

Install on a Dell PowerEdge 1850 freezes ...



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Jan 31, 2007

I know the 1850 isn't on the HCL but I figured I'd try anyway.

The installation freezes and the keyboard does not work on the EULA screen. Hitting F11 to accept does nothing (and control-alt-delete does not work).

While I know we probably want to stick with the HCL for production, using ESXi for testing on other hardware should be fine. I even have it running very well on a Dell Optiplex GX620 right now and it works beautifully.

Any suggestions about the PowerEdge 1850?



[Dave.Mishchen...](#) 8,948 posts since

Nov 15, 2005 **1. Re: Install on a Dell PowerEdge 1850 freezes** Jul 28, 2008 11:34 AM


Do you get anything if you try ALT- 12 or ALT-F1?

What sort of NIC / storage controller do you have in this server? Running the latest firmware?



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Jan 31, 2007 **2. Re: Install on a Dell PowerEdge 1850 freezes** Jul 28, 2008 12:57 PM

 in response to: [Dave.Mishchen...](#) It looks like ESX3i has no PS2 support on the 1850. We have a PS2 KVM on all our servers and that is why the machine appeared to be non-responsive.

I tried plugging a USB keyboard into the front of the machine, and everything worked perfectly.

So this might be why the 1850 is not on the HCL.

The 1850 was an "extra" machine we had so not having the keyboard isn't that big of a deal. This will make a good test machine.



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Aug 12, 2008 **3. Re: Install on a Dell PowerEdge 1850 freezes** Aug 12, 2008 1:42 PM

Any update on running esxi on PowerEdge 1850. How about from a flash drive. I would love to have an image file for one!!



[Jasemccarty](#) 3,806 posts since

Apr 5, 2005 **4. Re: Install on a Dell PowerEdge 1850 freezes** Aug 14, 2008 8:03 AM

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Hey Dave,

I can confirm, that both ESX/ESXi 3.5.0 Update 2 (and refresh) install fine on a Dell Optiplex GX 620.

<http://www.jasemccarty.com/blog/2008/07/vmware-esxi-optiplex-620.html>

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Co-Author of VMware ESX Essentials in the Virtual Data Center

(ISBN:1420070274) from Auerbach



[jsmove](#) 1 posts since

Nov 9, 2008 5. **Re: Install on a Dell PowerEdge 1850 freezes** Nov 9, 2008 9:55 PM

Hey guys,

I can confirm the Dell 1850 does indeed work just fine.

You could possibly have a bad PS2 port on your test box.

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192.168.0.6 - VMware Infrastructure Client

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Inventory Administration

localhost.HOME

- SCO-UNIX1
- SVR-XPUlimited
- vmXP-01
- vmXP-02
- Windows 2000 Server
- Windows 98

localhost.HOME VMware ESX Server 3i, 3.5.0, 110271 | Eval

Getting Started Summary Virtual Machines Resource Allocation

General

Manufacturer: **Dell Computer Corporation**
Model: PowerEdge 1850
Processors: **2 CPU x 2.793 GHz**
Processor Type: Intel(R) Xeon(TM) CPU 2.80GHz
Hyperthreading: **Active**
Number of NICs: **2**

State: **connected**
Virtual Machines: **6**
VMotion Enabled: **N/A**
Active Tasks:

Recent Tasks

Name	Target	Status	Initiated by
Power On Virtual Machine	SVR-XPUlimit...	Completed	root
Power On Virtual Machine	SCO-UNIX1	Completed	root
Power On Virtual Machine	Windows 2000...	Completed	root

Tasks

Picked up this puppy on eBay for \$379:

[Dell PowerEdge 1850 2x2.80GHz XEON 4GB DDR2 1U 2x72G](#)

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