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Although I would have replied sooner; there was a death in the family.

Hope you remember or kept the thread!

Gayle Lee Fairless([fairless@xxxxxxxx](mailto:fairless@xxxxxxxx)) is reported to have said:

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> Wayne Topa <[linuxone@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:linuxone@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> replied:

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> It's worth a try, but the bad 770 locks up when it get to the pcmcia

> section on bootup. :( Hope you have better luck!

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<--<snip>-->

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>>Not really. As I don't run Winbloz, I googled for Wireless adapters

>>that ran on Linux, then if the drivers were running on Debian, then

>>the driver info itself. I found that the Madwifi software worked on

>>many many cards and seems to have the most versatile software, I went

>>and picked a few from their Compatibility list

>><<http://madwifi.org/wiki/Compatability>>. They, as of now, do not

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>>support any USB adapters. I have NetGear CardBus and PCI cards and a

>>DLink PCI card running with MadWifi. >

> I will definitely look into MadWifi!

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>> Check out the UserDocs on the madwifi wiki. Very informative!

There is also a Newbie section.

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>>I have had some success running USB adapters on the 770's. By far the  
>>easiest, so far, was a real cheap (< \$18) I found on Ebay. It is an  
>>Ashton Digital WRUB-2011i with a Prism2 chipset. It uses the  
>>linux-wlan-ng drivers, supported by Debian of course.

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>> Then I hope the US Robotics card will work, or I get lucky with the  
>> Belkin adapter!

>You may be in luck after all.

> A google for "US Robotics USR5410 Linux" came up with a review that  
> wasn't too good, but the second one you might like. The headline is  
> "US Robotics goes Linux" and your 5410 in included in the writeup.  
> <<http://www.ameinfo.com/32533.html>>

I found it and the reference to Linuxant and their product, DriverLoader:

(quote off [www.Linuxant.com](http://www.Linuxant.com))

DriverLoader is a revolutionary compatibility-wrapper allowing standard Windows NDIS (Network Driver Interface Specification) drivers shipped by hardware vendors to be used as-is on Linux x86 systems ....

(end of quote)

It appears that the program supports both the Belkin USB wireless device and the US Robotics USR5410 PCMCIA card. I have to hook it up and find out under both Linux and Windows XP Pro.

> Both wmaker and fluxbox are nice WM's but wmaker has a lot more  
> configuration options that I just did not need. All the eye candy  
> that I used on wmaker, I use on fluxbox. So I just went minimalistic  
> and kept fluxbox and purged the others. I have used icewm, fvwm,  
> Xfce, twm , bbox, and a few more that my old brain has forgotten. The  
> beauty of Debian is that you can install all that meet your fancy and  
> switch between them, real time, and then purge/remove those you don't  
> like. Heck, you could bring up a different one depending on the day  
> of the week, if you want. Ain't Unix/Linux the cats meow! :-)

> There is, IMHO, only one mail client. It is mutt. A command line MUA  
> that does it all. There is only one editor I use and that is Vim, a  
> Vi lookalike. Have been using them on Linux since 1993 and they both  
> just keep getting better.

I learned enough vi to navigate through a text file and make simple changes. Although I have mutt on my

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Debian sarge box, I do not understand it as well as I do vi. The messages to root go through mutt. I also have seen and used a version of emacs on the Amiga.

Anyway, I learned some vi because it is prevalent on a lot of Unix/Linux systems just as edlin was prevalent on DOS (pre-Windows 95) systems. It helped to be able to edit a script file or a batch file without the need to learn somebody's favorite word processor of the day.

I was able to install a basic Debian GNU/Linux etch system on the Thinkpad with the official network installation CDROM. Since I was not connected to the Internet, I need to know how to get network setup working and start installing packages. I looked at Martin Kraft's Debian maintainer notes on fluxbox. Did you have to install a patch to get yours working?

Regards

Wayne

Basic, n.:

A programming language. Related to certain social diseases in that those who have it will not admit it in polite company.

This sounds almost like a Wirth opinion of BASIC (Beginners' Allpurpose Symbolic Interface Code [WAG]). He thought that anyone learning it became brain-damaged. I saw this about the time that the Pascal language was the latest rage.

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