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13. A computer system comprising:  
 a processor;  
 a memory operatively coupled to said processor;  
 a data storage device operatively coupled to said processor, said data storage device providing non-volatile mass data storage; and  
 a plurality of compressed different language version modules of an operating system stored on said data storage device.  
 a first language operating system, stored on said data storage device, said first language operating system adapted for booting up said computer system when power is applied by an end user and for running a software setup program, and  
 said software setup program stored on said data storage device, said software setup program being adapted to run under control of said first language operating system, said software setup program responding to a user selection of a preferred second operating language from said plurality of compressed different language version modules and responding to a user selection of a preferred keyboard configuration from a plurality of different keyboard configuration modules by (1) preserving one or more exploded files residing in standard directories, (2) exploding a plurality of modules from

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said second language operating system version into standard directories and placing one or more keyboard configuration modules for said preferred keyboard configuration into standard directories, (3) merging said second language operating system, said keyboard configuration modules, and said exploded files into said standard directories, (4) executing each of said files associated with each of said software programs, and (5) rebooting said computer system.  
 14. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said reboot in step (5) is a warm reboot.  
 15. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said data storage device is a disk drive.  
 16. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said plurality of software programs comprise drivers, non-language specific files, and update files.  
 17. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said reboot is the only reboot necessary to switch from said first language operating system to said second language operating system.  
 18. The computer system of claim 13, wherein said software setup program prompts said user to select a language keyboard configuration.

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