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OpenBSD set up default boot time by modifying boot.conf file

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Q. I'm using OpenBSD as VPS os (guest os) under VMWARE server. However OpenBSD pauses for a few seconds to give me a chance to provide parameters to the kernel at boot> prompt. I'd like to force boot loader to wait for 30 seconds instead of default timeout. How do I setup bootloader timeout?

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A. OpenBSD uses boot program. The main purpose of this program is to load the system kernel while dealing with the downfalls of the PC BIOS architecture. This program acts as an enhanced boot monitor for PC systems, pro viding a common interface for the kernel to start from. By default, boot attempts to load the kernel executable /bsd. If it fails to find the kernel and no alternative kernel image has been specified, the system will be unable to boot.

/etc/boot.conf file and timeout parameter

/etc/boot.conf is configuration file for bootloader. Open file using text editor:

```
$ sudo vi /etc/boot.conf
```

Append / modify timeout parameter as follows:

```
set timeout 30
```

Save and close the file. Above line set the 30 second pause at boot-time.

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