

Re: [SLE] Boot from CDROM option in lilo for old computer. Possible?

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Linda A. W. wrote:

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- > *I have an old laptop that my last install had involved using floppy images*
- > *because the laptop is so old (*creak*) that it doesn't have a BIOS*
- > *option capable*
- > *of booting from the CDROM.*
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- > *What I was wondering if there was any option in lilo or another boot loader*
- > *that could include a PC driver for a standard CDROM (hdc) that would*
- > *allow me*
- > *to boot from it as a boot option directly from the boot prompt?*
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- > *Reason being is I want to try upgrading it to 9.1 -- which, primitively*
- > *enough,*
- > *still requires booting from a CDROM or floppy to initiate.*
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- > *It really would be nice if SuSE had an update option that could either*
- > *do an update*
- > *from a currently running system (followed by a reboot), or could start the*
- > *reboot kernel directly from the running system.*
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- > *I want to config the computer for a remote audio device, possibly...it*
- > *might*
- > *have the horse power for that....:-) Either that or as a "dumb*
- > *terminal" or*
- > *internet browser-only system.*
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- > *Thanks for any pointers on the CDBOOT...*
- > *-linda*
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I seem to recall some old DOS utilities, that would direct booting to the CD. One of those might do the trick. Another possibility, would be a network install. You'd mount the CD on another system and share it

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via NFS or Samba and then with the boot floppy from SuSE, install over a network.

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