

harsh, crackly audio on new F8 install

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I've seen a lot of advice to turn off Pulse to solve audio problems in the current release. I wouldn't mind trying to get it to work, but, I'm not sure where to go. This is on a laptop. I have a USB Creative Audigy card as well as the built-in sound system, and they both work. If I run the Soundcard detection applet, it plays nice crisp sound through the built-in audio card/speakers in the laptop. If I play a flash animation from CNN's website, it goes out through the Audigy to my Bose desktop speakers and comes out very harsh sounding with lots of crackling. I went through the Pulse settings and tried making the internal card the default, but nothing changed. I poked around in the KDE Control Center audio settings, but there's not a whole lot to change there, though I did try selecting *Alsa* as the audio device, but again, nothing changed.

Where do I go from here?

By the way, this is on an ASUS G2S-B2 which I queried about a few days ago, as to whether anyone was successfully running Fedora on it. After running through about 5 latest-edition distros and tearing my hair out for the past 5 days, I reinstalled Fedora today, and for some reason, it went right on; the video card was recognized sufficiently to allow the *nv* driver to work, though it took some post-install fiddling with the various places where you can set video resolution, before I got it to come up in full 1920x1200 full color. I was then able to install the latest *nVidia* driver from *freshrpm*'s, and it looks great. The only remaining hardware issues are this sound problem, and an inability to get the wireless nic to work – even though the driver for the latter is supposed to be built in to the kernel – but that's another subject for another thread.

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