

# Re: Debian on an iBook

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On Thu, Apr 20, 2006 at 11:34:18AM +0100, James Dunn wrote:

Hi,

I have just installed Debian onto my iBook (900MHz PowerPC G3, 640MB SDRAM, ATY Rage M7 Video). I followed the instructions here:

<http://people.debian.org/~branden/ibook.html>

1) Debian boots ok, but the X Server isn't configured properly – is there a guide to do this? (i'm a newbie!)

there are many guides. the basic procedure though, is to figure out what hardware you have (lspci -vv and look for the video controller) and then dpkg-reconfigure xserver-xfree86... sometimes over and over until you get it right. It helps if you just use startx to test you xf86config as there's less overhead and IMO fewer potential problems than as associated with [g|k|x]dm. Once you get a working X setup, if you want to use a \*dm, then you will know that any further problems aren't associated with X. be sure to post your problems up here as many can help you. be sure to include output from /var/log/Xfree86.log.0 with a focus on (EE) lines in that log.

2) I can't seem to shutdown properly – I log in as root, then type "shutdown now". It appears to shutdown some programs, but then goes to a prompt about maintenance and "type control-d to continue". It then goes back to login prompt.

shutdown -h now

(-h tells the system to halt, otherwise you just go in to maintenance mode or init level 1.)

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many thanks in advance

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James

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