

# PXE Booting with gPXE

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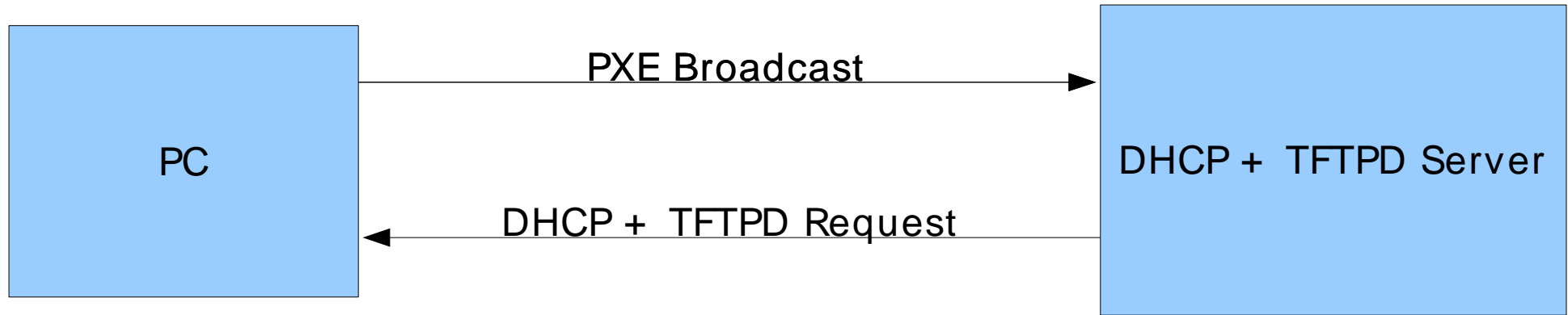
# What is PXE?

- Preboot Execution Environment
  - An environment to boot computers using a network interface independently of available data storage devices (like hard disks) or installed operating systems.

# Requirements

- DHCP Server configured to support PXE boot.
- TFTP Server
- Syslinux
- Boot images

# How it PXE works?



# gPXE

- An open source (GPL) network bootloader. It provides a direct replacement for proprietary PXE ROMs, with many extra features such as DNS, HTTP, iSCSI, etc.

# Why gPXE?

- Not all computers support PXE boot.
- gPXE supports many features that proprietary ROMs do not support.
- Allows booting from USB, CD, Floppy and chain loading from existing proprietary PXE Rom.

# Features

- Booting from HTTP
  - HTTP Servers scale better than TFTP servers
  - Do not suffer from size limits
  - Boot from servers not on the local LAN.
- Limited scripting support
- Ability to boot from a SAN, eg. iSCSI or AOE

gPXE in Action