

New NIC support

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Is there any way of updating NIC drivers for WinPE "on the fly" from a previously burned bootable DVD?

Does someone on the list have a creative solution to this?

Background

We have successfully been using a BDD developed image and deploying using OSD from a DVD. We have also included a "Connect to..." task that allows pulling down Just In Time drivers for integration with the image by ZeroTouchInstallation.vbs.

If the hardware vendor makes a change in NIC, this task will fail and will break the OS deployment because the NIC is not supported by the booted version of WinPE. Tasks following do not run because of the failed "Connect to..." task.

Ideas offered by my peers (may or may not be usable)...

provide new drivers on a USB key. (how to make WinPE use that when booting???)

provide a generic LAN driver that offers limited functionality but will work on any hardware

bootable USB key that references the WIM image on the optical drive

And last

burn new DVD media (the obvious but last resort)

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