

## Re: TXTSETUP.OEM and CD-ROM?

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Hi Patrick,

> *In short, I know of nobody who has gotten TXTSETUP.OEM working from  
> CD-ROM.*

Your're right, it looks like TXTSETUP.SIF is the way to go. I can only praise the person at Microsoft who (back in the days of NT) decided to use a pure text file for setup paramaters.

> *Wouldn't you rather install from the network :-) ?*

I'm open to debate... Obviously I use the network for client roll-outs, but for servers I'm not so sure. Here's a few reasons:

1. The server you're trying to re-build is the one that's got the distribution point on it... err \_had\_ the distribution point on it before it blew up.
2. Some kind of disaster has occurred and your ethernet switch is hosed, you don't have a network, but you need to start building the server so it's ready on Monday as soon as you plug in the new Ethernet swtich that's on it's way by courier. \*Or\* it's a week-end and the network guys have decided to do maintenance all week-end, sorry no network today.
3. You have massive RAID sets a 3rd party controller and with NTFS partitions. Your O/S is trashed by a virus. The O/S backup is no good. You want to re-install the O/S to unpartitioned space, but don't want to trash all the other data partitions. With CD-ROM you just boot up and choose "Create new partition", format to NTFS and off you go... with the network, how can you do this?

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