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Redhat 9 won't install (it says it can't find the CD ROM after booting and trying to start and install), and Redhat 8 installs, but can't show the GUI.

I also tried two CD based versions (Adios and Knoppix). They can't load the GUI either.

Here's my system info (I loaded Windows 98). Is there anything I can do?

I just need to surf the net.

Thanks.

Manufacturer : Compaq

Host Name : CDL04

Processor

Model : Intel(R) Pentium(R) II

Speed : 349MHz

Performance Rating : PR419 (estimated)

Type : Standard

L2 On-board Cache : 512kB ECC Synchronous Write-Back (4-way, 32 byte line size)

Mainboard

Bus(es) : ISA AGP PCI USB i2c/SMBus

MP Support : No

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MP APIC : No

System BIOS : Compaq 686T3

Mainboard : Compaq 0400h

Total Memory : 128MB SDRAM

Chipset 1

Model : Intel Corporation 82443BX/ZX 440BX/ZX CPU to PCI Bridge (AGP Implemented)

Front Side Bus Speed : 1x 100MHz (100MHz data rate)

Total Memory : 128MB SDRAM

Memory Bus Speed : 1x 100MHz (100MHz data rate)

Video System

Monitor/Panel : ViewSonic 17GS-2

Adapter : ATI 3D Rage Pro (atir3)

Physical Storage Devices

Hard Disk : GENERIC NEC FLOPPY DISK

Hard Disk : GENERIC IDE DISK TYPE01

CD-ROM/DVD : COMPAQ CD-ROM CR-589

Logical Storage Devices

1.44MB 3.5" (A:) : N/A

Tested (C:) : 6.0GB (5.6GB, 93% Free) (FAT32)

CD-ROM/DVD (D:) : N/A

Peripherals

Serial/Parallel Port(s) : 2 COM / 1 LPT

USB Controller/Hub : Intel 82371AB/EB PCI to USB Universal Host Controller

USB Controller/Hub : USB Root Hub

Keyboard : Standard 101/102-Key or Microsoft Natural Keyboard

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Mouse : PS/2 Compatible Mouse Port

MultiMedia Device(s)

Device : ES1869 Control Interface (WDM)

Device : ES1869 Plug and Play AudioDrive (WDM)

Device : Microsoft Kernel System Renderer

Device : Microsoft Kernel GS Wavetable Synthesizer

Device : Microsoft Kernel Audio Mixer

Device : Microsoft DirectMusic SW Synth (WDM)

Operating System(s)

Windows System : Microsoft Windows 98 (Win32 x86) 4.10.2222 (A)

DOS System : Microsoft MS-DOS Version 7.10 A

Network Services

Network Drivers Enabled : Yes

Adapter : Dial-Up Adapter

Adapter : Compaq NC3121 Fast Ethernet NIC

SiSoftware Sandra

System

Manufacturer : Compaq

Model : Deskpro EN Series

System Chassis

Manufacturer : Compaq

Type : Desktop

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