

Re: The biggest linux question of the month.

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Sojourner wrote:

- > *Well, ok...got you to read it didn't I?*
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- > *Actually, its very important.*
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- > *Once in a while, my boot floppy that I use to boot Suse fails to work or*
- > *Lilo goes scrappy on my and I can't boot Suse.*
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- > *So, the QUESTION is:*
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- > *How do I make a lilo boot disk again without having to "install" linux all*
- > *over again. (I normally just use existing partitions and make a stripped*
- > *down install, but it still take 20 munutes. Luckily everything is still*
- > *there and still works)*
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- > *I certainly would like to be able to fix the bootloader and all without a*
- > *reinstall.*

It may be that the floppy disks you are using are poor quality and by constantly booting from them you are waring out the sectors on the floppy that conatin lilo. My advice try a different brand of floppy and make 2 or more boot floppies, then if 1 fails you have a backup.

- > *I've already lerned from experience that it is best to not use the MBR*
- > *because I run another OS too and it could screw that on up, so I use a*
- > *boot floppy and everyone is happy.....except when that thing stops*
- > *working.*

Thats not entirely true. Another OS i.e. windows could wipe lilo or grub if it is installed in the MBR but from my experience I always install grub in the MBR. I have a dedicated /boot partition (40M ext2) all kernels are kept here and when I boot I have a choice of SuSe 8.1 Mandrake 9.1, RedHat 8, Slackware 9 and Windoze ME. From my multipoint of view if I had to swap a

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different boot floppy each time it would be very tedious, hence I use the MBR.