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Thread: [How to install Kali Linux As a dual boot](#)

Flare - March 23, 2020, 4:43 am

I have tried multiple times to install a dual boot thing with my laptop, and have windows and Kali Linux on a choosable menu on startup, I kinndaaa did it?? But when my laptop starts up, there is a Kali Linux option but when I click on it it says something along the lines of "The file is missing blah blah blah".

Could someone maybe point me in the direction of an actual helpful website? Or maybe even write something up? Thanks in advance!

Cannot Compute - March 23, 2020, 7:20 pm

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Flare - March 28, 2020, 12:12 am

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Sigma - March 28, 2020, 8:17 am

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If you have a Windows 10 boot disk of some sort there should be a built in repair feature.

logswithmoss - March 29, 2020, 12:01 am

So what is your situation exactly?

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Flare - March 29, 2020, 3:57 am

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Yeah, try to follow that tutorial and then report back here. We will see if we can fix it for you.

xJennif - April 7, 2020, 3:12 am

You could also pop in the kali installation drive and boot into the live version

Once booted u can use a tool called boot-repair to fix ur bootloader

Due lack of posts I cant post links. Google for: Ununtu boot-repair

And you will find!

Good luck!

luddite - April 12, 2020, 8:59 pm

did you install kali first?

windows likes to take over the boot sector when installed over another OS, if thats the case try installing windows first and let kali step around it.

SpaceJunkieSmoker - April 28, 2020, 1:49 pm

Hi there everyone

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Betty Blue - April 28, 2020, 5:00 pm

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Thank YouMost likely because Unetbootin removes syslinux.cfg from the ISO when it is wrote to the USB, restore the file or use a different program

ColdCypher - December 19, 2020, 10:37 pm

I had this exact issue Flare. Is the error you are seeing that G2LDR.mbr is missing? You cannot install Debian on a Windows OS as an alternate boot OS. You need to download and install the live iso from Kali and run it as an encrypted partition on a bootable USB. Had to use universal USB installer, and AOMEI partition assistant to properly install the live ISO onto a bootable usb. This will save you some time. Had to spend several hours several months ago because I wanted to use a Kali VM on VMWARE on a Windows machine but was having alot of difficulty getting the system to recognize my usb WIFI adapter and was also having tremendous difficulty troubleshooting unresolved issues concerning setting up my port forwarding configurations so wanted to just use an alternate OS.

Hope this information helps. Took me awhile to get everything right when I was facing this issue.
Good luck!