

Re: problem with wireless card

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Hi!

I am not sure of the errors I got with me being Blind.

A chap at my LUG which is the Huddersfield Linux group who seems to know a lot about computing and Linux was helping me out with my system yesterday.

He said something about PAN being Plugin Applications Network or something or other, I think he was trying to run the terminal to see if he could connect.

I think he thought if these files were missing that this might be the problem as to why there was a problem with using my Raylink card.

Someone else had a look at it before and they managed to get some situation where my wireless card was flashing briefly but then it stopped. The person who looked at it first tried to connect using his laptop and try and transfer some driver or other onto mine in the hope it would resolve the problem. I think he tried to apply a Raylink driver he had found but he thought the dpatch or driver that he tried might be broken. That is why I am wondering about a fresh install.

----- Original Message -----

From: John DeCarlo

To: Ubuntu Help and User Discussions

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 3:58 PM

Subject: Re: problem with wireless card

On 2/23/06, MICHAEL WEAVER <michaelweaver1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Yesterday someone quite experienced in the technical field had a look at my laptop to find out why I couldn't make a wireless connection.

What type of wireless connection are you trying to get to work? Is there encryption involved? How do you know you aren't connecting?

He found that he could log into my system after booting but for some reason when he tried to do something and he was asked for my password it wasn't accepted.

Presumably this is when you try to do something as the administrator and it prompts you for your password. Are you saying that if you type in your own password that you get an error? Does the error say invalid password or something like you are not authorized to do this?

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I had upgraded from Hoary to Breezy using the CD so I am wondering if I had an upgrade issue which might be causing problems as regards my connecting to the Internet using my Raylink wireless card.

Difficult to tell without more information.

He seemed to think that something called Pan might be missing.

pan is a newsreader. Maybe he thought that there were problems with passwords because "pam" wasn't working. This sounds like speculation without evidence. It can be very difficult for someone not used to Debian and apt to figure out what is and isn't installed.

If you run 'synaptic' and do a Search for pam, do you see a bunch of packages that start with "libpam" as installed?

Could this be why I am having all this trouble with my wireless card which is causing it not to be able to communicate with the server at Vox Bar which is the place where I attend my Linux User Group?

It is possible. If you can't do anything as administrator, then you can't change your wireless card settings to have the right ESSID and encryption for any location.

It was suggested I take my Breezy Badger CD to my next meeting but I don't know if I will have to do a fresh install or just an upgrade again to get the missing files if files are missing or corrupted.

The real issue is finding out what is wrong.

My Laptop is a bit redundant at the moment until I can get Ubuntu to work with speech.

Now this is another problem not mentioned until now. What kind of speech do you need? To have the text on the screen read to you?

If you go to the System menu and select Administration and then network, it should prompt you to enter your password. Type it very carefully, as if you were logging in. What error message do you get, if any?

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John DeCarlo, My Views Are My Own

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