Live CD compared to regular OS

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What will we be discussing?

• Overview of Live CDs and their uses

• History

• What Live CDs must do that regular OS don’t

• Advantages/Disadvantages of Live CD vs. regular OS booting

• Live application

• Specific-Use Distributions
What is a Live CD?

• A complete bootable installation including OS

• The CD itself is read only

• Runs in memory

• Live CDs first appeared in 1989
Typical uses of Live CD’s

• Demonstration or a test of an OS (usually Linux) on a system setup

• System repair and restoration

• Data recovery

• Being a backup OS for a system
Uses (cont.)

• Dealing with viruses

• Hardware troubleshooting

• Testing network security