This is a blog post about errors. Errors are bad. They are bad because they stop your computer from working, or infect it with viruses, or tell you that you have to pay for something you haven't done yet. We would not be here if there were no errors in computers! (Actually, I would not be here writing this blog post if the blogger had not made some pretty serious errors of their own...) But mostly these errors just suck up your time and turn into arguments with people who don't know what they're talking about anyway! Really, it's just best to avoid them right from the start by following this guide on how to do so. ---------------------

So, today I'm going to try to explain the errors that occur during this installation, and hopefully save you some of that time that MacBoot takes up for itself. (Or at least that's what MacBoot told me it was trying to do) (It seemed a bit suspicious though. Perhaps I should have brought a lawyer.)

The best way to prevent these error messages is just to run the installer as a normal user. By default, the installer will complain quite a lot about being unable to access iTunes. This can be solved by simply ctrl-clicking on InstallMacOSx10.5. dmg, opening up the info panel, and clicking "open". This will allow you to install MacBoot without having to deal with any error messages. Another way of avoiding these errors is to use an application called Pacifist. With Pacifist you can unzip MacBoot without having to use the terminal or use some other application. This way you can manually check the contents of the installer before running it, which is useful since it allows you to make sure that there are no viruses or any other harmful software that could be hidden in some of the files. These would normally be hidden from view by default, but Pacifist reveals them for your safety. Having said that, replacing the installer with Pacifist has bugs which caused my computer to freeze. I think this is due to the fact that the installer is already compressed, and Pacifist doesn't quite know what to do with this new compression method. When I used Pacifist on Martin Martin's version of MacBoot, it worked fine. This leads me to believe that it might just be a problem with using Pacifist on mavericks. If you are using mavericks then I would recommend trying Martin Martin's version of MacBoot instead. Another way of avoiding the errors when you use Pacifist is to replace the installer in it's folder with a text file containing the following.

Finally, if you are absolutely not willing to do any of these things, then try this version of MacBoot instead. It contains only the boot.efi file that you need to boot into OS X, and nothing else. It is the smallest version possible without removing any files from MacBoot itself. Unfortunately however, it requires an extra step before it will work properly, which is why I don't recommend using it unless you are stuck using mavericks or some other insane software that won't let you run the installer normally.

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