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#	Boot Manager	License	Version	Date	+Prtn Mgr?	Source File(s) as uploaded	Source Site	
	Summary: Freeware – EX, VG, GD, OK – 18 Shareware – Fully Functional – 7 Shareware – Need Serials – 5 Poor or Unusable (FW or SW) – 20		Ratings: 01 EX to Very Good (10) 02 Good (10) 03 OK to So-So (10) 04 Poor or Unusable (20)			File Name Prefixes (where used) : ODRU – Old DOS RU : http://old-dos.ru/ SAC – Slovak Antivirus Centre : https://www.sac.sk/ SF – SourceForge : https://sourceforge.net/ ST – One of many Simtel archives : https://ftp.sunet.se/mirror/archive/ftp.sunet.se/pub/simtelnet/ Garbo – One of many Garbo archives : http://ftp.icm.edu.pl/pub/garbo/		
	** EX / Very Good x10 **							
1	OSL2000 – 6 versions + Partn Mgr	Excellent						
	Info provided in install or zip file:	OSL2000 is an advanced multi boot manager. Using OSL2000, you can easily install, boot and manage up to 100 independent OSs in your system. A boot manager is a program that lets you have multiple operating systems in your system. OSL2000 boot manager, in addition to being a normal boot manager, has advanced features that let you seamlessly install, boot and manage 100s of OSs like Windows (all versions), Linux, DOS, etc.						
	Comments from quick test:	Text based interface. Automatically detects OSs on startup. Basic config options including drive hiding. Worked well for me. Includes uninstall option. Doesn't have an inbuilt partition manager but the site has their own called CPM (DL from their site) and OSL2000 will boot this from a floppy. Also has a CD boot option. Very easy to use and the auto detect OS makes it very simple for beginners. Displays a 5s nag every so often about not being registered but that's only a minor distraction. A very nice boot manager for DOS and w9x. One of the best for DOS and w9x – auto detect OS, hide function, linked partn manager and the price is right.						
	Impression:	Great – easy setup, auto detect, no hassles						
	Versions: Various (see folder)							
-T-	OSL2000	Freeware	9.32	Jul 2021	Yes – CPM	_OSL2K_Install-Uninst_FD_Boot_Install.IMA	https://web.archive.org/web/20190310143823/http://www.osloader.com/index.htm	
-T-	Cute Partition Manager	Freeware	0.9.8	Aug 2007	Yes	OSL2000_Cute_Partition_Mgr_SFX.exe		
2	XOSL – 2 versions	Excellent						
	Info provided in install or zip file:	Extended Operating System Loader (XOSL) is a full-featured free boot manager with a real, easy-to-use and graphical user interface. XOSL-OW 1.1.6 is an Open Watcom port of XOSL 1.1.5. XOSL-OW is a full-featured free boot manager with a graphical user interface.						
	Comments from quick test:	Nice GUI interface. Good config options. Auto detect OS. Partn hiding. Worked well for me. Includes Ranish partition Manager (which interestingly also has a boot mgr built in). Another one of the best for DOS and w9x – and just like OSL2000 the price is right.						
	Impression:	Another great free boot manager and a nice GUI						
	Versions:							
	XOSL	Freeware	1.1.5	Dec 2000	Yes – Ranish	XOSL_1.1.5_DOS_(2000).zip	http://www2.arnes.si/~fkomar/xosl.org/home.html	
-T-	XOSL-OW	Freeware	1.1.6	Nov 2010	Yes – Ranish	Fdcxosl-ow116.img + .ISO	https://xosl-ow.sourceforge.net/	
3	Bootit Boot Mgr – 2 versions	Excellent						
	Info provided in install or zip file:	BootitNG is a partition and multi-boot manager with a powerful and simple-to-use set of tools for partitioning, imaging, and multi-booting. Compatible with all Windows versions (9x/Me/NT/2000/XP/2003/Vista/Servers). Copying and moving of partitions/volumes. Create over 200 primary partitions. BootitBM is an updated version of Bootit NG. Compatible with all Windows versions (9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP, 2003, Vista, 2008, 7, 8, 10, Servers). Compatible with x64 (AMD64/EM64T) and Windows 64bit OS. Supports MBR, EMBR and GPT type partitioning. Create over 200 primary partitions on EMBR disks.						
	Comments from quick test:	Nice GUI interface. EMBR structure allows >4 primary partitions. Excellent partition manager. Partn hiding. Builds a different boot profile for each OS. Shareware product with a 30 day trial (but seems to continue indefinitely).						
	Impression:	Good option for booting >4 OS on 1 HD						
	Versions: Various (see folder)							

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-T-	BootitNG	Shareware	1.87	May 2008	Yes	_Bootitng_1-87_2009_setup.zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20080703164415/http://terabyteunlimited.com/bootitng.html
	BootitBM (Bare Metal)	Shareware	1.88	Apr 2023	Yes	BootIT_Bare_Metal_Collection_1.88_Trial.zip	https://www.terabyteunlimited.com/bootit-bare-metal/

4 Boot-US – 7 versions **Excellent**

Info provided in install or zip file: Boot-US is an universal boot manager. It allows you to use easily all your existing operating systems completely independent of one another. The boot manager can be comfortably installed directly under Windows.

Comments from quick test: DOS command line setup for w9x. V3..2.2 can also be installed on Windows 2000 for a GUI experience but versions from 3.8.4 only install on Windows XP and up (which limits usage for w9x only systems – the DOS version must be used). Good config options. Boot manager can be written to floppy for testing. Boot manager screen is text based. Excellent command line version for DOS bare metal setups. Partition management limited to basic partition properties. Free version is fully functional except for true hide feature. CMD line version must be used for bare metal installs. The best documentation I've seen of any boot manager. CMD line version also has excellent built in help.

Impression: Very good, best documentation I've seen

Versions:

-T-	Boot-US	Shareware	2.18	Feb 2010	Basic	BootUs_2.18_w9x-10_(2010).zip	https://www.boot-us.de/eng/
-T-	Boot-US	Shareware	3.2.2	Apr 2014	Basic	BootUs_3.2.2_eng_install_Last_w9x-2K.exe	
	Boot-US	Shareware	3.8.4	Oct 2018	Basic	BootUs_3.8.4_XP-10_eng_install.exe	
	Boot-US	Shareware	3.8.4	Oct 2018	Basic	BootUs_3.8.4_XP-10_eng_install_x64.exe	
	Boot-US	Shareware	3.96	Nov 2021	Basic	BootUs_3.96_w9x-11_x32-64_setup.zip	
	Boot-US	Shareware	4.0.3	Jul 2022	Basic	bootus403_eng_install_x32.exe	
	Boot-US	Shareware	4.0.3	Jul 2022		bootUs_4.0.3_eng_install_x64.exe	
-T-	Boot-US	Shareware	4.1.0	Jun 2023	Basic	bootus410_eng_install_x32.exe	
	Boot-US	Shareware	4.1.0	Jun 2023		bootus410_eng_install_x64.exe	
	Boot-US - DOS CMD line version	Shareware	1.5.0	Nov 2000	Basic	BootUs_CMD_Line_1.5.0_16bit_DOS_Only.zip	
-T-	Boot-US - DOS CMD line version	Shareware	2.1.8	Feb 2010	Basic	BootUs_CMD_Line_2.1.8_16bit_DOS-WIN.zip	
	Boot-US - DOS CMD line version	Shareware	3.9.6	Nov 2021	Basic	BootUs_CMD_Line_3.9.6_32bit_DOS-WIN.zip	
	Boot-US - DOS CMD line version	Shareware	4.1.0	Feb 2023	Basic	BootUs_CMD_Line_4.1.0_32bit_DOS-WIN.zip	

5 Ranish Partition + Boot Mgr **Very good**

Info provided in install or zip file: Partition and boot manager that handles up to 31 partitions. An interesting feature is that the .zip files for 2.40 and 2.44 include a simulator for testing. The partition tool can also resize FAT partitions (try that in Windows).

Comments from quick test: Text based interface with a nice boot manager screen. Auto detect OS, hide partitions. Worked well for me. Partition management has lots of options but can be a little non-intuitive for GUI users. Good to see that the product is again being updated and more features added.

Impression: Good boot manager and thorough partn tool

Versions:

	Ranish Partition + Boot Mgr	Freeware	2.37	Sep 1998	Yes	ST_Ranish_Partn-Boot_Mgr_2.37_(1998) - No Simulator_(part237).zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20011205123439/http://www.users.intercom.com/~ranish/part/
	Ranish Partition + Boot Mgr	Freeware	2.40	Feb 2001	Yes	_Ranish_Partn-Boot_Mgr_2.40_(2001) - Includes Simulator_(part240).zip	
-T-	Ranish Partition + Boot Mgr	Freeware	2.44	June 2002	Yes	_Ranish_Partn-Boot_Mgr_2.44_(2002) - Includes Simulator_(part244).zip	
-T-	Ranish (Revived)	Freeware	2.90.15	Mar 2023	Yes	_Ranish_Partn_Mgr_Revived_v2.90.15_2023.zip	* Ranish updated 2023 by Bernd Böckmann: https://codeberg.org/boeckmann/ranish

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6 GAG Graphical Boot Manager		Very Good				
Info provided in install or zip file:		Allows boot of up to 9 different operating systems. It can boot operating systems installed in primary and extended partitions on any available hard disk. Can be installed from nearly all operating systems. GAG doesn't need its own partition. It installs itself in the first track of the hard disk.				
Comments from quick test:		90's GUI with buttons to select OS. Good config options. Up to 9 OS can be booted. Uninstall option. Can hide partns. Can install to floppy or HD. Worked fine for me.				
Impression:		Simple, works well & the 90's GUI matches w9x				
Versions:						
-T-	GAG	Freeware	4.1	Aug 2008	No	GAG_Boot_Loader_4-10.zip https://gag.sourceforge.net/index.html
7 Paragon – 2 versions		Very good				
Info provided in install or zip file:		Boots different operating systems from the same partition and/or from different primary partitions. Each operating system can be protected from booting by password. 100% protection from boot viruses. Boot Manager can disinfect your Master Boot Record from bootvirus. Different primary/logical partitions can be hidden or unhidden for specific operating system. Different operating system configurations can be created for one physical installation of OS.				
Comments from quick test:		Text interface, good config options. Worked well for me, no issues. No restrictions apparent. Thought I'd seen this interface before and it turns out this is the old 7Tools product (that I only have the demo version of).				
Impression:		Worked fine, didn't notice any restrictions				
Versions:						
	Paragon Boot Manager	Shareware	5.0	Jun 2001	No	Paragon_BootManager_5.0_2001_English.zip http://old-dos.ru/index.php?page=files&mode=files&do=show&id=100027
-T-	Paragon Advanced Boot Mgr	Shareware	5.5	Oct 2005	No	Paragon_Advanced_BootManager_5.5_2005_English.zip https://web.archive.org/web/20050204165209/http://www.paragon-gmbh.com/f_bm.htm
8 Acronis OS Selector – 4 versions		Very good				
Info provided in install or zip file:		Supports a vast amount of operating systems including DR-DOS, MS-DOS, PC-DOS, PTS-DOS, Windows 9x/ME, Windows NT/2000/XP, OS/2, Linux, FreeBSD, SUN Solaris, SCO Unix, BeOS etc. Can be installed on any FAT16/FAT32 partition, including a separate partition that is unavailable to any other operating system. Supports booting from floppies right from the Boot Menu. Automatically detects operating systems both on primary and logical partitions of all the hard disks that can be accessed through BIOS. Supports several operating systems on one FAT16/FAT32 partition.				
Comments from quick test:		Nice GUI interface. Detects all installed OS's in partns, not just MBR, and adds them to the boot menu. Worked well for me. No restrictions apparent. Includes a partition manager.				
Impression:		Nice interface, didn't notice any restrictions				
Versions:						
	Acronis BootWizard Pro	Trial	4.0	June 2001	Yes	_Acronis_BootWizard_Pro_4.0_(2002_on_PTS_BootWizard).exe
-T-	Acronis OS Selector	Feature Limited	5.0 SE	Feb 2002	Yes	Acronis OS Selector 5.0 SE_(FEB_2002).img http://old-dos.ru/index.php?page=files&mode=files&do=show&id=8553
	Acronis OS Selector	Commercial	8.0	Nov 2003	Yes	acronis-os-selector_v8.0_setup.exe http://old-dos.ru/index.php?page=files&mode=files&do=show&id=8553
	Acronis OS Selector	Commercial	11.0	Jul 2010	Yes	Acronis OS Selector 11.0.216_setup.exe ??
9 BootIT Direct Multi Boot Utility		Very Good				
Info provided in install or zip file:		Terabyte Software - Boot from any partition or volume, on the fly partition/volume hiding, partition naming, create/delete partitions, and more.				
Comments from quick test:		Text based interface. Bit of a convoluted install process. Nice features – auto detect OS, auto or selective hide partns. Is also bundled with a DOS partition manager that can shrink FAT16/32 partitions (which is handy) as well as create partns. F1 Help available. Separate User Guide. Worked well for me. Shareware with a "must register" after 30 days condition.				
Impression:		Worked well, shareware, no restrictions apparent				
Versions:						
-T-	BootIT Direct	Shareware	1.15	Dec 1999	Yes	SAC_BootIT Direct v1.15 - Multi Boot Utility TByte (bitdrct).zip https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=18&l=B

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10 Smart Boot Manager – 3 versions		Very Good					
Info provided in install or zip file:		Smart BootManager is an os independent BootManager which has easy to use interface and many other features. The main goals of SBM are to be absolutely OS independent, flexible and full-featured. It has all of the features needed to boot a variety of OS.					
Comments from quick test:		Text based interface. Has installer/uninstaller. Easy config options. Auto detects OSs. Booted all OSs fine and also boots from floppy and CD. All options available from boot menu. Can hide and set partitions active before booting. No partition manager.					
Impression:		Nice text based interface, hello 1994					
Versions:							
	Smart Boot Manager	Freeware	3.6R4	2001	No	Smart_Boot_Mgr_3.6R4_DOS_(2001).exe	* Not on Sourceforge
	Smart Boot Manager	Freeware	3.7	2001	No	Smart_Boot_Mgr_3.7_(2001).exe	https://sourceforge.net/projects/btmgr/
-T-	Smart Boot Manager	Freeware	3.7.1	Feb 2001	No	Smart_Boot_Mgr_3.7_(2001).exe	https://sourceforge.net/projects/btmgr/
** Good x10 **							
11 Extended Fdisk		Good					
Info provided in install or zip file:		eXtended FDisk, or short XFdisk, is a free DOS FDISK replacement that offers more comfort and comes with a boot manager that allows you to have more than one operating system installed on your hard disk. With XFdisk you can partition your hard disk or install and configure the boot manager, which will be located in the first 17 sectors of your first hard disk. The boot manager will not occupy an own partition, so you can fully use the four available primary partitions per hard disk. If you choose to have an extended partition with logical drives on your hard disk, XFdisk transparently manages the extended partition for you. So you don't need to worry about the size of the extended partition any more. Of course, XFdisk and the boot manager support more than one hard disk and even booting from logical drives.					
Comments from quick test:		Nice text based interface and boot manager. Partition manager works OK and is simpler than Ranish (for example). Auto detects partns and can hide partns. F1 provides very minimal help – suffers from lack of documentation.					
Impression:		Good, but more documentation would help					
Versions:							
-T-	Extended Fdisk	Freeware	0.93	Sep 2001	Yes	98SE_Boot_FD_+XFdisk.img 98SE_Boot_CD_+XFdisk.iso Extended_Fdisk_0-93_EN.zip	https://www.mecronome.de/xfdisk/index.php
12 Airboot – 3 versions		Good					
Info provided in install or zip file:		Air-Boot is a track0 Boot Manager. That means it is stored at the very start of the disk, just after the Master Boot Record. Air-Boot is also an interactive Boot Manager, which means it presents a list of Operating Systems in a menu from which the user can select one to boot. Because AirBoot is written in (neat and compact) Assembler, it is small enough to fit in the track0 space.					
Comments from quick test:		Text based interface. Good config options. Worked fine for me with w31, 95, 98, 2000. Would not uninstall though so it was fdisk /mbr time.					
Impression:		Worked well, except for the uninstall error					
Versions:							
	Air-Boot Track0 Boot Manager	Freeware	1.05	Mar 2006	No	AiR-BOOT_1.05_EN.zip	https://sourceforge.net/projects/air-boot/
-T-	Air-Boot Track0 Boot Manager	Freeware	1.06	May 2009	No	AiR-BOOT_1.06_EN.zip	
	Air-Boot Track0 Boot Manager	Freeware	1.1.4	Nov 2017	No	AirBoot-v1.1.4-bin.zip	https://trac.netlabs.org/air-boot
13 MBM - Multiple Boot Manager		Good					
Info provided in install or zip file:		The boot manager is a low-level system control program to select/boot one of the installed OSs. MBM is a boot management program and distributed as an Open Source Software (GNU GPL). MBM has following features: * It can select a boot partition with boot menu at boot up. * Supports drive size of up to 2TB and can boot from the partitions in the 2nd or later drive and logical partitions. (Depends on each OS) * No partition is required to install the boot manager itself. * Supports up to four physical drives. (Must be recognized by BIOS)					
Comments from quick test:		Text based interface. Minimal config options although it has a basic partition editor. No uninstall option. Worked fine for me and booted all Windows. Has custom menu option.					
Impression:		Worked fine, fairly spartan interface					
Versions:							

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-T- MBM - Multiple Boot Manager Freeware 0.39 Oct 2008 Basic MBM_Multiple_Boot_Manager_0.39.zip http://elm-chan.org/fsw/mbm/mbm_e.html

14 MattSoft – 3 versions Good

Info provided in install or zip file: Boot manager is program which allow you to use, install and manage many operating systems on a single PC machine. There are dozens of bootmanagers which allow you to do this, but they can't do some things which this program can. The primary design goals of MBTMGR are speed, small size, full customisation and ability to boot nearly everything. Please note that this program is not for computer beginners. You must have at least basic knowledge of operating systems, disks and hardware.

Comments from quick test: Text based interface, good config options. Booted all OS OK, plus floppy. Has uninstaller. Note that in the config the "set active" option must be selected or Windows versions will error.

Impression: Worked fine, uninstaller is nice to have

Versions:

-T-	Mattsoft Boot Manager – w9x-NT	Freeware	1.19f	Feb 2000	No	MattSoft_Boot_Mgr_1.19f_w95x-NT_Fware.zip	http://martin.hinner.info/mbtmgr/
-T-	Mattsoft Boot Manager – DOS	Freeware	1.19g	Apr 2000	No	MattSoft_Boot_Mgr_1.19g_DOS_Fware.zip	
	Mattsoft Boot Manager – w9x-NT	Freeware	1.19g	Apr 2000	No	MattSoft_Boot_Mgr_1.19g_w95x-NT_Fware.exe	

15 BOOTMGR_multi-BOOT_ManageR Good

Info provided in install or zip file: With BOOTMGR loader, a pseudo-graphical menu is displayed on the screen and you can select (using cursor keys) which OS you want to load. BOOTMGR offers you also an option to boot from a floppy diskette in your A: drive. This is particularly useful if your System BIOS allows you to select the boot device (as most 486 and newer BIOSes do). If you have multiple hard disks with multiple operating systems, you can also select to boot from the other disks, but this option works differently than setting the first boot device to D: (HD2) in a typical BIOS Setup: BOOTMGR cannot transparently interchange drive numbers. For maximum compatibility with existing software, the BOOTMGR loader fits entirely in the Master Boot Record and does not occupy nor overwrite any additional disk space.

Comments from quick test: I rather like this one – simple text based interface with good config options. Includes MBR save and restore functions. Good documentation. Worked fine for me.

Impression: Worked well – text interface is very 1980's

Versions:

-T-	BOOTMGR Multi-Boot ManaGeR	Freeware	2008	Mar 2008	No	BOOTMGR_multi-BOOT_ManageR_(3_OS).zip	https://www.btrr-software.de/products/bootmgr/
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16 Boot Manager Plus Good

Info provided in install or zip file: From the documentation in the installer – Boot Manager Plus can load up to 16 OS from one or more drives. Can also load OS from extended partition (if OS supports this). Has uninstaller. Installs to MBR (Easy and Standard install) or to HD (Full install). Will automatically detect installed OSs. Supports DOS, w9x, NT.

Comments from quick test: Text based interface. Simple install. Reasonable options including partn hiding and activating. Worked fine for me – auto-detected and booted DOS, 95, 98, XP on 1 HD with no issues. The uninstaller also worked fine. Also has context sensitive Help on the setup options.

Impression: OS detect worked fine, simple setup options

Versions:

-T-	Boot Manager Plus	Freeware	1.42	Mar 1997	No	SAC_Boot Manager Plus v1.42_(bmp142).zip	https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=18&l=
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17 MBLDR – 2 versions Good

Info provided in install or zip file: mblldr is yet another boot loader which fits into first sector of an HDD (MBR). It allows to choose which partition to boot and is intended to replace an MBR coming with DOS/Windows (fdisk /mbr). It may boot OSes above 1024cyl, Linux/BSD are also supported. mblldr is based on OS Boot Select (OS-BS) by Thomas wolfRAM.

Comments from quick test: Both the DOS and Windows versions worked well for me. The DOS version has a good help text which helps the process. The Windows version (w2000 up) has a nice GUI with good setup options (can make the selected partn active and hide other partns). No partn manager. The text boot menu could benefit from a little embellishment though.

Impression: Worked well, good setup, hides partns

Versions:

-T-	MBLDR - Master Boot LoaDeR – DOS	Freeware	1.46	Dec 2008	No	mblldr_(Master Boot LoaDeR)_DOS_146.zip	https://sourceforge.net/projects/mblldr/
-T-	MBLDR - Master Boot LoaDeR – WIN	Freeware	1.46	Dec 2008	No	mblldr_(Master Boot LoaDeR)_WIN_146.zip	

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18 Symon – 3 versions

Good

Info provided in install or zip file: Includes partition manager. Supports 36 partitions and 20 OS can be booted : SyMon can boot up to 20 operating systems. You can arrange OSeS either to be hidden from each other or to share some file systems for data exchange. Additionally, plugins can extend menu items up to 150. Every OS which can be booted using standard MBR loader (e.g. produced by fdisk /mbr) can also be booted using SyMon. Besides that, SyMon enables you to boot from floppy, other hard drives and CD-ROM.

Comments from quick test: Text based interface. Automatically finds installed OSs and adds to the boot menu. Simple config options. Includes partition editor but the operation is rather non-intuitive. Couldn't find an option to hide partns. Has an uninstall option. Worked well for me. Will also boot from floppy. 40 day trial – after this there's a 15s boot delay. Allows for up to 36 partns using a proprietary extended MBR – on boot Symon will search for OSs installed in all partitions and update the boot menu. Changes to these partns must be done using Symon's partn editor. I could live with the 15s boot delay after the 40 day trial.

Impression:

Worked fine for me, didn't try the EMBR option

Versions:

Symon Boot Manager	40 Day Trial	2 Lite	Jun 2000	Yes	symon2-eng-lite.zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20160314015342/http://symon.ru/usr/eng/about.shtml
Symon Boot Manager	40 Day Trial	2 Pro	Jun 2000	Yes	symon2-eng-prof.zip	* After the trial period there's a 15s wait to boot
-T- Symon Boot Manager	40 Day Trial	3.21	Jan 2005	Yes	SyMon.ver.3.21.00.English_(2005).zip	

19 MasterBooter – 5 versions

Good

Info provided in install or zip file: Capability of booting from any harddisk's any partition. Compatibility with many operating systems. Win9x/ME, WinNT/2000/XP, MS-DOS, Novell DOS, Caldera DR-DOS, IBM DOS, OpenDOS, PTS-DOS. Dynamic hiding of primary FAT, NTFS/HPFS partitions. Optional floppy boot support. Up to 8 operating systems on a single computer without the hassle of boot disks (3 in the shareware version).

Comments from quick test: Text based interface, straightforward config. Shareware version only allows 3 OS + floppy boot. Worked fine for me. No uninstall option. Bundled with eFdisk as a partn manager.

Impression:

If you only boot 3 OS this could be OK for you

Versions:

MasterBooter	Shareware	2.7	Jan 1999	Yes	Garbo_Master Booter v2.7_+Partn_Mgr_(mrboot27).zip	http://ftp.icm.edu.pl/pub/garbo/pc/bootutil/
MasterBooter	Shareware	3.2	Dec 2001	Yes	ST_Master Booter v3.2_+Partn_Mgr_SW3_(mrboot32).zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20020126233615/http://www.masterbooter.com/
MasterBooter	Shareware	3.3	Nov 2003	Yes	ST_Master Booter v3.3_+Partn_Mgr_SW3_(mrboot33).zip	
MasterBooter	Shareware	3.5	Apr 2008	Yes	SAC_Master Booter v3.5_+Partn_Mgr_SW3_(mrboot35).zip	
-T- MasterBooter	Shareware	3.7	Oct 2010	Yes	Master Booter v3.7_+Partn_Mgr_(SW3_RG8_Partns).zip	See also:
-T- Released as Open Source Sep 2018:	Open Source	3.7	Sep 2018	Yes		https://github.com/nagydjol/masterbooter

20 OS-BS OS Boot Select – 2 versions

Good

Info provided in install or zip file: OS Boot Select (os-bs) is a replacement of the ordinary master boot program for "PC"-compatible computers. It provides a customizable boot menu with a timeout and the ability to automatically set the active partition before booting. This avoids boot problems with some UNIX systems. Unlike the OS/2 boot manager's it only requires the 512 byte of the master boot sector (sector 0) and some additional sectors which can be anywhere on the disk (see below!) but no separate 1MB partition. OS Boot Select comes with an installation program running under DOS. The boot menu is quite similar (but different) like the OS/2 boot manager. It is also able to boot operating systems from so called "Extended Partitions" (that means from "logical drives" inside Extended Partitions")

Comments from quick test: Text based interface. Easy config options. Includes MBR backup and Uninstall option. Can also flag booted partition as Active . Worked well for me with DOS, w95, 98 and W2000.

Impression:

Worked well, interface is text trying to be GUI

Versions:

OS-BS OS Boot Select	Freeware	1.35	1993	No	OS-BS_1.35_OS-Boot_Select_FW_(1993).exe	https://mirror.its.dal.ca/freebsd/tools/
-T- OS-BS OS Boot Select	Freeware	2.0b8	1994	No	OS-BS_2.0b8_OS-Boot_Select_FW_(1994).exe	https://web.archive.org/web/20000817004550/http://www.prz.tu-berlin.de:80/~wolf/os-bs.html

* Note there are 2 OS-BS versions in this self extracting file:
OS-BS.com is v1.35 and has the text file Readme.135
OSBS20b8.exe is v2.0b8 and has the text file Readme.1st

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** OK / So-So x10 **

21 MbiRa/MBRBM Boot Manager **OK**

Info provided in install or zip file: MbiRa - This is a boot manager that can be installed in the first sector of an HDD (the sector is known as the Master Boot Record or MBR) that can automatically boot an OS (like MS-DOS, FreeDOS, Windows 9x/Me/2000/XP) from one of the four disk partitions or let the user intervene and manually choose which partition to boot from. MbiRa implements most of what's known as "modern standard MBR" in Master boot record.

Why this? Why now, some 25 years too late? Well, it turns out, some are still using old technology and even my BootProg boot loader, which is also single-sector. In order to fix some bugs and limitations in BootProg and be able to test the changes quickly I needed something like MbiRa and so I wrote it (the one existing similar boot manager I'd tried before, mbrbm, hadn't quite cut it (no LBA support, no update of the active partition in the MBR, somewhat confusing UI)). It's also a fun coding exercise.

Comments from quick test: Minimalist in size and GUI – a boot mgr in 512 bytes. MbiRa is the better of the two and booted DOS, 95, 98, W2000 just fine (MBRBM only booted DOS). Manual install though.

Impression: Minimal yet functional, manual install may deter

Versions:

-T-	MBRBM Boot Manager	Freeware	1.1	2007	No	MBR_Boot_Mgr_1.1_Max_4_Partns_2007.zip	https://sourceforge.net/projects/mbrbm/
-T-	MbiRa Boot Manager	Freeware	-	2023	No	MBR_Boot_Mgr_1.1_Updated_as_MbiRa.zip	https://github.com/alexfru/MbiRa

22 BootLDR **OK**

Info provided in install or zip file: BOOTLDR - simple MBR boot loader which allows booting from any valid partition. Once installed when the computer is booted, the valid partitions will be listed. Pressing the appropriate function key (F1-F4) will boot the specified partition. Pressing Enter or waiting 5 seconds will boot the active partition (indicated by an asterisk). Pressing A will attempt to boot from the first floppy drive. Unrecognized partitions types are listed as ? but may still be booted. Extended partitions (types 05 and 0F) are skipped as these are not bootable by convention.

Comments from quick test: It doesn't get any simpler than this. BootLDR displays a text list of partitions to boot. Auto detects OS with no config options. Has an installer and save MBR function, although MBR restore is a manual process. Worked OK for me.

Impression: Another minimal approach, worked fine for me

Versions:

-T-	BootLDR	Freeware	-	2022	No	BOOTLDR_2013.ZIP	https://web.archive.org/web/20220118094149/https://sites.google.com/site/pcdosretro/bootldr
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23 XORboot – 11 versions **OK**

Info provided in install or zip file: The XorBoot bootloader is the development of the author of the most popular BOOTICE utility and. Initially, the software was called XORLDR, which you can also download from the USBDev.ru portal, but then the author probably rebranded it. Compatible with all common file systems such as: FAT, FAT32, NTFS, exFAT, CDFS and UDF. Allows you to connect loaders such as: NTLDR, BOOTMGR, GRLDR/WEE63/GRUB2, LDLINUX.BIN, PLOP and disk images. A feature of a particular bootloader is that it is extremely small and completely installed in the MBR entry. Allows you to organize a graphical menu, with the ability to assign to each menu item its own color and hotkey. After version v0.73, the developer changed the name of the utility to XorBootC v0.80 to highlight the versions supported by UEFI BIOS. But then, apparently, he decided to radically change the numbering and began to name them as XorBootU.

Comments from quick test: Huge range of boot options, but no documentation. Must install to Windows 2K and up so not useful for w9x or bare metal installs. No uninstall option or MBR restore option - so if it goes south, it's back to a boot disk and fdisk /mbr. Worked OK for me. Definitely not a boot manager for beginners and there are much simpler and more effective ones.

Impression: OK – but no uninstall/restore MBR options or documentation

Versions:

-T-	XORboot (Has to install from Windows – XP+)	Freeware	0.60 – 0.74	various	No	XORBOOT_v0.60.2012.03.12.rar Through to XORBOOT_v0.74.2016.01.20.rar	https://www.usbdev.ru/files/xorboot/
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24 MSTboot – 2 versions **OK**

Info provided in install or zip file: MSTBOOT 4.0 allows to access up to 12 operating systems stored on hard disk or floppy. A partitioning of the storage media is not required any more. Right after switching on or resetting the computer a boot manager will be activated enabling the user to choose between the available operating systems. The installation and system adaption of the boot manager can be carried out with a user-friendly dialogue program with online help under DOS.

Comments from quick test: Text based interface. Reasonable config options including partn hiding. A rather convoluted 2 stage setup. Worked fine for me. Auto detected all OS. Includes user guide.

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Impression:	Works OK but has a rather convoluted setup					
Versions:						
MSTboot	Freeware	4.0	Jul 1998	No	ST_MSTboot v4.0_(1998) - 12 Partns_(mstbt400).zip	http://ftp.icm.edu.pl/pub/dos/simtelnet/bootutil/
-T- MSTboot (Updated)	Freeware	4.2	Jan 2002	No	SAC_MSTBOOT v4.2 (2002) - 12 Partns_(mstboot).zip	https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=18&l=M
25 PQ Boot Magic – 4 versions	OK					
Info provided in install or zip file:	Boot Magic is a bootloader included with Partition Magic that allows you to boot multiple operating systems on a single computer. Every time you start or restart your computer, the BootMagic bootloader will show you a menu of bootable operating systems.					
Comments from quick test:	Nice GUI interface. Could only get this to install under w98 and not DOS. Worked well for me, no issues. Needs a serial number for the install though.					
Impression:	OK only – because it needs a serial nbr to install					
Versions:						
BootMagic	Shareware	1.0	Sep 1998	YES	(Partition PQ_BootMagic.ver.1.0_1998_English.rar Magic)	http://old-dos.ru/index.php?page=files&mode=files&do=show&id=1450
-T- BootMagic	Shareware	1.0	Sep 2015	Yes	PQ_Boot_Magic_v1.0_1998 - 2015_Update.zip	* Re-packaged v1.0 with additional software.
BootMagic	Shareware	7.01	Nov 2001	Yes	PQ_BootMagic.ver.7.01_2001_English.rar	
BootMagic	Shareware	8.0	Oct 2002	Yes	PQ_BootMagic.ver.8.0_2002_English.rar	
Partition Magic + Boot Magic	Shareware	4.0	Sep 1998	Yes	PQ_PartitionMagic_4.0_+BootMagic_1998.iso	
Partition Magic + Boot Magic	Shareware	7.01	Aug 2001	Yes	PQ_PartitionMagic_7.0_+BootMagic_2001_ISO.7z	
26 PsychTechSoft (PTS) – 4 versions	OK					
Info provided in install or zip file:	PhysTechSoft BootWizard is the powerful boot manager. You can install on your PC Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, Windows 2000, DOS, OS/2, Linux, BeOS etc. and switch between them when booting. PhysTechSoft BootWizard Pro includes partition manager.					
Comments from quick test:	Interface like Acronis (Acronis bought this product in 2001 for their boot mgr). Works well – but the trial version has a 60s delay before the GUI appears. Use Acronis instead.					
Impression:	OK only – the 60s boot delay is problematic					
Versions:						
PsychTechSoft BootWizard	Trial	3.1	Nov 1998	No	PTS Boot Wizard_1998_Maybe_3.1.zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20001012043421/http://www.phystechsoft.com/en/index.html
PsychTechSoft BootWizard	Trial	4.0	Sep 2000	No	PhysTechSoft_BootWizard_4.0_2000_(Unreg_has_60s_delay).	
-T- PsychTechSoft BootWizard Pro	Trial	4.0	Aug 2000	No	PhysTechSoft_BootWizard_Pro_4.0_2000_(Unreg_has_60s_delay).exe	
Acronis BootWizard Pro	Trial	4.0	Jun 2001	No	Acronis_BootWizard_Pro_4.0_(Acronis_from_2001).exe	* Became Acronis BootWizard from 2001
27 System Commander – 6 versions	OK					
Info provided in install or zip file:	With System Commander 2000, you can now have multiple operating systems on a single PC. Before any operating system starts, a menu of selections will appear. Simply select the operating system you want, and System Commander 2000 takes care of the rest! This makes the migration to a new operating system much easier and less risky, by allowing you to keep your current reliable operating system. Management of over 100 different operating systems in primary and logical partitions, the ability to boot from floppy drives A and B, or through specific master boot records. Management of up to 32 different FAT compatible operating systems in a single primary DOS partition, including different DOS versions, Windows 95/98, Windows NT/2000, and OS/2.					
Comments from quick test:	Nice text based interface, very comprehensive config options. Works well, no issues. Needs a serial number for the install. No partition manager.					
Impression:	OK only – because it needs a serial nbr to install					
Versions:						
System Commander	Commercial	2.26	Jan 1996	No	System Commander 2.26 Sn (3.5-1.44mb).7z	https://winworldpc.com/product/system-commander/2x
System Commander	Commercial	2.27	Feb 1996	No	System Commander 2.27 (3.5-1.44mb).7z	
-T- System Commander	Commercial	3.09	Aug 1997	No	System Commander 3.09 (3.5-1.44mb).7z	
System Commander	Commercial	4.0	Nov 1997	No	System Commander Deluxe 4.0 (3.5-1.44mb).7z	

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System Commander	Commercial	5.05	Jan 2001	No	System Commander 2000 Sn (5.05).7z	https://winworldpc.com/product/system-commander/2000-5x
System Commander 8.1	Commercial	8.1	-	No	SYS_CMDR_8.1_+update_8.2+serial_(VW).rar	https://vetusware.com/download/V-Com%20System%20Commander%208.1%20with%208.2%20patch_%208.1/?id=15924

28 BootStar (StarTools) – 3 versions OK

Info provided in install or zip file: Boot from any hard disk, floppy and from CD-ROM. Unlimited support of all operating and all file systems. Unique extension from 4 up to 15 primary partitions (operating systems). Several DOS / Windows Versions (95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP) parallel on one or several hard disks. Distinctive security features for entire partitions using passwords and "true" hiding. Two Programs: for DOS and for Windows 95/98/ME/NT/2000/XP.

Comments from quick test: Text based interface. Good config options. Worked fine for me with w31, 95, 98, 2000. Has uninstall option. Unsure if it has a partn manager. Unregistered version has a startup delay.

Impression: OK only – because it needs a serial nbr to install

Versions:

BootStar Boot Manager	30 Day Trial	8.15	Oct 2002	Yes	BootStar_Boot_Mgr_8.15_2002.zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20050305113201/http://www.star-tools.com/bootstar/english/
BootStar Boot Manager	30 Day Trial	8.29	Oct 2005	Yes	BootStar_Boot_Mgr_8.29_15_Partns_Shareware.zip	* After the trial there's a cumulative 1s delay (so 3 mths = 90s)
-T- BootStar Boot Manager	30 Day Trial	8.30	Oct 2005	Yes	BootStar_Boot_Mgr_8.30_15_Partns_Shareware.zip	

29 Partition Boot Mgr SA – 4 versions OK

Info provided in install or zip file: Supports up to 256 operating systems on a single hard drive. PBM can be configured to startup and wait for a user selection, or timeout and boot the last or a specific partition. PBM can also be configured to be absolutely silent so the user is complete unaware that PBM is running. Partitions Menu allows management of the installed operating systems. The user interface is a menu and dialog driven interface that is easy to use. Full mouse support is included.

Comments from quick test: PBM must install on it's own partition at the start of the HD which means you lose 1 partn. However PBM can create up to 256 partns using it's own extended MBR structure and if you choose that option you can only use their partn editor. Text based interface. No boot from floppy or CD option. Good config options including hide partns. Has an uninstaller. The SW version has 30m delay after 30 days and as the maker SA Development disappeared a few years ago you'll never get a license for it. There are better options around.

Impression: OK only because it needs a serial, else 30m wait

Versions:

Partition Boot Manager	30 Day Trial	1.02e	Jan 2003	Yes	Partition_Boot_Mgr_1.02e_setup.iso	https://web.archive.org/web/20030811081125/http://www.sadevelopment.com:80/more_download.htm
Partition Boot Manager	30 Day Trial	1.03	Aug 2003	Yes	Partition_Boot_Mgr_1.03_setup.iso	* After the trial period there's a 30m wait to boot
Partition Boot Manager	30 Day Trial	1.07	Jun 2005	Yes	Partition_Boot_Mgr_1.07_setup.iso	See also:
-T- Partition Boot Manager	30 Day Trial	1.08	Dec 2007	Yes	Partition_Boot_Mgr_1.08_setup.iso	https://softwiki.net/Partition_Boot_Manager.html

30 Bootmenu So-So

Info provided in install or zip file: Graphical boot manager – no documentation. Developed by Idlers Software.

Comments from quick test: Very simple setup and text based boot menu. After install would boot 95, 98 and 2000 but not DOS or floppy. No MBR save or uninstall option.

Impression: So-So – because of the refusal to boot DOS

Versions:

-T- Bootmenu	Freeware	1.1	Dec 1994	No	bootmenu.ver.1.1.English_(1994).rar	http://old-dos.ru/index.php?page=files&mode=files&do=show&id=3375
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**** Poor / Unusable x20 ****

31 PLOP (aka the eye strain GUI) – Poor

Poor

Info provided in install or zip file: Plop Boot Manager is a small program to boot different operating systems. The boot manager has a built-in ide cdrom and usb driver to access that hardware without the help/need of a bios. You can boot the operating systems from hard disk, floppy, CD/DVD or from USB. You can start the boot manager from floppy, CD, network and there are many more ways to start the boot manager. You can install the boot manager on your hard disk. There is no extra partition required for the boot manager.

Comments from quick test: I really wanted to like this one as it has some very nice features such as boot from USB/CD but the quirky interface with strange font and green on black made it virtually unusable. It has probably the most un-intuitive GUI I've ever encountered to setup the boot options. I could not get it to display a list of the 4 partitions on the disk to choose which one to boot no matter what, and it steadfastly refused to boot anything other than the first partition with DOS. The quirky font and the small green text just added to the poor experience. The documentation, while plentiful, is unhelpful. It's in the style of "the widget box is the widget box". And I'm not going to go into the process of choosing which one of 7 .exe files, 4 image files or 2 batch files to use for whatever. I gave up on this one after 2 hours. Unusable for me.

Impression: Poor, as visually usability is an absolute mess

Versions:

-T-	Plop Boot Manager	Freeware	5.0.15	Feb 2015	No	Plop_plpbt-5.0.15.zip	https://www.plop.at/en/bootmanager/intro.html
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32 Grub4DOS & Grub2WIN – various

Poor

Info provided in install or zip file: GRUB4DOS is an universal boot loader based on GNU GRUB. It can boot off DOS/LINUX, or via Windows boot manager/syslinux/lilo, or from MBR/CD. It also has builtin BIOS disk emulation, ATAPI CDROM driver, etc.

Grub2Win – Safely multiboot Windows and Linux systems on both GPT and MBR disks. Works with both EFI and BIOS firmware. Supports Windows 11, 10, 8, 7 and XP. Grub2Win boots native GNU Grub version 2.06 code. Everything is installed to a single 20 MB directory on your Windows C: drive. The install also copies a few small boot modules to your EFI partition. Automatically generates config files for PhoenixOS, Android, Ubuntu, Debian, Suse, Fedora, Manjaro, Mint, Clover and Windows.

Comments from quick test: Grub4DOS - I gave up on reading the manual for install instructions after several pages of mumbo-jumbo about makefile, chainload and bootlace. One for Linux fanboys only.

Grub2WIN – setup errored with an obscure "object" message during the Windows XP install – the only boot manager I've tested that wouldn't install. Much better options available.

Impression: Very problematic setups – there are much better alternatives.

Versions:

-T-	GRUB for DOS	Freeware	0.4.2	Dec 2006	No	grub_for_dos-0.4.2.zip	https://sites.google.com/site/grubdos/
	GRUB for DOS	Freeware	0.4.4	Apr 2009	No	grub4dos-0.4.4.zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20170206015522/https://gna.org/projects/grub4dos/
	GRUB for WIN	Freeware	-	Aug 2016	No	grub2win.zip	https://sourceforge.net/projects/grub2win/?
	GRUB for WIN	Freeware	-	Sep 2019	No	grub2win_Sep2019.zip	
-T-	GRUB for WIN	Freeware	-	Jun 2023	No	Grub2Win_Jun2023.zip	

33 Zboot Manager – Poor

Poor

Info provided in install or zip file: Sets up to 8 operating systems independently in one single hard disk, even multiple copies of same operating systems, or only one OS with different partition structure. Hides and unhide partitions easily. Easily shares partitions among operating systems. i.e. You can have same D:,E:... in Win98 and Win2K to share some data and software. Supports almost all kinds of systems, i.e. DOS, Windows 95/98/SE/ME/NT/2000/XP/Vista, Linux etc. And it's ready for disk size up to 2T(2000G). Can even boot DOS, Windows98,etc. from the 2nd hard disk. so you can still keep your old hard disk when a new hard disk is added.

Comments from quick test: Text based interface. Config options rather non-intuitive. Shareware has 2 OS limit for booting and 100s delay and nag on startup. Uninstall option, no partn mgr. Too restricted.

Impression: Not worth the effort as it's too restricted

Versions:

	Zboot Manager	Shareware	2.12c	Jan 2003	No	SAC_zBoot Manager v2.12c_(zbot212c).zip	https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=18&l=
-T-	Zboot Manager	Shareware	2.13	Nov 2003	No	zBoot Manager Version 2.13_(8_OS).zip	http://www.zbmssoft.com/index.html

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34	The Partitioner (+ Boot Menu)	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	The Partitioner is a utility designed to manage your hard disk's partition table, thus allowing you to boot from any partition. However, the Partitioner does much more than this. It provides hard disk virus protection, optional passwords, and guards against hard disk access when the computer is booted from a floppy disk.					
	Comments from quick test:	Text based interface. Setup worked without issues. A shareware program that's little more than a demo and only has 1 boot option to boot from partn 1. Much better free options.					
	Impression:	Not worth the effort as it's too restricted					
	Versions:						
-T-	The Partitioner	Shareware	-	Jul 1991	Yes	ST_The_Partitioner+Boot_Menu_1991_(partn10).zip	http://ftp.icm.edu.pl/pub/dos/simtelnet/diskutil/
35	MBR Boot Manager	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	Simple yet powerful Master Boot Record Boot manager that allows to select one of four primary partitions during the boot. Got tired with reinstalling Grub or other boot manager, that was overwritten by Windows? Now you can choose one of four primary partitions to boot with this tiny (512 bytes only) custom MBR. Windows, Linux, FreeDOS and any other bootable partitions are supported - Speeds up the boot process for your main OS - Supports multiple active partitions - Boot first active partition by default. If Shift is pressed during boot, a boot menu will appear - Use UP and DOWN arrows to choose partition in boot menu - Use Enter to select the partition you want to boot from - Use Esc to reboot your computer Easy to install, Uses only the first sector of disk (512 bytes), Absolutely free and open-source					
	Comments from quick test:	This is another MBR bin file that needs to be manually installed (Freedos – rename .bin file to "boot.mbr" and use fdisk /ambr 1 to update HD mbr). Menu only appears by pressing Shift during boot. Only DOS (active partn 1) would boot – trying to boot another Windows partn gets the usual 'enter path for command.com' as it's trying to boot from a non active partn and that confuses Windows – it could at least have set the boot partn to active by default. OK, it's probably a hobbyist project, but . . .					
	Impression:	Poor, as it only ever booted partn 1 DOS					
	Versions:						
-T-	MBR Boot Manager	Freeware	2.0	May 2017	No	MBR Boot Manager v2.0_(simply a MBR sector file).bin	https://github.com/egormkn/mbr-boot-manager
36	BOSS – Better OS Selector	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	BOSS is a boot manager. The advantage of BOSS is that it is completely configurable. You can also change the colors if you want, and you can add multiply entries for one OS. Up to 8 entries can be booted with this boot manager. BOSS has been tested and found working with the following OSes: Windows 95, Windows 98, MS-DOS 6.2, FreeBSD 2.2.5, Linux Redhat 5.0. Minimum system requirements - BOSS was written to run on any computer. Although it was untested, BOSS should work on even a XT. The minimum system BOSS was tested on was a 386.					
	Comments from quick test:	Text based interface. Minimal config options. Would only boot DOS (partn 1) - I suspect the manager not setting the boot partition selected to active may be the cause.					
	Impression:	Poor, as it only ever booted partn 1 DOS					
	Versions:						
-T-	BOSS – Better OS Selector	Freeware	1.1	Aug 1998	No	ST_BOSS_Better_OS_Selector_1.10_DOS_8_OS_(boss_110).zip	http://ftp.icm.edu.pl/pub/dos/simtelnet/bootutil/
37	Xboot – 3 versions	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	XBoot is an boot manager, it allow you to choose different drive to do boot after it run. It wait same secondes (you may config this), and after it load the hd boot automatically, have 2 options, ENTER and SPACE BAR, if ENTER is keypressed it call the Hard Disk, if you choose SPACE BAR, it call the default unit (Floppy, CD, etc). You put Xboot in Boot Sector (Master Boot Record), it's very simple - you may use the DEBUG program for this. (Really ??)					
	Comments from quick test:	Xboot v2.0 by EBCEEB 1996 – Could not get this to do anything. Following the install instructions to transfer it to floppy produced a floppy that wouldn't boot and was otherwise unreadable. It didn't help that the file in the install instructions wasn't in the zip file. Xboot v1.2 by Cardozo 2004 – Managed to write a boot sector to floppy using debug as outlined, but all that does is produce a bootable floppy that will either boot from partn 1 or a CD. And the point of all this was ??					
	Impression:	Poor, as it only ever booted partn 1 DOS					
	Versions:						
-T-	Xboot - c1996 by EBCEEB, Inc.	Freeware	2.0	Sep 1996	No	SAC_XBOOT v2.0 Multi-OS Booter_(xboot).zip	https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=18&l=X
	Xboot - 2003 by Dorival A. Cardozo	Freeware	1.0	Apr 2003	No		https://xboot.sourceforge.net/
-T-	Xboot - 2003 by Dorival A. Cardozo	Freeware	1.2	Jul 2004	No		

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38	Boot Manager 2.0 (by O'Razoff)	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	There's an info file in the zip in Russian. From the Old-DOS RU site: "Boot manager. Allows you to install up to four different operating systems on one disk."					
	Comments from quick test:	Well – it did find all 4 OS on the disk but would only boot DOS (possibly a set active issue). There may be some options to set the selected boot partn to active, but I'll never know.					
	Impression:	Could not resolve issues as it's in Russian					
	Versions:						
-T-	Boot Manager by O'Razoff	Freeware	2.0	Jan 1997	No	ODRU_BM.zip.ver.2.0.Russian_(oRazoff_1997).zip	http://old-dos.ru/index.php?page=files&mode=files&do=show&id=3947
39	BootEasy – 3 versions	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	This is a program, called BootEasy. It serves as a replacement for the ordinary master boot. It is very simple in installation, and quite intelligent in handling various types of partitions. BootEasy makes possible coexistence of several different operating systems on the same machine. At the boot time the short menu is displayed, and you can choose and load the required OS. You can also boot from second hard disk. Author: Serge Vakulenko, <vak@kia.su>					
	Comments from quick test:	DOS install, auto finds partns and adds them to the boot menu. Boot menu is text based and very simple. The doc says it marks the selected boot partn as active (which it did) - however, only DOS would boot. A glitch somewhere. Really not usable for multiboot. Same thing happened with v1.7.					
	Impression:	Poor – both versions only booted partn 1					
	Versions:						
	BootEasy	Freeware	1.4	Apr 1993	No	SAC_BootEasy v1.4 - Multi OS_1994_(bteasy14).zip	https://mirror.its.dal.ca/freebsd/tools/dist/
-T-	BootEasy	Freeware	1.7	Nov 1995	No	SAC_BootEasy v1.7 - Multi OS_1995_(bteasy17).zip	
-T-	BootEasy (Updated)	Freeware	1.7.1	Jun 2004	No	booteasy-1.7.1.tar.gz	https://www.dim13.org/simple-bootmanager
40	O.S. Boot Manager	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	This program can create easily a menu for boot different Operating Systems from your hard disk. Choose the partitions (the program shows them at right) you want to add to the menu in the order you want. (Note: if you have a LINUX partition, you must install LILO in that partition and force it to boot without confirmation). Finally, the button 'Save to MBR' installs the new boot manager in hard disk. You can restore the old boot manager with the button 'Restore MBR'.					
	Comments from quick test:	DOS based setup. Has an option to restore MBR – which does work. Simple setup options. Would only boot partn 1 DOS though – I suspect it isn't setting the OS to be booted to active. Not really usable.					
	Impression:	Poor, as it only ever booted partn 1 DOS					
	Versions:						
-T-	OS Boot Manager	Freeware	1.0	Mar 1998	No	SAC_OS Boot Mgr v1.0_(bmanager).zip	https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=18&l=B
41	LegendOS Boot Manager	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	This utility is a boot manager which allows you to select which operating system you want to use. Then it jumps to this operating system. LegendOS BM (Boot Manager) has a setup in which you can select operating systems which you use. Then you can save this options and BM code to your HDD by using this setup utility. It will be active at the next time you restart your computer and display a menu which consists all operating system you have selected. You can select any OS and press Enter key in this menu, or wait 5 seconds to start default OS automatically. You can also boot from floppy or restart/reset/reboot your system.					
	Comments from quick test:	Text based interface. Simple setup and config options. Unfortunately another one that would not boot any OS apart from DOS.					
	Impression:	Poor, as it only ever booted partn 1 DOS					
	Versions:						
-T-	LegendOS Boot Manager	Freeware	0.92	Jun 2000	No	SAC_Legend OS Boot Manager v0.92 - DOS_(losbm092).zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20000619183823/http://legendos.sitebest.com/
42	DocsBoot+	Poor					
	Info provided in install or zip file:	DocsBoot+ is a program which operates as a boot manager for systems with multiple operating systems in multiple partitions. It does not require repartitioning to install (though this assumes you have already partitioned your hard disc to make room these other operating systems). DocsBoot+ also takes little space on floppies and no normally usable space on hard discs.					

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Comments from quick test: Text based interface. 2 stage setup – create floppy drive boot image then use this to setup and install DocsBoot. Why do so many of these simple boot managers do this instead of just having the files to be copied to a floppy ? Has reasonable config options (set boot partn to active) and an uninstall option. No partition hiding. Would only boot partn 1 DOS though.

Impression:

Poor, as it only ever booted partn 1 DOS

Versions:

-T-	DocsBoot+	Freeware	0.40b	Aug 1996	No	SAC_DocsBoot+ v0.40beta - Boot Mgr_(dbp040b).zip	https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=18&l=D
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43 Partita 2000 **Poor**

Info provided in install or zip file: This is a boot manager designed so that it fits into a single sector (actually part of a sector, since there must be space to store the partition table). Like its name indicates (*), Partita is not designed to itself create or change partitions, just manage booting amongst different operating systems. Main features: * Y2K fix * One-key boot-time selection of operating system

* Optional partition hiding depending on selected operating system

* Works with *any* operating system, and takes up *no* hard disk space

Comments from quick test: Very simple menu. Did not find all partns. A purely command line based setup. Would only boot partn 1 DOS. Testing must have been minimal.

Impression:

Poor setup and would only boot partn 1 DOS

Versions:

-T-	Partita 2000 (CYNERGI)	Freeware	2.10	Mar 2000	No	SAC_Partita 2000 v2.10 - CYNERGI's Boot Manager_(Partita).zip	https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=18&l=P
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44 Vpart Graphical Boot Manager **Poor**

Info provided in install or zip file: VPart is a graphical bootmanager, very configurable, does not need a hard disk partition. The menu is easy to use. VPart can boot to CD-ROM on some PC. The menu can have up to 10 entries. VPart can be installed by VPARTDOS, DOS, 80286 and better - VPARTD32, DOS, 80386DX and better and a Coprocessor - VPARTOS2, OS/2 Warp 3 or better. Bootvirus-protection, password, mouse and CD-ROM.

Comments from quick test: Quirky GUI. Would never boot anything other than partn 1. Maybe a set active issue.

Impression:

Poor, as it only ever booted partn 1 DOS

Versions:

-T-	Vpart Graphical Boot Manager	Freeware	2001.11. 8	Nov 2001	No	SAC_Vpart_Graphical_Boot_Mgr_DOS_Nov2001_(vpart).zip	https://web.archive.org/web/20050123091715/http://www-user.tu-cottbus.de/~kannegv/programm/
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45 IcePack Boot Mgr – 2 versions – No **Poor**

Info provided in install or zip file: With an interface that has nothing to do with what we've seen so far in terms of boot managers, IcePack Boot Manager offers us in 64 Kb's one of the best programs in this category that we've been able to find. High-resolution graphics, virus detection, and the ability to boot into 12 operating systems, including: BeOS, BSD, DOS, ICEPACK, Linux, OS/2, and Windows 95/98/NT. The program can be installed on any floppy disk, or on the hard drive. It supports disks up to 2 Gb, recognizes operating systems within extended partitions, and boots from any that are accessible through the BIOS.

Comments from quick test: Very poor – only found the DOS install and missed 95, 98 and 2000. Few setup options. The GUI is an example of everything not to do in a GUI. Not sure what the point of this was.

Impression:

Terrible GUI, failed to detect OS other than DOS

Versions:

	Icepack Boot manager	Freeware	0.20	Apr 1999	No	Icepack_Boot_Manager_0.20_1999_(bootm020).zip	https://icepack-boot-manager.softag.com/
-T-	Icepack Boot manager	Freeware	0.30	Oct 1999	No	Icepack_Boot_Manager_0.30_1999_(bootm030).zip	
	Install from floppy	Freeware	0.30	Oct 1999	No	IcePack_Boot_Mgr_0.3.0_Install_FD.img	
	Run from floppy	Freeware	0.30	Oct 1999	No	IcePack_Boot_Mgr_0.3.0_Run_FD.img	

46 Boot Manager BTX **Poor**

Info provided in install or zip file: With the help of the program you can setup to one hard drive up to the four operation system, (e.g. Windows 95, Dos 6.22, Windows 98, UNIX, etc..). It is not nessesary to setup it on HDD, it could be seted up to a floppy disk, and boot from floppy will not influent on its speed, in the cause of from floppy only one sektor will be read. This program makes up startup floppy disk, or setup manager boot, to hard disk. After setting up you can start from your selected partition drive. This program makes "BACK_HDD.COM" file for restore our hard disk to preveus state. This programme is "AS IS" programming product. No warranty of any kind is expressed or implied. You use at your own risk.

50 Boot_Managers - DOS and Early Windows

	Comments from quick test:	A fail for this one. No boot menu displayed and it would only ever boot the first OS (DOS).				
	Impression:	No menu and it always boots partn 1 DOS				
	Versions:					
-T-	Boot Manager BTX	Freeware	-	1999	No	Boot_Mgr_BTX_DOS_(1999).zip http://home.lanck.net/mf/srv/btxe.htm
47	MWRLOAD – Bootstrap Loader	Unusable				
	Info provided in install or zip file:	This is a hard drive bootstrap loader program that will allow the user to select which partition/OS to boot and run. It installs in the Master Boot Record (1st sector) of the first hard drive and resides there with the partition table for that drive. It needs to be installed using the installation program install.exe. This program works like the default DOS FDISK boot loader unless the user holds down the ctrl key when booting. If the ctrl key is down when this program is invoked, it prompts the user to enter a partition number to boot from. If the user types in a number between 1 and 4 then the operating system in that partition will become the default boot O/S from then on. If the user types anything else (other than 1, 2, 3, or 4), then nothing is changed.				
	Comments from quick test:	I went through the install process and got a message the boot loader was installed OK, but on re-boot no boot loader OS menu appeared. Fail.				
	Impression:	Unusable as it does absolutely nothing				
	Versions:					
-T-	MWRLOAD	Freeware	-	Aug 1999	No	ST_MWR_Load_Boot_Mgr_DOS_(mwrload).zip http://ftp.icm.edu.pl/pub/dos/simtelnet/bootutil/
48	Kmh's Master Boot Sector Loader	Unusable				
	Info provided in install or zip file:	Kmbssl is Kmh's Master Boot Sector Loader. It is useful when you install more than one operating system onto the same computer. When you boot the computer, kmbssl asks you which operating system to use. If you do not respond within ten seconds, kmbssl boots the default operating system. Kmbssl also includes some utilities for reading and writing the master boot sector and partition table.				
	Comments from quick test:	I gave up on this one – you have to manually configure it by extracting the 64 byte partition entries individually and write them to a file and the KMH loader uses this file to generate a boot menu. Much better and easier alternatives around.				
	Impression:	Unusable because of manual config needed				
	Versions:					
-T-	Kmh's Master Boot Sector Loader	Freeware	1.0	Jul 2001	No	ST_Kmh's_MBR_Loader_1.0_DOS_(kmbssl10).zip http://ftp.icm.edu.pl/pub/dos/simtelnet/bootutil/dm/
49	Boot Manager 2.0	Unusable				
	Info provided in install or zip file:	BOOT MANAGER 2.0 by Marek Gresko - This program is intended for booting the operating system. It is installed in the MBR. It allows you to choose from four operating systems.				
	Comments from quick test:	Installing this boot manager results in absolutely nothing happening.				
	Impression:	Nothing happens after install – no boot menu				
	Versions:					
-T-	BOOT MANAGER 2.0 (Gresko)	Freeware	2.0	Jul 1996	No	SAC_Boot Manager v2.0 Marek Gresko_4_OS_(boot_2r0).zip https://www.sac.sk/files.php?d=10&p=3
50	7tools – 2 versions	Unusable				
	Info provided in install or zip file:	7tools Partition Manager 2005 - hard disk storage maintenance. All operations you may need at home to perform regular maintenance by your own. Partition new hard disk from the scratch or upgrade old one. Prepare hard disk for any operating system, install even several systems. Reconfigure partitions, repartition hard disk on the fly, and improve storage performance. Use bootable recovery CD to access unbootable system with all the information.				
	Comments from quick test:	Installs either using DOS or Windows. Seems to have all the usual functions. However the shareware product only works in demo mode. While it seems reasonable, there are as good or better free options available. If you do decide you like it then good luck getting a license as the company website was last active in 2007.				
	Impression:	Literally a demo that's of no practical use				
	Versions:					
-T-	7tools Partition + Boot Mgr	Shareware	5.7.5	Jan 2003	Yes	ODRU_7tools_Partn+Boot_Mgr_5.7.5_2003_DOS-XP.zip http://old-dos.ru/index.php?page=files&mode=files&do=show&id=7982
	7tools Partition + Boot Mgr	Shareware	2005	Jul 2004	Yes	7tools_Partn_Mgr_2005_Demo_(IA).exe https://web.archive.org/web/20070227084954/http://www.7tools.de/pm/features.htm