

Re: What BSD distrib is the most Laptop Friendly?

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On 2003-10-21, clvrnky <clvrnky@coldmail.com.invalid> wrote:

> *Dake-Bonoism* wrote:

>> *I've been perusing the websites and FAQ's but I'm still a little*

>> *unclear as to which version is the most suited for a laptop install.*

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>> *Any opinions?*

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> *Not to fan any flames, but based on the intent of the FreeBSD project,*

> *this fork is probably the best for an Intel-based laptop. At least in*

> *terms of all the weird laptop hardware and devices being supported.*

Last I heard the FreeBSD 4.x series didn't support CardBus (32bit pcmcia cards) which could put a bit of a damper on the hardware support. I can't speak to the availability of other bells and whistles though.

> *A lot of bleeding edge tech is supported on Intel boxes under FreeBSD*

> *and (alternatively) Linux. The focus of OpenBSD and NetBSD might*

> *suggest you might have to do a bit more tweaking to get all the bells*

> *and whistles working.*

It seems to me that NetBSD is often the first to support new hardware stuff, though I don't know how much tweaking is involved.

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