

Booting Your Laptop from the USB

Step 1: Make sure that your flash drive is in the USB slot before you turn the power on.

Step 2: Based on your computer model, press the appropriate key to access your boot menu. (You must be quick about this, or you will miss your chance, have to restart your computer, and try again).

Computer	Boot Menu Keystroke
Acer (<i>see note below</i>)	F12
Alienware Aurora (owned by Dell)	F12
Asus	Esc
Dell	F12
E-Machine	F2
Fujitsu	F12
Hitachi	F12
HP	Esc
HP Dv6000	F9
Lenovo (IBM)	F12
MicroStar International (MIS)	F8
MicroStar International (MIS) MS-6728	F11
Toshiba	F12
Sony	F11

Step 3: Select the USB option from the boot menu. Hit enter.

Note: The reason why you need to learn how to access the boot menu is so that you can access Linux on your USB flashdrive (the ones that you get in the first CS150 lecture) instead of installing Linux onto your computer.

On Acer, you must enable the boot menu by going into the BIOS. To do this:

1. Restart the computer.
2. Press the F2 key to enter computer's **BIOS Setup** during Power-On Self-Test, or POST, process while the Acer logo is being displayed.
3. Press the Right Arrow key to select **Main**
4. Select **F12 Boot Menu**
5. Press the Enter key
6. Select **Enabled**
7. Press the Enter key
8. Press the F10 key and then press the Enter key to save the changes and restart the computer.