

Re: [SLE] Holding Linux back in pieces

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To: SLE <suse-linux-e@suse.com>

Vuescan – an awesome piece of software. Not free or open source, but very reasonably priced. It runs my Nikon CoolScan II which ships with only windows support FAR better than the factory software. Take a look at the supported scanner list; it could well be the best choice for most scanner users.

dave

Frits Wüthrich wrote:

> *You might want to take a look at :*

> <http://www.hamrick.com/vuescan/vuescan.htm#supported>

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> *Of the two scanners I have, only one is partially supported by sane, the other is not supported at all, so Vuescan is a great help.*

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> *On Mon, 2003-09-29 at 11:22, Curtis Rey wrote:*

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>>*Hi all. Ok, so Linux is coming along nicely (despite the market games of some). However there are glaring holes in some things, that aren't necessarily Linux' or any of the distros fault per se.*

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>>*One thing is scanner support. Ironically Mac OSX is have this issue as well.*

>>*I have to fairly nice scanners. One is an HP 4470c and the other is a Umax*

>>*4000U. Neither of these are support by Linux, or moreover, are not support*

>>*"for" Linux by particular venders OEMs.*

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>>*I the case of both of these devices the manufacturer won't cooperate with the*

>>*devs at the sane project and release any info so they can build a driver/s.*

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>>*I have been googling the hell out of this subject and this is why I've come to*

>>*the conclusion that the devs have to Backwards engineer these devices and are*

>>*still fight with them. in the case of the HP, it moreover a RealTek issue*

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>>since the make the chip/components that are used in the HP device. To the
>>devs credit they have tried repeatedly to contact Realtek about this and have
>>gotten the cold shoulder (aka no reply).
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>>Now I think that, since Linus is coming in to its own, that perhaps the Rep
>>for the Linuc companies should be able to convince those in charge could be
>>persuaded by Linux/Linux distros to be a little friendly. But I'm not
>>holding my breath.
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>>I strongly thing the scanner (as well as other common SOHO/SMB devices)
>>software issues need to be addressed. Perhaps have SuSE exec meet with the
>>company and persuade these OEMs to help out a little. Especially since these
>>products (Umax and HP 4470) are no longer sold by HP.
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>>So, what's the big deal for these guys? The devices are no longer sold in the
>>stores – and therefore what difference does it make if the open up the
>>drivers that would just be sitting in the office on a disc. But Oh Well.
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>>Cheers, Curtis.
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it; people who merely hear about the phenomenon will not be moved to
think at all. -- Goethe
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