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How do I force IDE CD-ROM drive detecting during the Linux installation?

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Q. I am having big problem detecting my IDE CD-ROM drive during the Linux installation. I am using white box Intel server and Samsung CD ROM. How do I tell installer to use CD-ROM or how do I provide the driver (and where to get drivers) to installation program?

A: There are many reasons why your IDE CDROM is not detected by Linux installation program. The easiest way to tell Linux to use particluer IDE channel as IDE drive is to pass an argument at boot: prompt. For example if your IDE cdrom connected to /dev/hdb (primary slave) then you can type following argument at boot: prompt and press enter to start Linux installation program:

boot: linux hdb=cdrom

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