - YaST2 identifier: Original name: linux###
title Linux
    kernel (hd0,1)/boot/vmlinuz root=/dev/hdd2 vga=0x317 splash=silent desktop
resume=/dev/hdd1 showopts
    initrd (hd0,1)/boot/initrd
```

```
###Don't change this comment - YaST2 identifier: Original name: windows###
title Windows
    root (hd1,0)
    chainloader +1
```

```
###Don't change this comment - YaST2 identifier: Original name: floppy###
title Floppy
    root (fd0)
    chainloader +1
```

```
###Don't change this comment - YaST2 identifier: Original name: failsafe###
title Failsafe
    kernel (hd0,1)/boot/vmlinuz root=/dev/hdd2 showopts ide=nodma apm=off acpi=off vga=normal
noresume nosmp noapic maxcpus=0 3
    initrd (hd0,1)/boot/initrd
```

i have tried everything to get it to work but everything i tryed get an error.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?
Posted by [light](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 09:54:38 GMT
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Where is your windows installed?

Do you have more than 1 HDD?

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 11:12:44 GMT

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yea sorry i should said more here is what i get from mount:

```
dan@linux:~> su
```

```
Password:
```

```
linux:/home/dan # mount
```

```
/dev/hdd2 on / type reiserfs (rw,acl,user_xattr)
```

```
proc on /proc type proc (rw)
```

```
tmpfs on /dev/shm type tmpfs (rw)
```

```
devpts on /dev/pts type devpts (rw,mode=0620,gid=5)
```

```
/dev/hdc1 on /windows/C type ntfs (ro,noexec,nosuid,nodev,gid=100,umask=0002,nls=utf8)
```

```
/dev/hda on /media/dvd type subfs (ro,nosuid,nodev,fs=cdfss,procuid,ioccharset=utf8)
```

```
/dev/hdb on /media/dvdram type subfs (ro,nosuid,nodev,fs=cdfss,procuid,ioccharset=utf8)
```

```
usbfs on /proc/bus/usb type usbfs (rw)
```

```
linux:/home/dan #
```

```
linux:/home/dan #
```

btw: i do have 2 hard disks. linux is installed on the second windows on the first. the bootloader is on the first.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 15:02:40 GMT

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urggg, never mind. im going to lowlevel format the hard disks and install both OS's in one hard drive. so the bootloader will actually work.

btw: i have to lowlevel format the hard disk so that windows can write a mbr, you may say i am crazy but i cannot find a tool to erase it and windows doesn't work otherwise

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [almor999](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 17:07:47 GMT

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That is not necessary.

You need to add an extra line to your grub config file if the OS you want to boot is on a different physical disk. It has been a while since I set up my bootloader so I cannot remember exactly what it was but you should just have to add something like this under the windows section in the file.

```
map (hd1) (hd0)
```

I would post my config file but I am at my parents for thanksgiving and I only have my laptop with me and all the operating systems on my laptop are on the same hard drive. My main computer has Win Xp, debian and vectorlinux and windows is on its own drive and I can boot it fine using Grub.

Google is an excellent resource for little problems like this and I bet you could find exactly what you are looking for within five minutes if the command I gave you does not work.

I am assuming you left the windows MBR intact and installed grub on your linux drive? If that is the case you should be able to tell your BIOS which hard drive to boot off of and boot into windows using that.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 18:05:14 GMT

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the windows mbr was destroyed replaced by grub's. i have finished reinstalling now. this computer will have linux on fully when i get my laptop. i only wanted windows so i could play world of warcraft.

btw: i spent about 1 1/2 looking on google to fix this problem. and i already tryed map.

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [Jonty](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 19:10:20 GMT

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help-linux wrote on Sun, 08 October 2006 19:05i only wanted windows so i could play world of warcraft.

So how annoyed/amazed will you be when you find out you can run WoW on Linux?

Subject: Re: bootable cd?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 08 Oct 2006 19:40:51 GMT

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i did know, in fact i even got cedega but no matter how much i tried it wouldnt run. when i tried to install nothing happend so i just gave up
