

Re: IEEE 1394b (Firewire 800) PCI card support?

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On 10/15/06, Scott <geekboy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I've had an external hard drive with USB, IEEE 1394 and IEEE 1394b ports. 1394b, being relatively new required I install a PCI card. I only recently decided to give it a try. I'd used the drive with both USB and (original) Firewire in Linux and it worked just fine.

I just installed a PYRO 1394b PCI card. I plugged the cable into the PC and then the other end into the back of the Hard Drive. The drive started up immediately. Therefore I know everything is fine on the Hardware end.

But the software is a problem. Had I done this with USB or "regular" Firewire GNOME would have popped open a window with the drive's contents.

Nothing happened. Zilch. Zip.

So I took a gander at device manager and from best I can tell there was no trace of a mention of a Firewire 1394b PCI card.

Before writing this I searched all over and came up with very little. But from what little I did gather Linux does indeed support IEEE 1394b (per www.linux1394.org). From what I gathered though support can vary depending on chipset. I have no idea what my chipset is and have been unable to determine it from the box, manual or vendors web site.

Has anyone else faced this or a similar situation?

Any advice?

You can use `lspci` to check if your PCI card was detected, and `dmesg` to check if your hard drive was detected. At least, that's what I'd do!

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