

# Re: Webcam Hardware and Software Advice Request

**Source:** <http://linux.derkeiler.com/Mailing-Lists/Debian/2003-08/4434.html>

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Hi,

I have a logitech quickcam web and I use this:

qce-source – source code for QuickCam Express kernel module

of course, you must be using a kernel with video4linux and usb support (a stock kernel has support for all those modules) to use the webcam. (and the mic doesn't function, but I've never used it anyways!) and all is well.

to take snaps I use a tiny little command line program (in development) <http://sourceforge.net/projects/clcam> and but I don't use motion detection, so I just set a timer and snap away.

The qcaml package that debian has appears (i could be wrong?) to only support parallel port cams.

As for that motion sensor app, it appears that it's for capture cards and not webcams. at least, it attempts to load the bttv module, so that's what it appears to be to me.

Although, being open source maybe someone can modify it to use a usb webcam (oh joy! c'mon, someone? :))

Hope that helps a bit...

~ Darryl

Emre Sevinc wrote:

> *Hi,*

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> *I want to connect a USB webcam to my home PC which runs Debian Woody*

> *(3.0) kernel 2.4.18*

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Debian–User: Re: Webcam Hardware and Software Advice Request

- > *Which webcam would you advise me? I don't need a super quality and*
- > *expensive system, all I want is*
- > *a system that I can set up with minimal hassle.*
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- > *I've read an article (<http://www.aboutdebian.com/webcam.htm>) which tells*
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- > *about IBM "PC Camera" or*
- > *Xirlink C–It models. As I examined my module list with modconf I can see*
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- > *that these models are supported*
- > *USB devices on my Debian. However these articles:*
- > *<http://www.linux-usb.org/ibmcam/> and*
- > *<http://www.qbik.ch/usb/devices/showdev.php?id=70> have some negative*
- > *comments about IBM and Xirlink*
- > *on Linux.*
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- > *I've also found this site: <http://www.smcc.demon.nl/webcam/>*
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- > *As you can see I'm cofused a little bit. I hope some experienced camera*
- > *users can show me the right way.*
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- > *I want to use this cam for motion detection and I found this software:*
- > *<http://www.turbolinux.com.cn/~merlin/mvc/>*
- > *I'd also be glad if you know similar alternatives for Debian.*
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- > *Thanks in advance.*
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