

debian 2.1 newbie

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Question concerns winmodems, XP machines with 2 hard drives, modern video cards, etc.

I found old book with single Cdrom Debian Gnu/linux unleashed. With no previous successful experience I done installed it on a PC running Win98 and configured LILO to dual boot. So far so good. What i really want is a fancy package and to run X server also connect to internet. ==> Can I use a winmodem? Couple years ago I heard you needed a ISA modem not PCI. On that old machine I can put a ISA modem if need be and X server should not have a problem with the old S3 video 2 meg card.

I also got 2 new machines that run XP with fancy video cards like forinstance S3 PRoSavageDDR and wonder if GnNU/Linux has XFree86 packages developed yet that can be downloaded for these snazzy types of display adapters since the last time I investigated the idea of running linux was in the 1990's and the hardware support was a little behind what was available off the shelf or so I thought.

onather question is should I try to dual-boot on the same HD as XP or should I just try to boot from the 2nd hard drive or a combination of the 2. I apologize if this is a stupid question.