

[SLE] BIOS flashing

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I'm building a system from scratch and I've discovered that the MB manufacturer has a BIOS update that I need to install. The manufacturer says to use the Windows flashing program WinFlash or, failing that, make a (MS)DOS bootable floppy, put the DOS-based awdfash utility and the BIOS image on it, and boot from that.

2 problems with those options..

- 1) I have no Windows OS on the system. in fact, I have no Windows system on the premises. I bought the system as parts, so I don't even have a disc I could install Windows from.
- 2) I have no floppy on the system to boot from, even if I could make a bootable (MS)DOS floppy.

So my questions are, is there a linux equivalent of the Windows-only WinFlash utility that I can use under Linux to flash the BIOS? If not, how do I make a bootable CD from the items at hand that I could use to run the (MS)DOS utility from and flash the BIOS?

The new system is in working order – the SuSE 9.3 eval and Knoppix 3.9 booted and ran just fine – but the HD only has a test installation from the eval DVD which I was planning on scrapping anyway. In addition, I have an old 8.5 SuSE system and a Mac PowerBook laptop that I could use, both of which have CD/DVD burners on them, but no floppy drives.

A (smug) friend with a Windows PC has offered to help, but he doesn't have a floppy on his system either. I'd prefer a Linux-only solution if at all possible anyway, otherwise I'll never hear the end of it. :P

Sorry this isn't a SuSE question per-se, though it is in preparation for installing 9.3.. hope that's close enough! ;)

TIA,

–John

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