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Just a few weeks ago my good friend bought a second-hand laptop, an IBM thinkpad. Of course running windows, he encountered several problems with it including rapidly degrading performance and asked me to have a look at it. I duly did this, installed AV software and cleaned out 80+ infections. To cut the story short despite my best efforts the Windows install was left a wreck. Knowing that IBM has good compatibility with Linux I seized the opportunity to convert my friend to Ubuntu (my pet love). I asked him all about his computer usage habits and there was nothing that Ubuntu couldn't do better for him. He mentioned he had a webcam and he had plugged it in, used it once and never used it again. Figuring he didn't care about this I spent an entire evening setting up a system for him and helping him learn it.

Then he dropped the bombshell, he demanded the webcam work for Yahoo! Messenger. I'm in a jam here, he is impressed with the new system but will be seriously disappointed (and angry) if I don't give him webcam support. I have tried his webcam and luckily it is automatically detected and works fine (with Ekiga), but what am I going to do to get it working in Yahoo? I think that once he sees it works in Yahoo he will forget all about it, but until that time he ain't gonna be impressed with my darling Linux. I tried yahoo messenger under wine, no need to say it was a complete failure just like with all apps i try in wine, mind you steam runs well but not CS). I need some backup from you guys, what am I going to do to get me out of this pickle?

Regards,
Gabe

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