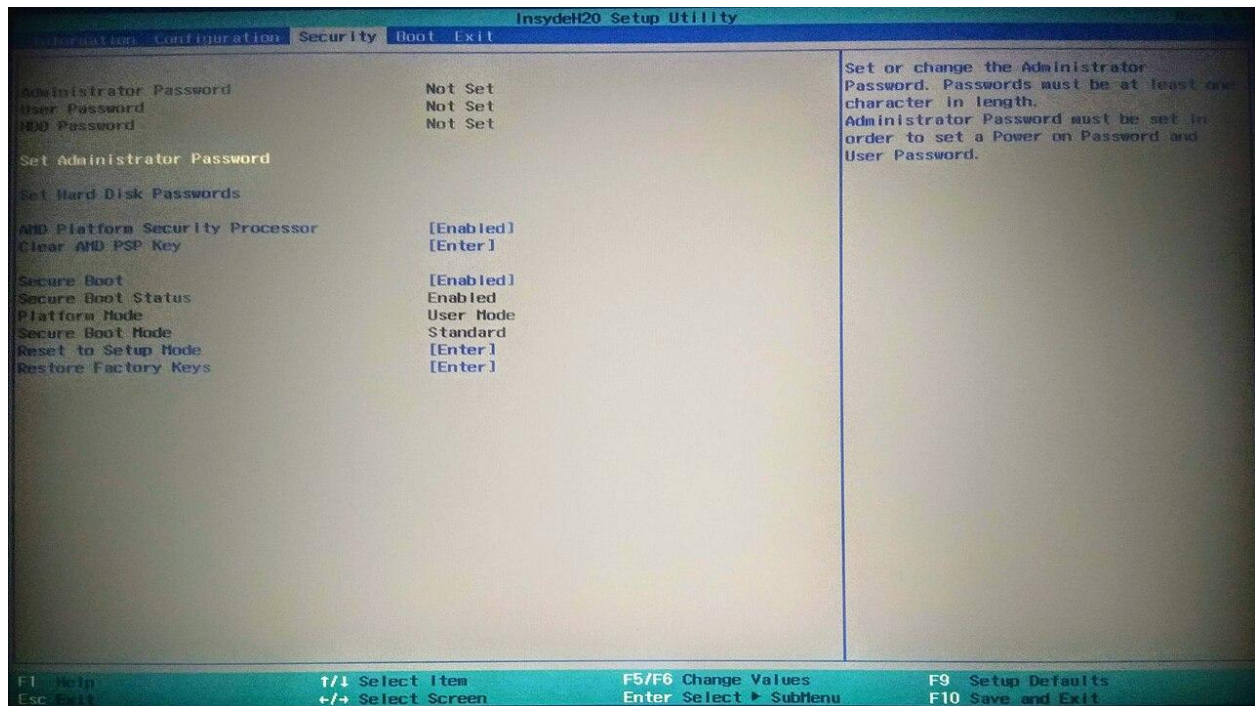




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- Hard Drive / SSD
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### When Installing an OS:

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## 3. Before You Begin

Make sure you have:

- Bootable USB (Windows or Linux installer)
  - Backup of important data 
  - Power connected (no interruptions) 
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## 4. Enter BIOS/UEFI Setup

Restart your computer and press the appropriate key:

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|--------------|-----------|
| Dell         | F2 or F12 |

|        |              |
|--------|--------------|
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## 5. Change Boot Order

### In BIOS (Legacy Mode)

1. Go to **Boot** tab
2. Find **Boot Priority / Boot Order**
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Example:

1. USB Drive
2. Hard Drive
3. CD/DVD

Use keys like:

- **+** / **-**
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### In UEFI (Modern Systems)

1. Navigate to **Boot Menu**
2. Locate **Boot Priority**
3. Drag or move USB device to the first position

Some systems allow mouse control 

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## 6. Disable Secure Boot (If Needed)

### Steps:

1. Go to **Security** or **Boot** tab
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  3. Set to **Disabled**
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### Important Note:

Some systems require you to:

- Set an **Administrator Password** first
  - Switch from **UEFI** → **Legacy Mode**
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## 7. Enable Legacy Boot (Optional)

Older operating systems may require **Legacy BIOS mode**.

### Steps:

1. Find **Boot Mode**
  2. Change:
    - UEFI → Legacy
    - or UEFI → CSM (Compatibility Support Module)
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**Warning:**

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## 8. Save and Exit

Press:

- F10 (most systems)
- Select **Save & Exit**

Confirm changes:

Save configuration and exit? YES

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## 9. Start OS Installation

After reboot:

- System boots from USB
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If it doesn't:

- Recheck boot order
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## 10. One-Time Boot Menu (Alternative Method)

Instead of changing BIOS permanently:

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This is faster and safer for temporary installs 👍

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## 11. Troubleshooting

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- Ensure USB is bootable
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## 13. Real-World IT Insight

In enterprise and cybersecurity environments, adjusting boot order and security is essential for:

- OS deployment (imaging systems)
- Incident recovery
- Forensic analysis
- Secure system provisioning

Given your background in cybersecurity and system management, this also ties into **boot-level attack prevention**, where Secure Boot helps defend against firmware-based threats.

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## 14. Quick Summary

1. Enter BIOS/UEFI
  2. Set USB as first boot device
  3. Disable Secure Boot (if needed)
  4. Enable Legacy mode (if required)
  5. Save and reboot
  6. Begin OS installation
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If you want, I can turn this into:

- ✓ A **PowerPoint training course**
- ✓ A **lab simulation exercise for students**
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