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--- James Knott <[james.knott@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:james.knott@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

BRUCE STANLEY wrote:

--- Teruel de Campo MD <[chusty@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:chusty@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

If you really need a laptop with everything ready to go in linux another approach is to get it from <http://www.emperorlinux.com/> Those guys do a great job. They have a very well written manual that if you are new to linux will save hours of work. They have a good support. So if you get a Lenovo X-60 with suse install you know it will work. The first I got from them I was new to linux, I need it for business, I had to give a lecture and 2 days before traveling came with all installed. I just loaded the presentation and I went. All went perfect. So getting a laptop with linux is not a problem.

--terry(Denver)--

Do they have their people who can write device drivers?  
That is what would be needed to get a 56k modem to work.

I was under the impression that Emperor Linux was just

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an OEM type integrator.

People seem to forget that laptops are used on the road and sometimes you only have access to the Internet via dial-up.

Thus, a laptop without a modem is somewhat useless on the road.

I have even tried a fully hardware Zonet PCMCIA modem with various distros on my Thinkpad T-41 and can not get it to work.

Here's a bit of recent news.

<http://www.desktoplinux.com/news/NS8436091466.html>

From the 'Dell' article:

For cases such as WinModems, for which there are neither open source nor proprietary drivers available, Dell will be encouraging users to substitute a hardware-based modem. "However, we can't substitute hardware-based modems in our notebooks without redesigning and significantly increasing the price of the system. If it's important to you to have a hardware-based modem, you would add one into your PC Card or ExpressCard slot."

It does not seem that Dell is going to develop any thing for their WindModems either.

What PC Card modems are they talking about?

AS I posted last time, I have tried the 'True Hardware' Zonet PC Card modem and can't get it to work. On the box it came in, it even says that it is compatible with Linux that have later kernels, but does not specify which kernel(s) it is talking about.

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