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Using Your New Sovereign Tails Secure USB - Quick Start Guide

Simple Guide to Boot from a TailsOS USB Stick

This guide will help you start up your computer using our pre-prepared TailsOS USB stick. TailsOS is a secure operating system that runs directly from your USB stick without installing anything on your computer and does not leave any trace behind.

What You'll Need

- Your computer
- The pre-prepared TailsOS USB stick

Step 1: Insert the USB Stick

- With your computer turned off, insert the TailsOS USB stick into an available USB port.

Step 2: Power On Your Computer

- Press the power button to turn on your computer.

Step 3: Access the Boot Menu

- As soon as your computer starts, you'll need to press a special key to enter the boot menu.
- This key varies depending on your computer brand:
 - Dell: F12
 - HP: F9
 - Lenovo: F12 or Fn+F12
 - ASUS: Esc or F8
 - Acer: F12
 - Microsoft Surface: Hold volume-down button while pressing power
 - Apple Mac: Hold Option (⌥) key immediately after pressing power
- Keep pressing this key repeatedly as the computer powers on until you see the boot menu.

Step 4: Select the USB Drive

- Once in the boot menu, you'll see a list of devices.
- Use arrow keys to highlight the USB option (might be listed as "USB Storage," "Removable Device," or the brand name of your USB stick).
- Press Enter to select it.

Step 5: Start Tails

- Tails will begin loading. You'll see a welcome screen.
- Select your language, keyboard layout, and other settings if prompted.
- Click "Start Tails" to continue.
- You will see an options to use Persistent Storage. This uses a small segment on the USB drive only to 'remember' changes you've made such as documents you've saved or websites you've marked as Favourite. If you don't want this option leave it off. You can change this option later on the next time you load Tails.

Step 6: Tails Desktop

- After loading (which may take a few minutes), you'll see the Tails desktop.
- You're now running Tails from your USB stick!
- Explore the interface. You will have Programs such as Libre Office for creating documents, Tor for browsing the Internet privately and many more. Enjoy!

Troubleshooting

- If the computer boots to your regular operating system instead, restart and try accessing the boot menu again.
- If you can't access the boot menu, you might need to enter BIOS/UEFI settings (often by pressing Del, F2, or F10 during startup) and change the boot order to prioritize USB devices.

Shutting Down

- When finished, click on the power icon in the top-right corner of the Tails desktop and select "Shut Down."
- Wait for Tails to completely shut down before removing the USB stick.