Fatal Error Or Not?
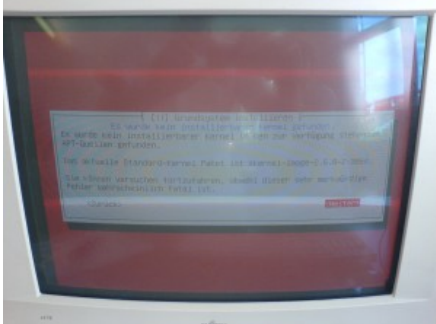
When I installed Debian GNU/Linux yesterday I encountered this error message:

It basically says something like "No installabe kernel image found.... You may continue although this very strange error is most likely fatal."

Hmmm. I didn't ever encounter an error message like that before. When choosing to continue the Installer stopped with another error message stateing that installation of a package (the kernel....) had failed.

So what exactly was the point in asking me to continue when it aborts anyway?