

# ESX 3i update 2 missing 'shell' ?? ...

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Aug 17, 2005 previously you could hit 'shift-O' at boottime and type 'shell' to logon on alt-F1. did they remove that in update 2? i get the advanced options prompt but typing shell doesn't give me a logon prompt.. what happened?  
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If it was there before, then, yes, they have removed that feature. Instead, press Alt+F1, then type "unsupported" and you'll get the password prompt. Type the password, or leave it blank if you haven't set one, hit enter, and you'll be at the shell.



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The shell option was removed quite a while back (I think after the beta). The option mentioned above is what works now and you can enable SSH as well (unsupported though)  
[http://www.vm-help.com/esx/esx3i/ESXi\\_enable\\_SSH.php](http://www.vm-help.com/esx/esx3i/ESXi_enable_SSH.php)