

## Re: Can't escape to loader prompt

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On Apr 1, 2005 11:00 AM, DerDrache <[derdrache@gmail.com](mailto:derdrache@gmail.com)> wrote:

> *On Mar 25, 2005 12:23 AM, Matthew Huggett <[mhuggett@zam.att.ne.jp](mailto:mhuggett@zam.att.ne.jp)> wrote:*

>> *Hi,*

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>> *I'm trying to install 5.3, via CD, on a system with a USB keyboard*

>> *only. Once I boot from the CD, I lose the keyboard and, after the*

>> *first menu times out, I see the main install menu but I can't make any*

>> *selections.*

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>> *I've seen the instructions to "escape to loader prompt" and do*

>>> *set hint.atkbd.0.flags="0x1"*

>>> *boot*

>> *However, I am unable to even escape to the loader prompt. The only*

>> *thing I can do with my keyboard once I boot from the CD is toggle the*

>> *num lock and caps lock. I haven't been able to find any reports of*

>> *similar trouble on Google, so was wondering if anyone on this list has*

>> *had trouble with a keyboard so early on in the install, and what, if*

>> *anything, they did to fix it.*

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>> *Thanks,*

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>> *Matt*

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> *I know this isn't the answer you're looking for and I'm sure wasn't*

> *the most intelligent thing to do but when I found myself in this same*

> *position I installed a copy of 5.2.1 and cvsuped to 5.3-RELEASE.*

> *Definatly a PITA.*

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> *DerDrache*

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I've been complaining about the usb keyboard since 5.3 was released.  
It's wierd how this is a new problem, a big problem, and nobody seems  
to care...

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