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How do I easily burn a bootable ISO to a USB drive on OSX?



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I made two terminal scripts to make bootable drives if you're interested. Or if you want I could figure out how to merge them which I probably should have done from the start.



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First type "diskutil list" and press enter (always without the inverted commas)

then insert your usb stick and run "diskutil list" again to see the disk node (e.g. /dev/disk2)

Now run "diskutil unmountDisk /dev/diskN" (where N is the number of the usb stick)

and then run "sudo dd if=/path-to.iso of=/dev/rdiskN bs=1m"

(after typing "sudo dd if=" you simply copy paste the path that's to be found when you right click on the file, then click "get info" and copy the path under "Where")

When finished "diskutil eject /dev/diskN"

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As a programmer: not everyone is a programmer, and you definitely shouldn't advise a layman to use a sudo dd command.

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I found this very useful, with one modification...

When I created my image and tried to boot, I got the "prohibited sign" indicating a problem. When I tried to boot and used verbose mode (hold Cmd + V after selecting the boot disk), it looks like it stalled at "still waiting for root device". The internet told me that this is because the boot device didn't have a GUID partition type.

So, my solution was to use Disk Utility (the GUI, in this case) to repartition the disk with 1 partition, selecting GUID partition type under the options screen. Then I ran "diskutil list" and noted that the USB disk (/dev/diskN) had several sub-partitions (/dev/diskNsM, such as /dev/disk1s1). Sub-partitions s0 and s1 were for the GUID partition table and EFI, with the main data on s2.

So, I ran the dd command above *but* I changed the output file ("of") to the sub-partition with the main data. In my case I used "of=/dev/rdisk1s2".

It worked! The USB drive is now bootable.

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igerard8 • 8y ago

I actually use [Apple-Pi baker](#).

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EroticFalconry • 8y ago

Download the relevant Diskmaker app from [DiskmakerX.com](#)

You need to download the osx image from the App Store first, and there are different versions for different releases of osx, but this program has served me well since Lion for making bootable usb's of Osx/MacOS

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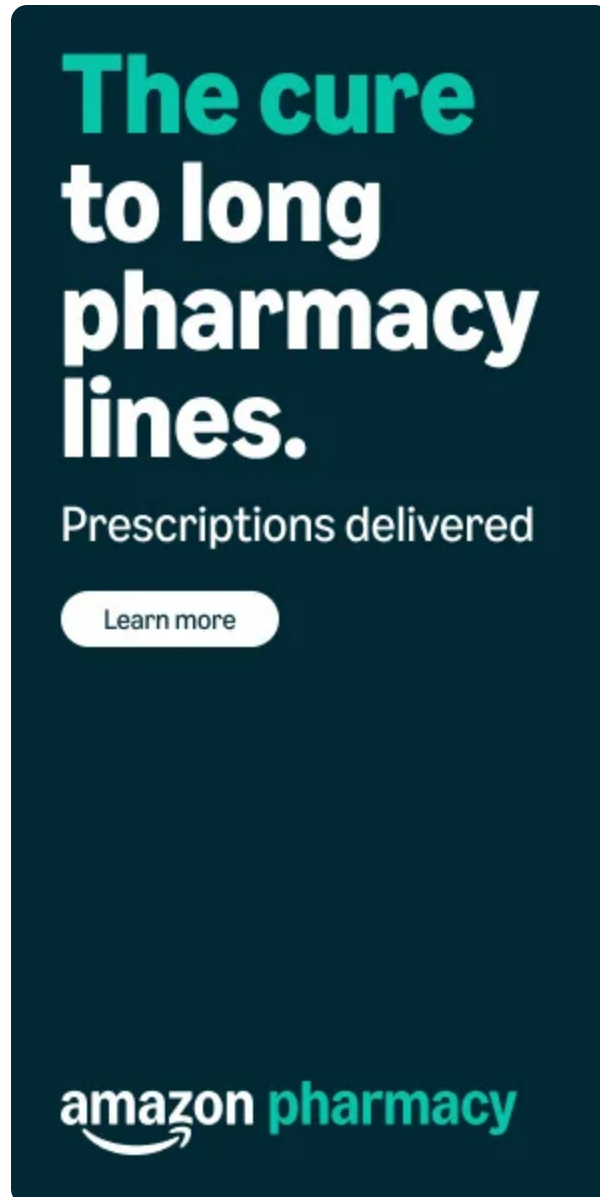
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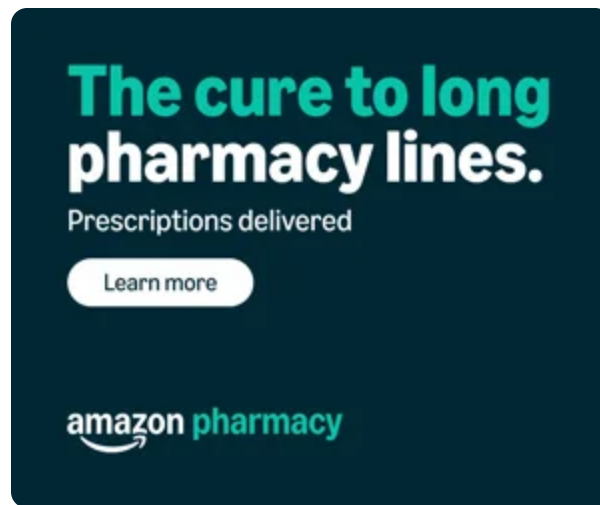
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I need to create a bootable USB with a HDD format tool on it; the USB needs to be made using Windows. Suggestion?

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It doesn't matter what I do, even if I'm not even using the drives in any capacity, my SSDs can never be ejected on my new MBP. Any ideas of how to solve this?

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