

# Force Boot to Command Line

May 2017

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"`.

```
GRUB_TERMINAL=console
```

The updated GRUB default configuration looks like the following:

From:  
<https://wiki.alanwalker.uk/> - WalkerWiki - [wiki.alanwalker.uk](https://wiki.alanwalker.uk/)

Permanent link:  
[https://wiki.alanwalker.uk/doku.php?id=force\\_boot\\_to\\_command\\_line&rev=1495653693](https://wiki.alanwalker.uk/doku.php?id=force_boot_to_command_line&rev=1495653693)

Last update: 2023/03/09 22:35

