

# Re: Installing Slackware 10.1 on a new Compaq Presario M2010

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In alt.os.linux.slackware, Nicole dared to utter,

- > *it's been a while since I last installed Slackware 3.6*
- > *along with other OS's on my old Extensa 390 (now defunct).*
- > *I just got me a brand new Compaq Presario M2010 (no floppy*
- > *drive) and I wonder what's the best way to go about*
- > *partitioning the HD and installing the various OS's*
- > *without a bootable floppy drive*

You came to he right place.

<http://www.slackbook.org/chapter3.html>

- > *(I'm used to do it with*
- > *a bootable floppy with DOS as OS, dos efdisk for getting*
- > *three primary partitions, MS-DOS fdisk for getting*
- > *extended partition and logical drives, then lastly using*
- > *fdisk from the Linux CD for the Linux partitions).*

Just boot from your Slackware CD and use linux fdisk to create all the partitions, then format and install to your taste.

- > *I was thinking of burning a bootable CD-ROM with the DOS*
- > *stuff on it, but I'd like to hear from you if there are*
- > *better choices available.*

Forget DOS.

- > *Anyway, on a 40GB HD, I plan to have the following:*
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- > *P1: 100MB with DR-DOS and Win3.11*

WTF? That's never going to work! Dr-DOS on a modern computer, and a

laptop at that?! Windows 3.11? You've got to be out of your ever-lovin' mind! I would highly doubt that it would even run.

- > *I don't think I'll need a swap partition, given that as soon as I get*
- > *the 512MB sodimm I ordered I'll have 768MB of RAM in the laptop.*

It's a good idea to have some swap anyhow. You've got 40GB of hard drive space, using 512MB for swap isn't going to kill you, and might save your butt once or twice.

- > *I would appreciate your tips for partitioning and installing without*
- > *a floppy drive*

If you get bootable media with your laptop, it's a piece of cake. Just install Windows XP first, forget about Win 3.11, and then install Slackware.

- > *By the way, the manual for the M2010 cryptically states that in order*
- > *to put in more than 512MB of RAM in the PC and still have a functional*
- > *hybernation/power management mode it is necessary to increase the*
- > *small partition dedicated to the Compaq files... That's all it says,*
- > *no specific instructions anywhere else, not even on their website...*

Wouldn't know exactly how to go about doing that without wiping out what's already in that partition, but it makes sense. They're going to need some place to write the current contents of your laptop's RAM to for hibernation.

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It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise,  
Than for a man to hear the song of fools.  
Ecclesiastes 7:5

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