

nvidia-driver with 2.6.18-4-486 kernel

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This is the usual age old problem of getting nvidia driver to work. My box (unstable) was running smoothly until I upgraded to KDE 3.5.6 using 'aptitude -t experimental'. In which process, I guess, the kernel also got upgraded from 2.6.18-3-486 to 2.6.18-4-486 a few days ago. At that time there was no nvidia-kernel-2.6.18-4-486 in the unstable repository. So, I tried the 'module-assistant' way:

```
$ apt-get --purge remove nvidia-glx
$ m-a prepare
$ m-a autoinstall nvidia
$ apt-get install nvidia-glx
$ dpkg-reconfigure xserver-xorg (and choose nvidia)
$ echo nvidia >> /etc/modules
[--- reboot ---]
```

It did not work. So, I shifted back to "nv" driver and waited for a while. Yesterday I checked that nvidia-kernel-2.6.18-4-486 was added to the unstable repository. So, I tried it again:

```
$ apt-get --purge remove nvidia-glx
$ apt-get install nvidia-kernel-$(uname -r)
$ apt-get install nvidia-glx
$ dpkg-reconfigure xserver-xorg (and choose nvidia)
[--- reboot ---]
```

Same error: (on startx)
[EE] Failed to load module "nvidia" (module doesnot exist, 0)
[EE] No deviecs found

Fatal server error
no screens found

```
$ lsmod | grep nvidia
nvidia 4545108 0
agpgart 29360 1 nvidia
```

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i2c_core 19472 3
nvidia,eeeprom,i2c_nforce2

What is missing???

Thanks

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