

## Can't boot Fedora (was: Re: (no subject))

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tabe wrote:

> *i have downloaded the four iso cd's but the first one is not bootable.*  
> *how can i install fedora?*

The first CD \*IS\* bootable. If you're unable to boot from the disk you burned, it could mean a number of things:

1) Your system is not configured or is unable to boot from a CD device.

Check the system BIOS and enable the CD device for booting. If your BIOS lacks such an option, you'll have to make a boot floppy (Fedora core 1 only) or cobble up another means of booting the install image. Check the list archive for possibilities.

2) You burned the image wrong.

A common mistake is to burn the .iso image onto the CD as a single file.

If you look at the contents of the CD (using "dir" or "ls" or Windows Explorer, or whatever) and see only a single "whatever.iso" file on the disk, you did it wrong. There should be a whole bunch of files and directories. Start over and burn a new CD, this time specifying that you are burning an iso image file, not a regular file. How exactly you do this will depend on what program you are using to burn the CD -- more information is needed.

3) The CD data is corrupt.

It happens sometimes. That's why you compare the MD5SUM of the CD to that listed on the download site. If they match, all is good. If they don't, you need to re-download the .iso to get a good copy.

> *where can i find any documentation regarding fedora?*

<http://fedora.redhat.com/> is a good place to start. Also <http://www.fedorafaq.org/> and <http://fedoranews.org/>

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