

Re: bcm43xx mac80211: YOUR FIRMWARE IS TOO OLD.

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On Thursday 07 June 2007, bucky wrote:

I'd be really interested in a guide explaining HOW to get the old driver to work in Fedora 7. I tracked down and replaced my old firmware files with 4.0 ones because /var/log/messages told me to.

Except now trying to activate wlan0 tells me:

Error for wireless request "Set Bit Rate" (8B20) :
SET failed on device wlan0 ; Operation not supported.

Determining IP information for wlan0... failed.

I'm presuming this means the firmware is now too new—I'm really not sure. All I know is that the wireless card used to work under FC6 and now it doesn't.

I can tell you that /sbin/lspci gives me:
03:00.0 Network controller: Broadcom Corporation BCM4306 802.11b/g Wireless LAN Controller (rev 03)

and that /sbin/lspci -n tells me
03:00.0 0280: 14e4:4320 (rev 03)

...but this completely taxes the limits of my ability to diagnose my own problem. I have tried Googling, but my search terms lead to very discussions of the WPA Supplicant which are totally over my head, and how this was a big problem in RedHat 9, but is All Fixed Now.

I have gone to bcm43xx.berlios.de. The Support page tells me to RTFM, and the Documentation pages for installation that aren't about Debian and Ubuntu lead me to a page full of links for "Russian Woman" and "Airline Travel"—but it seems cheaper to simply buy a new wireless card than to travel to Russia and ask the women there for tech support.

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I replaced the firmware files with the ones I had before that used to work and added "blacklist bcm43xx_mac80211" to /etc/modprobe.d/blacklist and rebooted. But that just made everything worse. The driver didn't recognize the card at ALL anymore, even though the bcm43xx driver was listed as the result of /sbin/lsmmod.

I'm stumped.

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What the heck is PHPMailer?, I never heard of it before.

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Cheers, Gene

"There are four boxes to be used in defense of liberty:
soap, ballot, jury, and ammo. Please use in that order."

—Ed Howdershelt (Author)

What I want is all of the power and none of the responsibility.

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