Linux Boot Guide (USB/DVD)

Guide: Booting from a USB Stick or DVD

1. Prepare the Boot Medium

Have a USB stick or DVD with a bootable operating system ready.

Insert the USB stick into a free USB port or insert the DVD into the drive.

2. Turn On or Restart the PC or Laptop

Power on or restart the device.

As soon as the manufacturer's logo appears, immediately press the boot menu key.

3. Access the Boot Menu (depending on manufacturer):

Acer: F12

ASUS: Esc or F8

Dell: F12

HP: Esc, then F9

Lenovo: F12 or Enter

MSI: F11

Gigabyte: F12

Medion: F10 or F8

Packard Bell: F8 or F12

4. Select Boot Medium

In the boot menu, use the arrow keys to select the USB stick or DVD drive.

Confirm with Enter.

5. Start the System

The system will now boot from the selected medium.

Either a live environment or an installer will start.

Optional: Permanently Change Boot Order

Enter the BIOS/UEFI (usually by pressing F2, Del, or Esc at startup).

Navigate to the 'Boot' menu.

Move the USB stick or DVD to the top of the list.

Save changes (usually F10) and exit the BIOS.

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Troubleshooting Tips

- USB stick not recognized: Try a different port (preferably USB 2.0).
- Check if the medium is truly bootable.
- Disable UEFI/Secure Boot in the BIOS if necessary.