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How To Boot An ISO With GRUB2 (The Easy Way !)

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If you want to try out a new Linux distro, be it the latest Ubuntu 11.04 Natty Narwhal daily ISO or any other (I've only tested it with Ubuntu though !) and don't want to burn a CD each time you want to try a new daily build (and you don't have an USB memory stick around), **you can use a cool GRUB 2 feature that lets you boot a live CD ISO directly from your hard disk**. You can also use this method to boot various utilities such as Super Grub Disk, SystemRescueCD, Parted Magic and so on.

Usually, setting up GRUB 2 to boot an ISO can be quite a difficult [process](#) (well, not that difficult but for some reason it always failed for me) but you can do this with just a few clicks thanks to Unetbootin.

Install Unetbootin and set everything up for booting an ISO using Grub2

1. Install Unetbootin :

In Ubuntu, simply run the following command to install it :[`sudo apt-get install unetbootin`](#)

If you're not using Ubuntu and Unetbootin is not in your distro official repositories, download it from [HERE](#).

2. Using Unetbootin to create a new Grub2 entry to boot the ISO :

In Unetbootin, select the "Diskimage" option, then browse for an ISO and under "Type" select "Hard Disk" and leave "/" for the "Drive", then click OK :

[Unetbootin boot Grub2 ISO](#)

Once Unetbootin finishes, restart your computer and select "Unetbootin" in the GRUB2 menu. If the Grub2 menu doesn't show up, press and hold the **SHIFT** key.

Because Unetbootin extracts the ISO, you'll have to run it again when you want to boot a new ISO, even if it has the same name and is placed in the same location as the old one.

Removing the ISO from GRUB2 menu

[Unetbootin remove ISO grub2](#)

The next time you'll launch Unetbootin, it will ask you the following : "Unetbootin is currently installed. Remove the existing version ?" - this isn't about removing Unetbootin but about removing the Grub2 menu entry for Unetbootin (and the ISO). Select "OK" and the ISO will be removed from the menu.

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