

Re: PC Hardware in a Nutshell, 3d ed.

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Allan Adler wrote:

> *I see that Thompson&Thompson's PC Hardware in a Nutshell, 3d ed. has
> finally appeared. I've been waiting for it, since the 2nd edition
> assumes a Windows operating system, which doesn't affect the hardware
> but does affect the description of the available software for working
> with the hardware.*

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> *I looked at the reviews at Amazon to see how the new Linux
> information in the book is treated and didn't really find it
> mentioned. So I'm asking here. I'd like to know whether people on
> this group have found the 3rd edition helpful in dealing with
> hardware issues under Linux.*

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> *I guess I should also mention that I'm running RedHat 7.1 whereas
> they might be assuming a different Linux distribution.*

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> *Ignorantly, Allan Adler ara@zurich.ai.mit.edu*

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> * * *Disclaimer: I am a guest and *not* a member of the MIT
> Artificial * * Intelligence Lab. My actions and
> comments do not reflect * * in any way on MIT.
> Moreover, I am nowhere near the Boston * *
> metropolitan area. * **

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Finally appeared? I thought I bought it last summer.... At that time I was thinking of building a new system around the Asus A7N8X, (which is still listed on their website as one of their motherboard picks), but those are now considered dated. It is a real problem that computer hardware changes so fast that a book is out of date almost as soon as it becomes available.

They try to give equal time to hardware setup under Linux, I think, but they could never give enough detail. For example, I had to check websites to find out how well Linux supported the onboard peripherals of

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that Asus A7N8X, (sound, ethernet, etc.).

-Dennis.