

Re: FreeBSD on a HP laptop

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On 2004-03-31, Yevgen Muntyan <muntyan.removethis@tamu.edu> wrote:

> *Mike ÐÉÚÁÔ:*

>> *I was wondering if anyone has had any success running FreeBSD on any HP*

>> *laptops?*

>> *My current model is a zx5078cl,*

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>> *Anyone know how well HP laptops are supported? I also was hoping that if it*

>> *indeed was, if my wireless adapter would work as well. I'm interested in*

>> *trying to set up a dual boot system with WinXP and FreeBSD*

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> *Hi.*

> *I have HP Pavilion ze5470us, and installed 5-current on it.*

> *So far I can say that X works, mouse works, network adapter works,*

> *wireless adapter works with ndisimulator.*

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> *But acpi does not work well – it does not know if AC adapter is plugged*

> *in/off; it does not report battery state; I can't change CPU speed;*

> *suspend works but display does not turn on after returning from sleep.*

> *So, thanks to HP, FreeBSD works but without laptop functionality.*

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> *Need to write to acpi-jp@jp.freebsd.org.*

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> *Regards,*

> *Yevgen*

I am running 4-STABLE on a Compaq Armada e500. I have X (Gnome), openoffice, evolution, mozilla etc. The onboard LAN and modem connections work fine, as does a Netgear 802.11 WiFi card. The ACPI support is fine (battery status report is accurate), and the machine goes in and out of standby without problems. I also use USB memory sticks work without any major hiccups...

I think a lot will depend on the manufacturer – my Compaq seems to be well supported under FBSD. You may fare better or worse – it may be worth doing some more research first...