

Re: Many wireless card doesn't support Linux?

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Daniel Böhmer wrote:

> Hello NG,
> here I've got a wireless card with Realtek chipset. It is quite old but
> I couldn't find a driver anywhere. With the help of a friend I was able
> to install and get working ndiswrapper. I saw the card driver was
> working (referring to the output of several tools like iwconfig) but I
> was still not able to connect to my AP. I think this is caused by the AP
> itself. Most of his feature don't work and I think WLAN is not realized
> according to the RFCs and so on.
>
> I got the impression that there is no group of wireless cards which do
> definitely work under Linux. Do you know any chipset or something like
> this which is supported by Linux native drivers? I would even buy a new
> card with this one to get this WLAN working under Linux.

The Intel chips are fully supported by the kernel, Atheros chips are supported by a driver which included a binary portion (the bit that regulates the frequencies and transmit power), there are drivers for some of the Realtek chips, and then there is the prism54 driver for the g Prism chips, and the hostap driver for the 11b cards. The Broadcom chips are generally not supported, and I think the Texas chips are but I would not be sure. So the picture is not quite as bleak as you are painting it to be.

David

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> strutsng@gmail.com schrieb:
>> I am using Linksys wireless card, but it seems only support in windows.
>> Because
>> the CD says only for windows. How about Linux? I have Red Hat Linux 9
>> and
>> want to connect to the internet via wireless.
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>> any advices? thanks!!
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