

Force Boot to Command Line

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Having installed a netinstall version of Ubuntu (the smallest ISO I could get) on a Sony Vaio netbook, I had no option during the install to not include the bundled shell. So I wanted to force Linux to boot only to the command line, here is what I did:

Open the GRUB config file with a text editor (Make a backup first).

```
sudo vi /etc/default/grub
```

Look for the line that starts with `GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT` and comment out that line by placing a hash `#` symbol in front of it.

```
# GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="quiet splash"
```

This will disable the initial splash screen, and enable verbose mode (i.e., showing the detailed boot procedure). Then change `GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX=""` to:

```
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX="text"
```

Next, uncomment the line that says `"#GRUB_TERMINAL=console"`. The updated GRUB default configuration looks like the following.

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