

## Re: time for some drivers to be removed?

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On Sun, Jul 27, 2003 at 05:40:18PM +0100, Alan Cox wrote:

> On Sun, 2003-07-27 at 16:59, David D. Hagood wrote:  
>> *This is a pet peeve of mine on Free Software projects in general – The  
>> Program That Wouldn't Compile.*  
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>> *It would seem to me that in the context of the kernel, what is needed is  
>> a BROKEN flag.*  
>  
> *We've had one for years. Its CONFIG\_OBSOLETE, its even used in 2.6test*

Disclaimer:

I'm not a native English speaker.

In my ears, "obsolete" sounds like "there's something newer instead" and  
"broken" sounds like "it doesn't work at the moment".

This might be wrong, but if it's right I do prefer BROKEN.

Anyway, it's not that important whether OBSOLETE or BROKEN is used.

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Adrian

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"Is there not promise of rain?" Ling Tan asked suddenly out  
of the darkness. There had been need of rain for many days.  
"Only a promise," Lao Er said.

Pearl S. Buck - Dragon Seed

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