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hi everyone,  
I'm looking for a new, gruntier laptop. What laptop is known to work WELL with freeBSD? e.g.:

ACPI with no problems (and as many features as possible)  
PATA / SATA with no problems  
all other basic stuff (graphics, NIC, Wireless g, sound, touchpad ,etc ) should work too, of course

Looking into either Intel duo Core or AMD64 chips.

From what I've read, IBMs seem to have quite good support, so do DELLs

(though they seem chunkier than other laptops). I usually get Toshiba, but I don't think they are so well supported.

I have a new Lenovo (IBM) T43 (266875U) that is working well.

If you get an integrated A/B/G card, it's Athros based and works very well with FreeBSD and the wpa\_supplicant. The internal Winmodem is useless, though. The GE is a Broadcom which works well. Graphics is an ATI Radeon, so you will want to have Radeontool to turn it off.

ACPI has no problems and, if you load `acpi_ibm`, it provides lots of features. Sound is `snd_ich` and works fine. I disable the touchpad, so I really can't say much about it. If the touchpad is disabled, it has a 3 button mouse.

I have not been successful with a suspend/resume cycle while running X. It seems to suspend, but never resumes when in X. If I'm on a vty, it does resume, but the display characters are garbage. "`vidcontrol mode 80x25`" fixes it, though. I can probably stick this into `rc.resume`.

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It's only a 2GHz Pentium-M, though. The new T60s are Core Duo systems, but we don't have one, yet. One was just ordered last week, so I hope to get to play with one soon.

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