

# Cloud-Init Fix - FINAL SOLUTION

## Why Previous Fixes Failed

1. \*\*Service-based approach\*\*: Services run too late - cloud-init.target can start before our service
2. \*\*Trying to "unblock"\*\*: Doesn't prevent cloud-init from running, just forces completion
3. \*\*Dependencies\*\*: Systemd might start cloud-init.target before our service runs

## The REAL Solution: Systemd Override

Systemd reads override files **BEFORE** starting services. This is the proper way to disable targets.

### ***Method 1: Systemd Override File***

**Location:** /etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target.d/override.conf

```
[Unit]
# Override cloud-init.target to make it a no-op
# This prevents cloud-init from blocking boot
After=
Wants=
Requires=
```

This removes all dependencies from cloud-init.target, making it a no-op.

### ***Method 2: Direct Masking***

**Location:** /etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target → symlink to /dev/null

This prevents systemd from even trying to start cloud-init.target.

### ***Method 3: Mask All Services***

Mask all cloud-init services:

- `cloud-init.service` → `/dev/null`
- `cloud-init-local.service` → `/dev/null`
- `cloud-config.service` → `/dev/null`
- `cloud-final.service` → `/dev/null`

### ***Method 4: Systemctl Disable (Backup)***

Also disable via systemctl as backup.

## Why This Works

1. \*\*Override files are read at boot\*\* - Before any services start
2. \*\*Symlinks to /dev/null\*\* - Systemd can't start masked services/targets
3. \*\*Multiple layers\*\* - If one method fails, others catch it
4. \*\*Applied during build\*\* - Permanent, not runtime

## Implementation

## **On SD Card (Runtime Fix)**

```
# Create override directory
mkdir -p /etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target.d

# Create override file
cat > /etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target.d/override.conf << 'EOF'
[Unit]
After=
Wants=
Requires=
EOF

# Mask cloud-init.target
rm -f /etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target
ln -sf /dev/null /etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target

# Mask all cloud-init services
for svc in cloud-init cloud-init-local cloud-config cloud-final; do
    rm -f /etc/systemd/system/$svc.service
    ln -sf /dev/null /etc/systemd/system/$svc.service
done
```

## **In Build Script (Permanent Fix)**

Added to imgbuild/moode-cfg/stage303-ghettoblaster-custom00-run-chroot.sh

## **Files Modified**

1. `imgbuild/moode-cfg/stage3\_03-ghettoblaster-custom\_00-run-chroot.sh` - Build script
2. SD card: `/etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target.d/override.conf` - Override file
3. SD card: `/etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target` - Masked target
4. SD card: `/etc/systemd/system/cloud-init\*.service` - Masked services

## **Status**

- Override file created on SD card
- cloud-init.target masked on SD card
- All cloud-init services masked on SD card
- Build script updated for permanent fix

**This is the proper systemd way to disable targets. It should work.**