

## Re: Installing from CDROM – No Baton?

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On Wed, 23 Mar 2005 21:37:25 -0500, Josh Klein <[lw\\_jklein@hotmail.com](mailto:lw_jklein@hotmail.com)> wrote:

> Hello – I'm new to FreeBSD, but I'm following the installation instructions  
> from *The Complete FreeBSD*. I checked the archives of this list, but can not  
> find reference to this issue.  
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> I'm trying to install 5.3 – but when I boot from the CD-ROM, I do not get  
> the expected swirling baton. Instead, I get a collection of symbols  
> (including some common letters and numbers, some not) that "rotate" much in  
> the way the swirling baton would, were it there. These characters appear 4–5  
> lines above the blinking \_ at the bottom of the screen, and several tabs in.  
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> This persists for 30+ minutes and does not show any signs of abating. I am  
> installing it over an installation of WinXP (intending to completely wipe  
> all my data).  
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> Is this normal? Any ideas?  
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> Thank You,  
> LW  
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Sorry this isn't the answer you're looking for, but you need to post this to [freebsd-questions](mailto:freebsd-questions). This list is for "advocacy and warm fuzzies about just getting started with freebsd."

With that said. Here's a FAQ that mentions CD-Rom booting problems:

[http://www.freebsd.org/doc/en\\_US.ISO8859-1/books/faq/install.html#NO-INSTALL-CDROM](http://www.freebsd.org/doc/en_US.ISO8859-1/books/faq/install.html#NO-INSTALL-CDROM)

You may also want to try booting from the boot floppies, then select the CD-ROM for your install set.

I have the Complete FreeBSD, and find it kind of lacking. The official handbook will probably answer things a bit more direct for you.

Good Luck.

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