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Xyerp wrote:

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> *What part of*

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> *The FIRST step towards finding a Linux driver is identifying the*

> *modem's CHIPSET. The scanModem tool will help you. The manufacturer*

> *brand with model number are generally NOT informative in this regard.*

> *Modems from a single manufacturer can have different chips. But your*

> *documentation may have this critical information, so read it*

> *carefully. For PCI card modems, a database can be searched. A broader*

> *database is also available. Controller based modems utilize the*

> *"standard" serial drivers, while the winmodems in most newer PCs and*

> *laptops require their own drivers. General information on these issues*

> *is available at the Linmodem-Howto. Only after your chipset has been*

> *identified, should help on configuration & installation issues can be*

> *sought from the mailing list discuss@linmodems.org, with archives,*

> *wherein discussions are many issues reside.*

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> *Do you not understand?*

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> *I guess you nearly understood some of it, as you mention you have an*

> *Intel chipset.*

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> *Did you then follow the instructions and go to the intel website?*

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> *eg.*

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> http://downloadfinder.intel.com/scripts-df/filter_results.asp?strOSs=39&strTypes=DRV&ProductID=1057&OSFullIN

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> *You're going to need to help yourself a bit. There won't always be*

> *someone there to hold your hand... Trust me - its not that difficult!*

OK, you seem to know so much about installing these modems. Do you have/or have installed of these modem under Slackware? I am well aware

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of the exact chipset used and all the other specs– I own it. FYI, the modem driver, supplied by the modem company's OWN site (not the place you mentioned), will compile (with many warnings– their code, not mine). Next it must be force-loaded into the kernel, after that, there's about 12–15 other steps before you can even set the soft-link to the modem (dev/modem) device! Never mind actually using it, which requires an advanced doctorate in linux networking and development...

I fully understand that Linux is not a beginner's OS, and I'm no beginner (BS in CS at Rochester of Tech., I program C/C++ , 8086 asm, as well as write and maintain my own website (php&scriptol), FTP&Telnet services), so please do not talk down to me like I am some kind of idiot that refuses to do some work on his own. For one, the instructions that come with this distrobution are worse than nonexistant, as many times they are just plain wrong. Much of the time (about 90%) the scripts and auto-config tools fail and simply quit, leaving you on your own to figure out what to do. Maybe it's this distro, maybe not, but I think that someone that can install a Slackware–Linux sys that dual-boots with windows, with the next to no help that the instructions/sites give is doing pretty good...

I'll continue on, today I started to setup XFree86 and actually came here with (what most likely would have been) a simple question (for someone that must have as much expience as yourself, compared with my 4 days of Linux now), but now that I see "What part of....blah, blah, blah, don't you understand?!" is the standard response, I think I'd just rather learn on my own. It got my thru MS–DOS, WIN3.1,95,ME, UNIX and now it will get my thru Slackware Linux...

–Jay