

Re: Laptop recommendations for 6.x

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On Tue, Feb 20, 2007 at 10:09:53AM +0000, Nik Clayton wrote:

All,

What's currently recommended as a FreeBSD laptop platform?

Hi, I am using a HP compaq nx8220 without too many problems.

so far I encountered the following problems:

- build-in cardreader is not recognized.
- writing dual-layer DVDs will hang at writing the split-info to disk (with growisofs), but can then be restarted without problems.

bge0 and iwi0 work without problems, screen resolution is very good, sound and dvd playback no problem...

I'm using an IBM/Lenovo T42 at the moment, but that's shortly going back, so:

Things I like:

- * Suspend to RAM works

haven't checked that one. never use it anyway.

- * Nice enough keyboard
- * Workable screen resolution (1024x768, big enough for four xterms)

yes! it is a 16/9 display and $3 \times 3 = 9$ xterms fit very nicely – or editing very large textfiles (two) side by side with 138x75 characters each (that is 138 chars wide!).

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- * Reasonably light

does not weight that much (I carry other more heavy stuff with me, so I just might not notice the laptops additional weight ;-)

- * Has a dock --- makes things much easier

don't have one myself, but no problem with docks available at customers.

- * 1.7GHz CPU is fast enough for my needs (web, e-mail, software development)

should be available with dual core now. mine has about 2GHz which is plenty (for FreeBSD). Windows XP takes ages to start.

- * Trackpad

yep.

Things I don't like:

- * Battery life isn't great

enough for 1 DVD to watch (around 2 hours), but one can fit a second battery if needed.

- * Suspend to disk doesn't work

at least works with windows xp - as stated, i haven't checked with FreeBSD yet.

- * No WiFi

has iwi-interface. works fine for me.

Can anyone recommend a laptop with all those features that works with FreeBSD?

I feel tempted to buy an apple powerbook pro next time ;-) but ymmv.

Regards,
Holger

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