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Thread: [KALI JUST BRICKED MY HDD WTF](#)

M00N66 - July 27, 2018, 5:46 pm

Ok so I installed Kali Dual Boot VIA Windows 10, several partitions later, it's installed. I boot up Kali and surprise surprise Kali is broken garbage and needs 4 million firmwares therefore it won't boot up. So I'm like alright screw you then, and I open diskmgmt and I am rewarded with this

<https://imgur.com/a/iq1baQP>

I don't have time for this and I am literally on the brink of swallowing 40g of adderall and killing myself.

Deathbox - July 27, 2018, 6:15 pm

Boot into any linux distribution live CD or installation media with a try mode and install, then open GPARTED. You will have full root privileges to delete the partitions. I'm assuming that's what you're trying to do but the Windows partition manager isn't giving you the option.

th3darkmagician - July 27, 2018, 6:52 pm

(Jul 27, 2018 05:46 PM)M00N66 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I boot up Kali and surprise surprise Kali is broken garbage and needs 4 million firmwares therefore it won't boot up.

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M00N66 - July 28, 2018, 12:38 am

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Cannot Compute - July 28, 2018, 10:10 am

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Don't use your Kali installation media to access GPARTED, if you did maybe this is the issue as the medium is probably scratched or the source is corrupt (check the MD5 to confirm this). As the person before me said; if you can boot into Windows your HDD is fine. Your partitions have permissions and Windows cannot alter them without being in live mode. In a live mode linux installation you have full root access, so it's usually easier just to use Linux and gparted or fdisk for this than using the windows partition manager in my experience.

What error did gparted spit, if you can recall any and was this on the Kali install (currently installed) or the kali installation medium? (DVD/USB/NetworkBoot) There used to be a gparted live ISO hanging about but I just use my lubuntu/mint/debian USB drives.

M00N66 - July 29, 2018, 2:28 pm

I'll try live. So tired of dealing with this to be honest.

SuckySucky - July 31, 2018, 6:53 am

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I thought that Windows 8 and W10 was able to detect the foreign partitions now.

@OP You said you're trying live now, if you were using GPARTED on Kali from the hdd before then it wouldn't have worked because the partition was in use. You need to do this during live mode where you have full root privileges and the live system is running from RAM rather than the partitions on the HDD. If this is what you did, you tried to remove the partition while you were still using it basically and it wouldn't have worked.

M00N66 - July 31, 2018, 10:56 am

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Charger - July 31, 2018, 10:59 am

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M00N66 - July 31, 2018, 12:36 pm

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It needs to have root privileges. But please do.

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Why won't your computer boot from installation media when it did before? It doesn't make sense to me but it's probably your source, the image you wrote to the USB that's causing your problems or that you're not formatting it correctly. Are you using unetbootin? This might explain it as it's compatibility is very limited. If you have access to a Windows computer the easiest way is to download rufus (preferred over LiLi) and use that to write the ISO to the USB or if you can get into

the installed kali on the hdd use dd to write the gparted live ISO to the USB. Then try booting from the USB.

Gparted live

<https://gparted.org/livecd.php>

LiLi

<https://www.linuxliveusb.com/>

Rufus

<https://rufus.akeo.ie/>

DD'ing ISO on Linux #Answer has the command

<https://askubuntu.com/questions/372607/how-to-create-a-bootable-ubuntu-usb-flash-drive-from-terminal>

M00N66 - July 31, 2018, 2:59 pm

I did everything mentioned here. Same errors. Something to do with WIFI Firmware. People who also have this issue never fix it according to others so honestly I give up.

Two-Ton 21 - July 31, 2018, 3:15 pm

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Try again <https://docs.kali.org/installation/dual-boot-kali-with-windows> .

THC - July 31, 2018, 3:19 pm

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FUD brains are getting common.

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Deathbox - August 1, 2018, 4:08 am

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Did you regenerate the grub config and point it to the root of the table? (/dev/sda or /dev/sdb whatever it is) If you just couldn't boot to begin with, you probably didn't have grub configured correctly. Since you said you removed grub I'm starting to suspect this was your issue all along but it's hard without any info. None of this should prevent you from booting installation media though. Since you've done it before to install Kali I'm confident that you have the ability to download another distribution like gparted live and boot it without any problems. You say you've already tried this and you've got errors about WiFi firmware, on Kali/on Gparted live? What?

Get a brand new ISO image of ubuntu/mint/Gparted whatever you're familiar with. You haven't answered my previous question about what tool you're using to make these bootable drives assuming that you are. Use DD' or Rufus to a USB drive on your chosen ISO. From that point on bootup boot the USB device. If you mean to say that no OS at all will boot from external media, your

kali installation has nothing to do with this. Either the bootable medium is not in fact bootable (happens often when you use unetbootin or the wrong image type) or your BIOS isn't configured to boot the USB properly. Most BIOS and UEFI have a boot key to boot from a external device without changing BIOS boot priorities.

inaudible screaming - *August 2, 2018, 5:46 am*

Make sure you backup your files before you do this. Boot up the Kali live USB you have and open a terminal, do "sudo mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdX" (replace X with your harddrive) and it will fix any issues you have with it. If you still have 200gb missing then you were just unlucky to have a hardware failure around the time you installed Kali