

Re: Which linux for a newb?

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On Fri, 06 Apr 2007 16:49:00 +0000, Chuck wrote:

I'm looking for a linux distro to run on my Dell D610 laptop. I tried ubuntu 6.10 but it doesn't work while the laptop is in the docking station. Apparently it can't detect the external monitor properly. Sound doesn't work in the docking station either. I guess because the speakers are in the monitor which it can't detect. Wifi which is another must doesn't work at all with my Intel 2915abg card. Is there a distro preferably with gnome desktop that will work with my hardware? Maybe something where I can just download a live-cd to try it first? Thanks.

Without going into any research on your particular laptop, I'd suggest you try the PCLinuxOS 2007 Live-Install CD -- <http://www.pclinuxos.org/> I just installed it on an old Dell 5000e. The installer recognized everything. There was no built-in wifi or ethernet on this machine, however; but the PCMCIA network cards got recognized, and the set up wizard took care of the configurations after the initial install.

The default GUI is KDE, but you can change it to GNOME easily enough.

Stef

Been waiting to try this distro since I still can't get wpa-enterprise, or a proper Xfree config for my docking station working in ubuntu.

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