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Linux CD / DVD Locked and Drive Is Not Opening / Ejecting CD

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Q. I've Ubuntu Linux Installed on HP Desktop system. When I press the eject button my DVD / CD nothing happens. Linux is not ejecting my CD and I had to reboot my computer to just get CD out of drive. How do I fix this issue?

A. You don't have to reboot the system to just eject CD / DVD from drive. Sometime Linux locks down your CD / DVD if a process reading / accessing file / directory on that DVD / CD



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Getting Your CD/DVD Out Of Drive

Simply right click on CD / DVD icon and select Eject / Unmount option. Press eject button to get the cd/dvd out. If this failed, try following method to eject the cd:

Find Out CD/DVD drive mount location

Run df or mount command to find out location, enter the following at terminal / shell prompt:

\$ df

Sample output:

Filesystem	Size	Used	Avail	Use%	Mounted on
/dev/sda2	92G	22G	66G	25%	/
varrun	1013M	140K	1013M	1%	/var/run
varlock	1013M	0	1013M	0%	/var/lock
udev	1013M	88K	1013M	1%	/dev
devshm	1013M	0	1013M	0%	/dev/shm
1rm	1013M	34M	979M	4%	/lib/modules/2.6.22-14-generic/volatile
/dev/sda1	98G	19G	79G	20%	/media/sda1
/dev/sda5	274G	185G	89G	68%	/share
/dev/scd0	3.5G	3.5G	0	100%	/media/cdrom0

Your CD / DVD device name is /dev/scd0 and mounted under /media/cdrom0. Now issue the following command as root:

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$ sudo fuser -km /media/cdrom0
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OR

```
# fuser -km /media/cdrom0
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Now you should able to eject CD / DVD.

Related: See How to forcefully remove unmount a Linux disk partition / device using Isof and fuser command.

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