

Re: wheel mouse not working

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On Wed, 01 Feb 2006 19:02:52 +0000, phd15@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
<phd15@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi, I'm having real trouble getting my serial microsoft intellimouse working properly.

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bash-2.05a$ cat /proc/version
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gives

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Linux version 2.4.18-3BOOT (bhcompile@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) (gcc  
version 2.96 20000731 (Red Hat Linux 7.3 2.96-110)) #1 Thu Apr 18  
06:53:28 EDT 2002
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the part of my /etc/X11/XF86Config file that deals with the mouse is

Pointer section

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# *****
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Section "Pointer"

Protocol "microsoft"

Device "/dev/mouse"

Have you created the symbolic link /dev/mouse? It might be better to use Device "/dev/ttyS0" or "/dev/ttyS1", whichever is correct. If you're not sure which it is, type "cat -v /dev/ttyS0" and move the mouse. If nothing happens try "cat -v /dev/ttyS1". Or spend five bucks and get a PS/2 or USB mouse, unless your PC is so ancient that it doesn't have either of those ports. Even if that is the case, since you have gotten far enough to edit the XF86Config, there is a good chance you can get everything to work.

Device "/dev/psaux"

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/dev/psaux is the PS/2 mouse port.

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Every word is like an unnecessary stain on silence and nothingness.

— Beckett

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