

How to install Ubuntu Linux on Acer ASPIRE 5736Z Notebook / Get around the black screen install CD issue

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My sister's newly bought laptop is **Acer Aspire 5736Z** . By the default this notebook comes with some kind of Linux distribution **Linpus** .

Even though this *Linpus* (crafted Linux especially for Acer notebooks) looked really nice, it proved to be a piece of shit linux distro.

Linplus was unable to even establish a simple Wireless WPA2 protected connection with my wireless router, not to mention that the physical Linux consoles (CTRL+ALT+F1) were disabled ...

This **LinPlus** was so bad that I couldn't even launch any type of terminal on it (I was stuck!) so I decided to kill it and make a decent latest **Ubuntu 11.04** Install on it.

I was surprised to find out that trying to boot up the **Ubuntu 11.04** installer led me to a **black screen (black screen of death)**.

The *v Aspire's 5736Z monitor* kept completely blank, where the hard drive was continuously reading (indicating that the Ubuntu installer has properly booted but it couldn't light up the notebook screen).

A bit of investigation on any issues with this Acer notebook model has led me to a thread in fedora forums:

<http://forums.fedoraforum.org/showthread.php?t=263794>

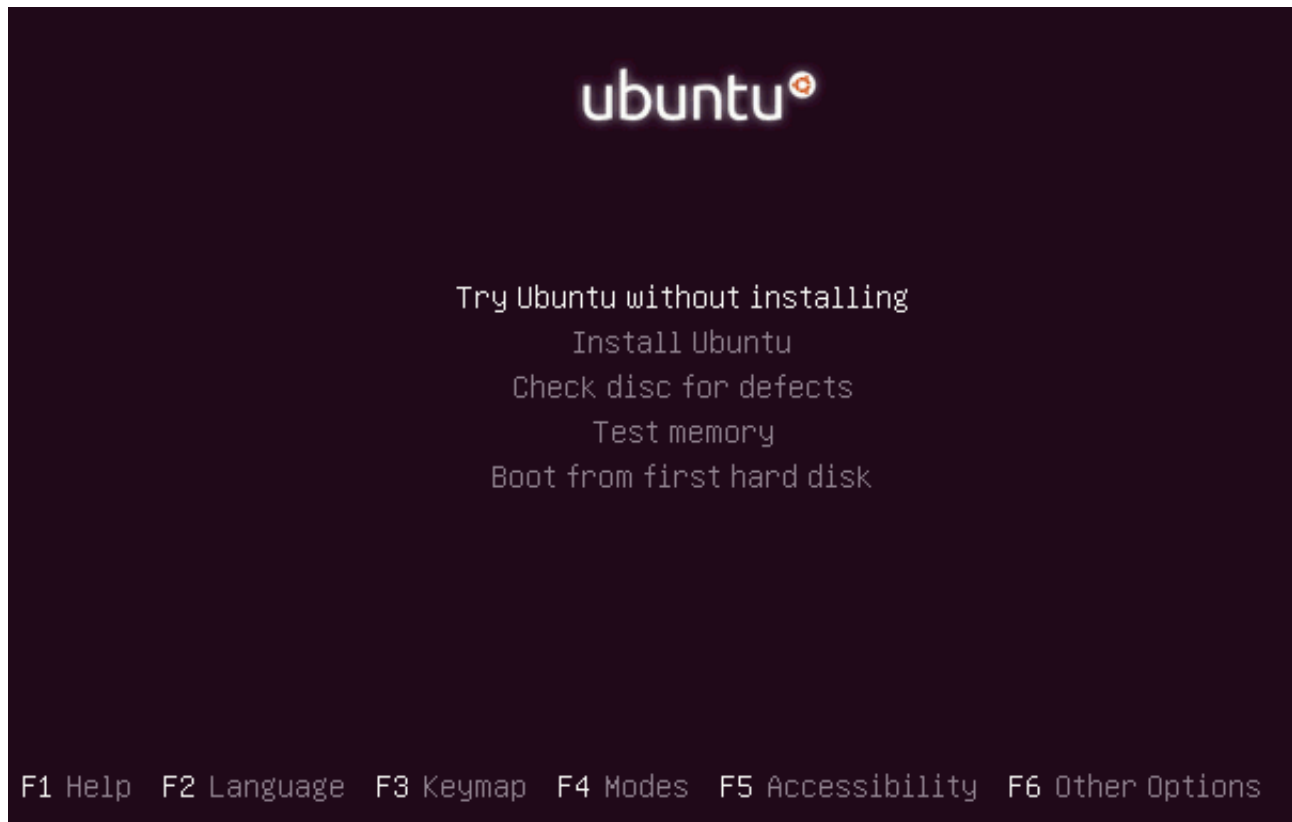
On this forum the same kind of Linux install problem was described to also occur with ASPIREs 5736Z during a Fedora install.

I just tried the suggested fix and it works like a charm.

The fix goes like this:

1. Invoke the Ubuntu settings parameter Install pre install screen

Just press any button while the Ubuntu installer CD is reading and after few secs the Install options screen should appear, like you see it in below's screenshot:



2. Select the nomodetest Boot CD Ubuntu option

You see in the above screenshot the **F6 Other Options** . I had to press **F6** and choose the **nomodetest** boot option to make the Ubuntu be able to further boot up.

After selecting the **nomodetest** option and pressing on the **Install Ubuntu** menu option the graphic installer launched successfully ;)

Hope this small **tip to be helpful to some Ubuntu or other Linux user who is trying to install Linux on his Acer Aspire 5736Z**

Cheers ;)