

## Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by admin - 2010/12/22 09:16

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Just a survey, if people are interested, we can explore this. Our current focus is Windows and Linux.

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## Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by b\_oberon - 2010/12/22 10:11

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Should be interesting to have a dual-boot system or just to experiment with Mac OS X, but IMHO not a high-priority task.

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## Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by Merdocx - 2010/12/22 11:57

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Id like to vboot to MAC. It has to be less buggy than linux

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## Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by okfrosty - 2010/12/22 12:16

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yes

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## Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by admin - 2010/12/22 12:17

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the main issue and bugs from our VBoot Linux is kernel version dependency, so auto updates will break the vhd. Anything else did you observed?

Mac maintains quite good binary compatibility in kernel level, so much easier to maintain compared to Linux's ever changing linux APIs.

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## Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by brianinmaine - 2010/12/23 02:56

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I would love to do this on a regular PC, or do you mean vboot a MacOX on a Mac?

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## Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by paulmartin9300 - 2010/12/23 03:31

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On my laptop Intel inside, I have Vista, XP, and 3 linux boxes. On XP, my main OS, I have a VMDK Mac OS X Snow Leopard. I run Sun VirtualBox to test different OS, like g-OS.

All of that leads to an unavoidable clogged crap : loss of valuable disk space through multiple partitions and VM images, same application duplicated x times, temp/log files everywhere, virtual machines + linux wine, etc.

I don't see why I should buy an Apple machine (maybe when they get rid of these stupid mirror-like LCD screens) but there are software designed for Mac OS X that are a must have unfortunately not available elsewhere. Hence the need for a Mac OS X virtual disk file.

The point here, and I think it's gonna be the future, all OS must disappear. Well, maybe not all...

I see it this way : the main problem with computers is the Microsoft marketing which prevent devices manufacturers to open source their drivers. Then, we have a problem with the devices themselves (Why change the size of the PCMCIA slot to a narrower ExpressCard? To build incompatibility? Why get rid of serial port? Why e-Sata ports are spare? ETC.), and then we have computer and devices manufacturers (even Apple) who definitely don't think and don't have any vision.

I don't care which OS is on my laptop (keep that in mind : more than 50% of computer sold are laptops, and rate is growing). I don't care much for the machine itself, though, but I count my \$\$\$.

What I want is the best of all worlds, keep my habits and preferred applications.

For example, I wish I could run Linux Apache and python scripts in Linux mode, run Apple's Numbers and my excellent Mac's payroll software (based on 4D), or even run an old DOS application like ranish. Without rebooting or light up another VM...

If someone creates a new desktop thing from where I can run transparently any application from any OS while using smoothly my devices (especially the touchpad), I sure will buy it.

Meanwhile, and to conclude, when people answer 'no' to your question, it does not mean that there is not a real need for a Mac OS X virtual disk file. Go ahead, guys!

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## Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by MASTER260 - 2010/12/23 07:04

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Well, don't replace OSX with Windows &/or Linux! VBooting OSX is fine, (the more VBoot features, the better,) but personally I hate Apple products & Windows + Linux are the only kinds of OS' I would choose...

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**Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?**

Posted by admin - 2010/12/23 09:32

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if we do, it will be booting from a single file on Mac first

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**Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?**

Posted by bola\_dor - 2011/01/01 15:39

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YES,,,  
to run Leopard in vmlite is just wha we need..  
I've allready have leopard running in VMWare, but lacking a good videodriver makes it almost unusable...

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**Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?**

Posted by admin - 2011/01/02 12:27

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did some initial proof of concept, Mac OS X should be able to boot from a single virtual disk file, just like VBoot does Windows/Linux. Not sure when we will have a release version, this is not our priority.

We are currently improving and integrating the Linux version to VBoot, so Linux will also support immutable boot and snapshots.

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**Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?**

Posted by remikm - 2011/12/12 14:45

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YES!

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**Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?**

Posted by linus - 2011/12/16 02:14

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with latest VMWare and VBox you can use SnowLeo 10.6.8 in a VM running on Windows/Linus OS well :-)  
No need for Mac Hardware to this :-)

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But it would be more interesting to run Lion 10.7.2 on a VM :-)

:angry:

At the moment it is not possible because they avoid it on non Mac Hardware.

:laugh:

Maybe in the future it will native on any PC Hardware.

BR

Linus

PS: Yes :side:

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## Re:Anyone wanted to boot Mac OS X from a virtual disk file?

Posted by ndog37 - 2011/12/18 20:49

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vbooting mac OS x will be great. This is because stupid GUID and MBR incompatibility which makes it very hard to truly dual boot OSX and windows without hacking the OSX install media. So I am all for this.

In terms of supporting this - good luck... For example OSX does not install on i3 processors, and all other kinds of niggly issues where mac is locked down to certain hardware

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