Play Go!

"It's not fun and games until you
poke somebody's eye out."

No Installation Necessary

Hikarunix ["hee-kah-roo-nix"] is a bootable CD that loads the Linux operating system. It is based on the DamnSmallLinux distribution. Most computers can be set to boot to the CD drive rather than the hard drive. To boot to Hikarunix, place the CD in the CDROM tray. After that simply shut down your machine and reboot with the CD in the drive. When Hikarunix boots it copies itself to your machine's RAM and uses your memory as a virtual hard drive. Aside from borrowing the keyboard, mouse and monitor, Hikarunix never really touches the host computer at all. After you shut down and pop the CD out, the machine will boot to the hard drive and the old operating system will come up as normal. In fact there's very little evidence that you were using Hikarunix on the machine at all. With the combination of a USB drive to save files to you can make any available computer your own personalized Go workstation.

It Won't Boot

If your machine boots to Windows rather than Hikarunix then your machine is probably not set to boot from CD. First, make sure that your BIOS is set to boot from the cdrom. You can usually access BIOS by pressing F2 or DEL as your machine begins to boot. Look for the "Press *something* to enter Setup". After you're in the BIOS look for the Boot options and make sure that CDROM is before your HD. After fixing your BIOS, save it and reboot your computer with the CD in your drive.

If your machine can't boot to CD or you can grab a boot floppy image at:

http://ibiblio.org/pub/Linux/distributions/damnsmall/current/boot.img

If you see the "Welcome to Hikarunix!" boot screen and it hangs up somewhere after that try the following at the initial *boot:* prompt:

For video problems
dsl vga=normal   or
dsl xsetup   for laptops pick Xfbdev during setup

For other hardware problems
dsl failsafe   only loads the most basic drivers
dsl expert   prompts you during the boot process for what to load

For other problems please see the FAQ or post your questions on our forum:

FAQ: http://www.hikarunix.org/faq.html
Forum: http://www.hikarunix.org/forum

O.K. I'm Booted Up. Now what?

On your desktop is an icon for Firefox. This is your web browser. Double click on it and the homepage is a local introduction to all that is available on Hikarunix. At the bottom of this introduction under Acknowledgements is local link to all of the DamnSmallLinux features of Hikarunix. You'll want to read that page too.

Thanks for supporting the Hikarunix project and welcome to world of Go!

Sincerely,

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