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Michael "TheZorch" Haney wrote:

OK, here is the deal, are you listening, I am still having WiFi problems with Ubuntu on my laptop.

The model is an Acer Aspire 4520, it has a wireless adapter which Windows identifies as an Atheros AR5007EG 802.11b/g Wireless Adapter. After checking Atheros' website they link to the MadWiFi drivers on SourceForge.com for this specific adapter. I learned here in this support group that Ubuntu already has the MadWiFi drivers at the time of installation so I did a full complete reinstall of Ubuntu ... the 64bit Edition since the 32bit edition won't boot on this machine for some reason.

So here's the deal. In the Restricted Drivers screen under System->Administration two drivers show up as Enabled (there is a check in the box next to them) and their Status says "IN USE". These are "Support for Atheros Hardware Abstraction Layer" and "Support for Atheros 802.11 Wireless Adapters". A third is there but that's my Nvidia card.

What you needed to do was get the update system working but it could not because your WiFi was not working.

Question 1. Is your nVidia working fine? Do you have a full size screen and all?

It sounds like you need to plug in hard Internet and then using the Synaptic Package manager look for the MadWiFi download. If your nVidia is bad get that down too.

So, as suggested by people in this group I went to the Network panel applet, right clicked, and selected Edit Wireless Network. On the next screen there are no wireless networks shown and I cannot create a new wireless connection on this screen.

That is because you have no WiFi on your system.

I looked in Help and it suggested running "sudo lshw -C network" to see

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if there was actually a driver. It displays only "PCI (sysfs)" and just sits there. "iwconfig" displays this message:

lo No Wireless Extensions

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The "internal" WiFi adapter CAN be turned on and off with a button on a button bar at the top of the keyboard, but this button bar is driven by a piece of "Acer Empowerment" software in Windows and I doubt it works in Linux. I pressed it anyway and nothing happens. Above this button is an activity light for the WiFi adapter. In Linux this light is dark. While Ubuntu detected my adapter and installed drivers for it I still can't get it to work at all.

It didn't install a thing. I could not. You were not connected to the Internet.

Does anyone here have any suggestions? PLEASE!

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