

SuSE 9.1 multiple hardware problems

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Hello!

I've just recently upgraded from SuSE 9.0 to 9.1. I upgraded because my SATA hard drive didn't get along very well SuSE 9. I must say that on the whole, I'm very impressed with 9.1, with two drawbacks. My printer and scanner worked under 9.0; they do not under 9.1.

My scanner is a Microtek SlimScan C3 connected via the parallel port. Two modules need to be loaded to make it work (ppscsi and onscsi). These were not included with 9.1. I downloaded a patch from <http://penguin-breeder.org/kernel/#ppscsi> and it compiled without errors. However, I can't get the scanner to work. Color mode returns a completely black scan and locks the scanner up. Grayscale returns a very distorted image. The system log tells me "...onscsi.0: WARNING: data read overran by...". Unfortunately, the ppscsi project is no longer maintained. I may have to retire it to the kids computer and invest in a new scanner.

The printer is an Epson Stylus Photo R300. I originally (with SuSE 9.0) used the driver downloaded from Epson. It worked fine after I finally got it to compile. Under 9.1, it compiles just fine (no errors).

However, I can't get a connection to the printer. I tried to copy the binaries from my 9.0 installation (The Epson driver uses a proprietary engine). This allowed me to communicate with the printer (I can check ink levels). Print jobs go to null. Nothing comes out of the printer. I tried setting it up under Yast using the Gnome print driver. The results were the same (nothing printed).

The scanner would be nice to have working, but I do understand that parallel port devices are obsolete and most people probably figure it's easier to upgrade the hardware than the software.

I would very much like to get the printer working. If anyone has any ideas, please reply.

Thanks in advance!

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