

## RE: Debian DVD autostart

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  - *Date:* Tue, 2 May 2006 17:28:05 -0500
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I'm using outlook express as the newreader and it's not lists.debian.org or linux.debian.user...

Thanks, I'll keep trying...

Optiplex GX110's are regular workstations... They are nothing like DELL's PowerEdge servers...

I apologize, by drag-n-drop I mean that while in Debian (Konqueror) I navigated to the install floppy directory on the DVD and copied the file... next, I navigated to the floppy in the media directory and tried to paste it... It didn't work, it told me that there was 1 folder and 2 files on the floppy and that file sbm.bin was too large to copy to the floppy... also, I can't format the floppy... it mounts the floppy fine... it won't format any floppy...

I open floppy formatter

Select the Quick (only creates the file system) radio button

It tells me Error - The filesystem creation utility (/sbin/mkdostfs) reported the following errors: mkdosfs: /dev/fd0 contains a mounted file system (50) - it's an old Microsoft DOS 6.22 disk...

Selecting Standard (adds a low-level format to the quick mode) tells me Error - Error formatting track #0

Selecting Thorough (adds a bad blocks check to the standard mode) tells me Error - Error formatting track #0

KFloppy says,

Settings: Floppy drive: Primary

Size: 3.5" 1.44MB

File System: DOS

Radio Buttons:

Quick format

Check Boxes:

Verify integrity

Volume label:

Text Box:

KDE Floppy

Click the "Format" button

And it says;

Proceed? - KFloppy

Formatting will erase all data on the disk. Are you sure you wish to proceed?

Click the "Continue" button

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And NOTHING happens...  
Uncheck Verify integrity, nothing happens  
Uncheck Volume label, nothing happens

The disk has been checked by a windows machine...  
This floppy drive reads and writes fine... I can put a Win '98 boot  
disk in and rename files on it copy files to and from it...  
Please tell me what am I doing wrong??? I can't figure it out...

Tried "Debian on Dell", no help...

That signature is a little long... good thing we're using plain text  
and not formatted text... Thanks for the tip... I was hoping that  
customarily thing was a drawback to the days when filenames could not exceed  
9 characters and junk like that... mere system limitations and then hardware  
limitations which should not be a very big concern these days, like how  
excited we all used to get when we got our first pair of 128 MB 30-pin SIMM  
chips... and a huge RLL 12 MByte hard drive... expensive stuff, but livin'  
large... lol... anyway, I was hoping that things like message length  
wouldn't be a very big consideration these anyway... the majority of boards,  
mail, and news servers don't keep very long trails, histories, traffic  
reports, ect... size limiting stuff like that... I would image that at a  
certain point this message will disappear from the ether and even a hardcopy  
of won't exist after a time... nothing is truly wasted... all that space  
will be re-used by other messages being re-created in the great message  
universe... lol...

All that aside, if a group moderator ever says anything to me about  
it, I always politely comply by trying to remember to shorten it, and use  
John 3:16 instead of 1 Corinthians 13:4 – 8, 13 ... all things considered  
this part of the message is much, much longer than the signature anyway... I  
read plenty, but I don't post much anyway...

Thanks for the help...  
What does your signature look like???  
Most sincerely,

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proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way.  
It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even  
notice when other do it wrong. It is never glad about injustice, but  
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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 11:32 PM  
To: debian-user@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Subject: Re: Debian DVD autostart

Daniel L. McGrew wrote:

I have both Debian DVDs... However, I have a DELL Optiplex GX110 and it won't boot from a DVD... I can use a Win '98 boot floppy and get to a command prompt... once I do this, with CD-ROM support, I can see what's on the DVD... but, I can't get it to begin the installation...

What file or command do I use from the command prompt to get the Debian DVD number one to start installing on this computer???

Also, I have tried to put the sbm.bin (1.4MB) on a floppy and it says that it is too big... do I just drag and drop this file onto the

floppy

or is there a way to execute sbm.bin and get it to build a boot floppy for me???

If anyone has any tips on how to do any of these things please let me know... step-by-step instructions would be awesome, but I'll take any instructions...

Is there a way to view this mail-list via a news reader???

Most sincerely,

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I'm not sure about Optiplex machines. Are they regular workstations? I know that some PowerEdge servers require special non-standard modules to be able to boot. You may want to try and Google search for some thing like "Debian on Dell" and see what you get.

I'm guessing that by "drag and drop" you mean that you are using windows. In that case, you can't just drag and drop. You need a tool like dd or rawrite to dump the image to the floppy. Both of those utilities can be found with a quick Google search.

You can view the list via a news reader, but you can only post via email. I believe the name of the newsgroup is linux.debian.user, but you will have to confirm that.

–Roberto

P.S. Your sig is way too long. The customarily accepted maximum size for a sig is 4 lines and 80 characters wide.

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