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Universal BootLoader

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The Mad Penguin Universal BootLoader is designed to make it relatively easy to try out and/or install different Linux distributions. The current version is designed to work with UEFI, but in order to do so you must change your computer BIOS setting "Secure Boot" to "Off" and setting your first boot device to be the USB key.

We supply a pre-partitioned USB key with the Universal BootLoader software installed together with some Operating System ISO images to get you started.

Once your computer has booted from the key you will be able to run the BootLoader software which will allow you to add new images to the key by downloading them from the Internet.

If you would like to see additional images made available via the BootLoader, or if you would like to see your own Linux distribution added, please get in touch or add a new issue to the GitHub tracker for this project. (see below)

For details of how to update and operate the Bootloader Software, please see; <https://linuxforums.org.uk/t/howto-updating-a-universal-boot-loader-key/11371>

Support

The Boot-Loader software is Open Source software and available under a GPL license. We do not provide support for the software or any Linux distributions. If however, you would like to report bugs or contribute changes, you can do so via the Git repository listed (UEFI branch).

Useful Internet Locations

Community support: <https://linuxforums.org.uk>

The GitHub Repository: https://github.com/oddjobz/universal_boot

Conditions of Use

The Linux distributions supplied with the USB Key together with any distributions downloaded from the Internet should be unmodified versions of the distributions as produced by the original vendor. When using this software you must agree that the software is supplied on an AS-IS basis with no warranties or liabilities on any party.

These distributions are supplied under Open Source licenses such as the GPL. Each individual (package with each) distribution will have its own license. If you wish to re-use any of this software then please check specific licenses for more details.

Licenses

Please be aware that any ISO images can be loaded onto a USB key alongside this loader and do not form a part of the loader in any way. The loader software is released under an GPL license (details in the Git repository) but licenses for images you may see presented by the loader will be determined by the image producer. Please check with image publishers for more details in terms of usage and licensing.

Recycling

Please note that the crossed out wheelie bin symbol means that you should not dispose of the USB Key by throwing it in the bin. When you are finished with the product, please recycle it responsibly or return it to us and we will recycle it for you. More details can be found in the WEEE link at the foot of our web site at:

<https://madpenguin.uk/recycling-electrical-equipment>