Linux

How to install Debian Lenny from a USB stick?

Hi there,

the only hard thing here is preparing the USB stick, but actually the Debian guys took care of most of the process so, here you are:

You need a running Debian system, plugin a USB stick with around 200 megs of capacity.

This steps will delete all the data from the USB stick!

Assuming your USB stick was added as /dev/sdb, otherwise change the command accordingly.

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wget http://ftp.de.debian.org/debian/dists/lenny/main/installer-
i386/current/images/hd-media/boot.img.gz
zcat boot.img.gz > /dev/sdb
wget http://cdimage.debian.org/debian-cd/current/i386/iso-
cd/debian-506-i386-netinst.iso
mkdir /mnt/sdb
mount /dev/sdb /mnt/sdb
cp debian-*-netinst.iso /mnt/sdb
umount /dev/sdb
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The stick should be bootable and ready now.

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