

Trouble Installing Windows 7/Windows 2008 R2 on XenServer 5?

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This is for those of you that are trying to install Windows 7 and/or Windows Server 2008 R2 on a XenServer 5 Host? Chances are you didn't get very far as the virtual machine hangs when trying to boot from the installation CD.

At the moment, there is not a fix but there is a workaround. I found the following searching through the Citrix Forums and it works.

James Cannon:A colleague recommended the following:

"1) XenServer 5.0: Due to a bug in the HyperV extensions, installing a Windows 7 OS on XenServer 5.0 server may result in a blue screen or get hung during initialization. In order to install Windows 7 images on a XenServer

5.0 machine, you will need to perform the following workaround:

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$ xe vm-param-set uuid=<vmuuid> platform:viridian=false
```

You can obtain the vmuuid by running the following command from your host: `xe vm-list`

2) XenServer Tools: the XenServer tools currently do not work on Windows 7. If you attempt to install them you will experience a blue screen! "