

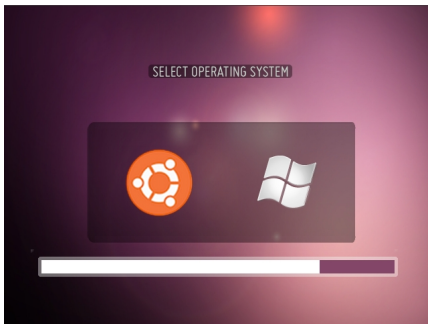
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We all know that the GRUB loading menu that greets many of upon boot isn't the most stylish or modern looking interface - even adding a poorly pixelated picture background can't save it from looking lame.

Well, getting a gorgeous, animated and informative boot-loader is no longer a dream thanks to 'Brand New Universal Bootloader' (more commonly referred to as [BURG](#) .)



Admittedly, "BURG" may sound like something from the depths of Star Trek mythology but the letters actually stand for "Brand-new Universal loader from GRUB" and is based on the GRUB bootloader. A bevy of cool features and enhancements make it an option well worth considering if you like to beautify your system. Here's a video of BURG in action: -

Install BURG

Here sits my warning - don't try this unless you're really sure you want to. Whilst there shouldn't be any frakk-ups this is a delicate area of your system and things will go awry without attention or intention!

Add the BURG PPA:-

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- `sudo add-apt-repository ppa:bean123ch/burg`
- `sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install burg burg-themes`

Install BURG to your Master Boot Record

Install burg to your MBR using the command below. Substitute 'hd0' with an alternative drive if needed.

- `sudo burg-install "(hd0)"`

Update BURG entries

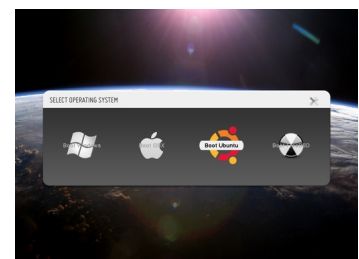
You MUST run this step or you may be left scratching your head upon reboot when nothing shows up

- `sudo update-burg`

Theming

Now for the juicy stuff; the reason you're probably installing burg - themes!
Selecting a burg theme is simple; reboot and when you see the default BURG screen press the 't' button on your keyboard. A long list of themes will present itself to you, you need only to use your arrow keys to select one and then hit enter for it to be applied.

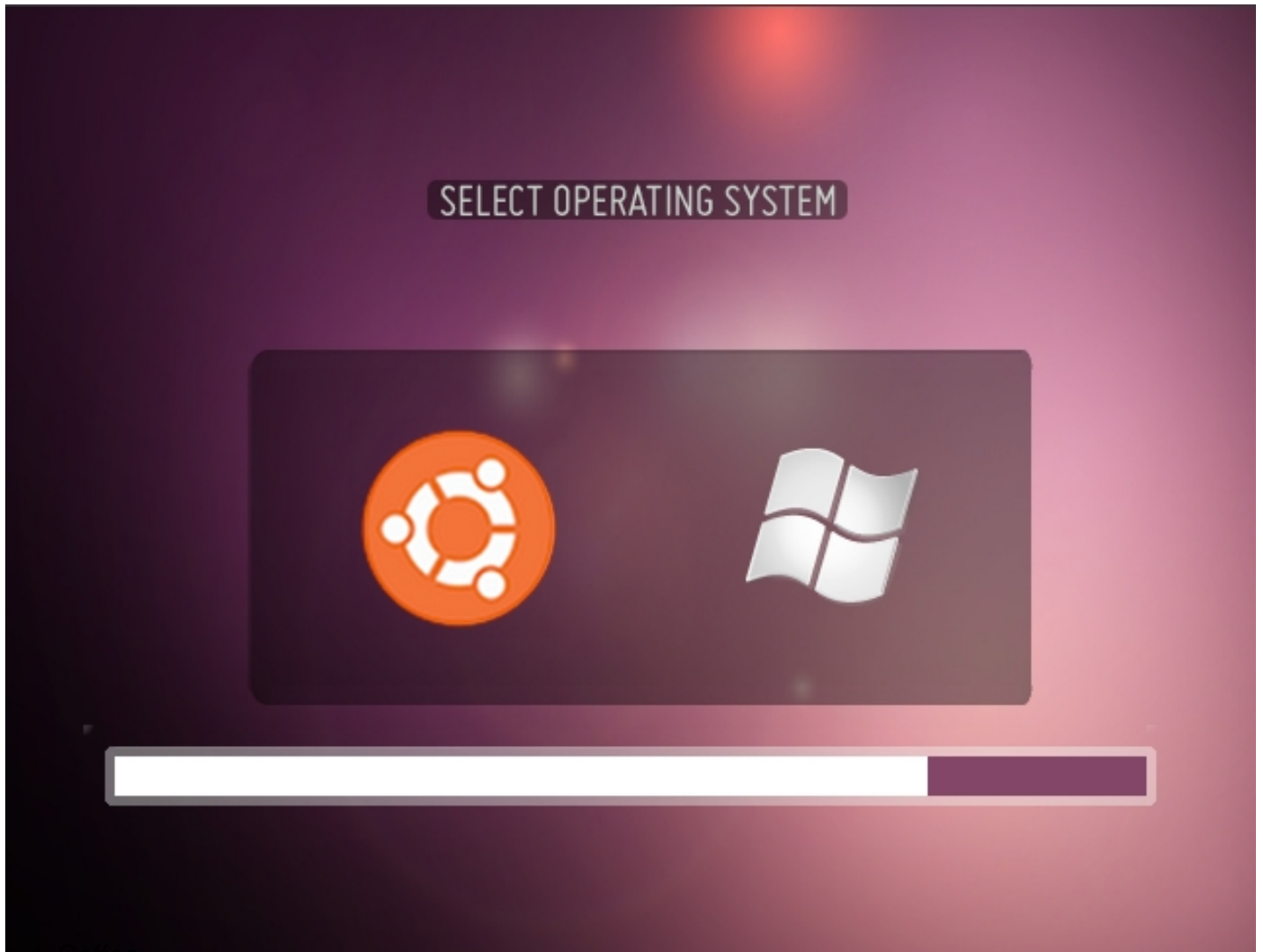
Here are a selection of some of the more popular themes: - Sora



Radiance

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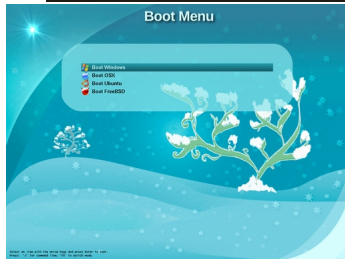
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Coffee



Winter



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Photo



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