

Mac OS X

How to make a bootable Mac OS X Lion USB stick?

Gladly this is actually now quite easy. (Now there is also a tool available that does most of the work for you, at least if you run on Lion already, click [here](#)).

Requirements:

- USB stick with => 4GB
- Mac OS Lion from the Appstore (**Install Mac OS X Lion.app**)

Step 1: Plug in your USB stick

Step 2: Open the Disk Utility

Step 3: format the USB stick with "Mac OS Extended (Journaled)"

Step 4: In Finder right click on "Install Mac OS X Lion.app", select "show package content"

Step 5: Open Contents -> SharedSupport, there you should find a file "InstallESD.dmg"

Step 6: Back to the Disk Utility, select your USB stick

Step 7: select "Restore" and drag in "InstallESD.dmg" from Finder

This will take some time, but that's it. To boot from this USB stick, plug it in and while powering up your Mac press the ALT key to boot from it. Enjoy!

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