

note : This page requires that you are already in possession of HandyLinux on DVD or USB.

To obtain a HandyLinux copy, [visit this page](#)

live CD / live USB

The principle of CD/USB live is to use/test a distribution on a computer without touching your personal data.

CD/USB live allows you to test the compatibility of your hardware too.

HandyLinux is “compressed” in a special file (squashfs.filesystem) and integrated into the ISO image you have downloaded.

This special file is “unzipped” when using Live.

This special file will be copied to your hard drive during installation.

Bios Configuration

Insert your HandyLinux DVD into your computer drive or the HandyLinux USB key in the slot, and then restart.

Before your system launch, press [F2] or [F12] or [Del] key (depends on your machine) to access BIOS configuration or boot list (a small menu that lets you choose directly how your machine will start).

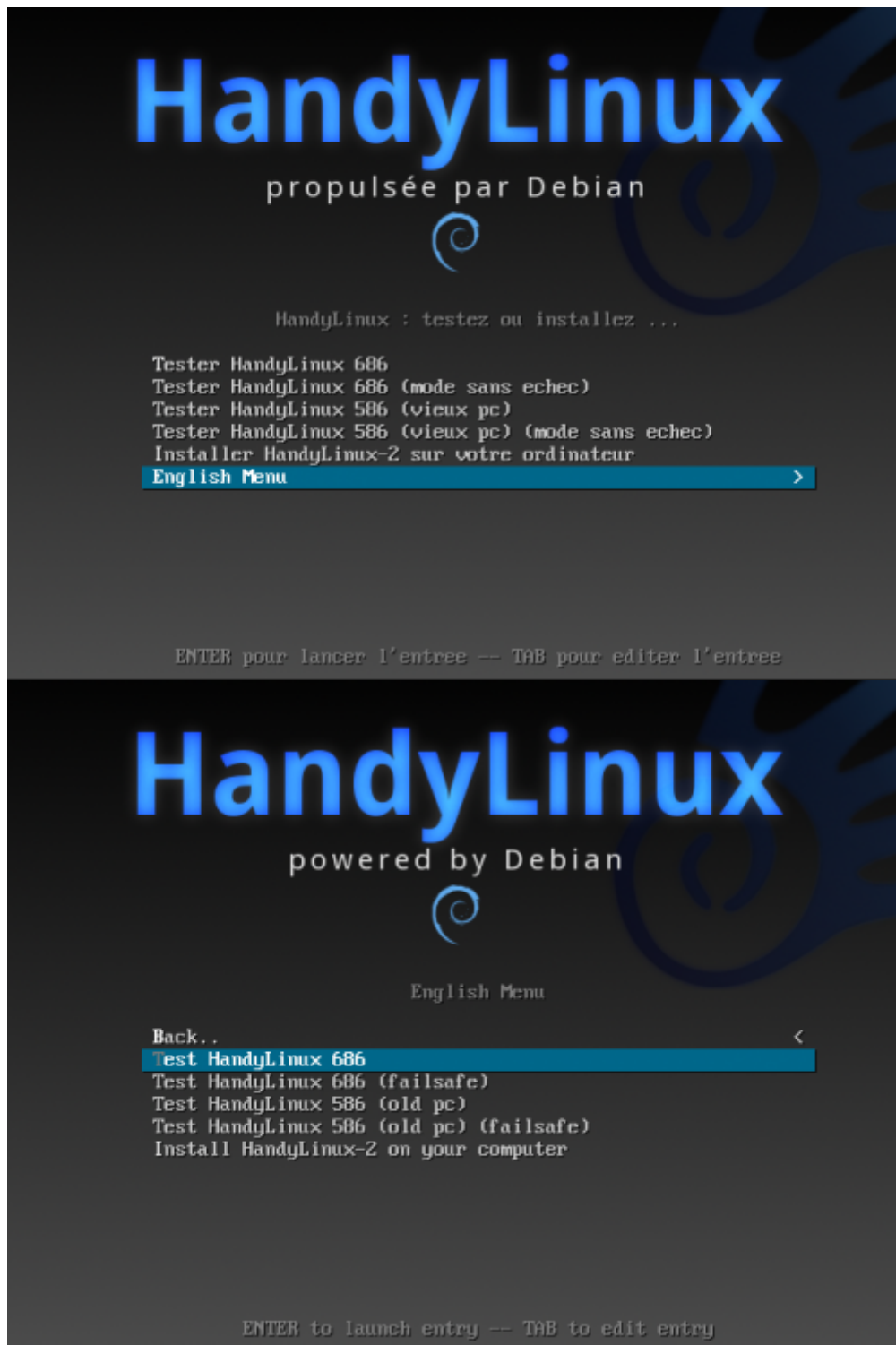
- **the start menu** : it offers you the choices to start your computer (hard disk, CD/DVD, USB stick or network boot). You just need to select the appropriate support (CD/DVD or USB) then press [Enter].
- **the BIOS setup screen** : it has several tabs to configure your machine. Choose the “boot” tab or “start” and then make sure that the correct media is first in the list. If this is not the case, select the CD/DVD or USB, then press the [F5] or [F6] key to up or down the items of the list entry.

Once configured, press [Esc] : then a menu gives you different choices: “save and quit” or “save then start”, choose the entry that keeps your settings by pressing the dedicated button.

Launch HandyLinux from a DVD or an USB key

[Once your BIOS is correctly configured, your computer starts from the DVD or USB device :](#)

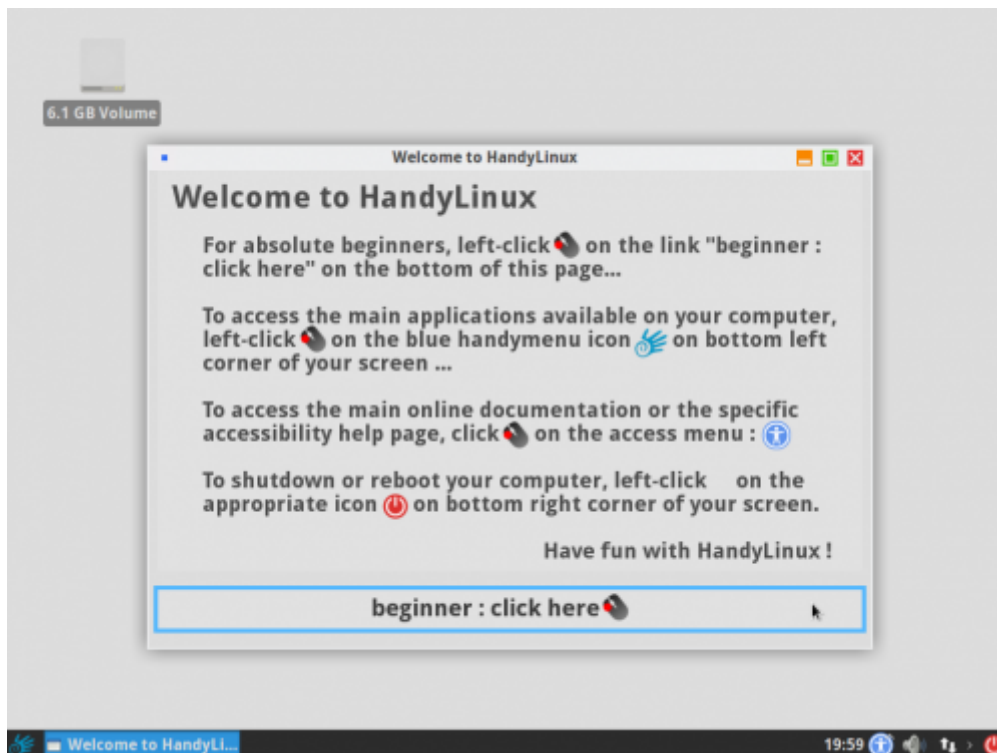
You have to navigate to the “English Menu” then The default entry is the live, just press [Enter] to start HandyLinux.



If your computer doesn't support the default "686" entry, reboot then chose the "586" one for old computers.

Note that HandyLinux is running slower in Live session than after installing.

Once launched, HandyLinux displays the xfce4 desktop (the default environment of handylinux) and a greeting :



Then your HandyLinux system works. I let you start the tour by the “[HandyMenu](#)” page that introduces you to your new environment and integrated applications. Once your tests finish, you can turn off and restart your machine by the red action button at the bottom right of your screen.

Install Handylinux

If you enjoyed HandyLinux and your hardware is compatible, you can now [install HandyLinux](#) on your computer and unchained you from Microsoft™ 😊
You can also read how to [discover, configure and use HandyLinux](#).

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