

Re: FC3 on Toshiba Satellite A15-S129 Laptop?

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Robert Crowther wrote:

>On Sun, 06 Feb 2005 11:11:25 -0500, Rick Bilonick <rab@nauticom.net> wrote:

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>>When you say firmware for the card, do you mean you have to install
>>code into the card? (I've heard of updating firmware in certain types of
>>hardware.) I was thinking of buying a DWL G650 to increase the
>>connection speed.

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>I was reading yesterday (though I can't find the link right now) that
>modern wlan cards expect the driver to load their firmware for them on
>startup, there is RAM set aside on the cards for this. Apparently it
>is to reduce problems with firmware/driver mismatches and problems
>with out of date firmware.

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>With regard to your earlier problems – did you definitely have the
>pcmcia-cs service running? I know there was a big change with how
>pcmcia-cs works with 2.6 kernels rather than 2.4 kernels (in 2.4 the
>drivers came with the pcmcia-cs package, in 2.6 the drivers come with
>the kernel package – I think).

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>Rob

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I tried to install FC2 months ago so I don't remember all the details clearly. My memory was that the pcmcia slot did not work but I don't think I knew enough at the time to try to restart it. (Now I realize I should at least have tried to restart it.) Under RH9, the pcmcia slot is activated first and then the network card is activated. Why would you try to activate a pc-card network card before activating the pc-card slot (if that is what FC2 was doing)?

I looked at the D-Link DWL-G650 which Scott said used the prism54

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driver. The box I saw at Best Buy today mentioned something about atheros. Does prism54 support the atheros chipset?

If I try to install FC3 on the laptop, it should install the pcmcia driver and the prism 2 (orinoco) driver automatically, shouldn't it? (I just installed FC3 on an older computer I had FC2 on and it installed without any problems. I also have FC2 running on a new Athlon 64 system. I just had the problem with the laptop.)

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