

Re: Simple question

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"Teilhk Knight" <teilhk@privacy.net> writes:

> *I just bought this laptop and seems to be cutting-edge technology. I want to
> install FreeBSD and Mandrake there, but I wonder if they will manage with my
> wireless adapter. I guess the only way to know is to install and see, huh?*

As somebody else noted, the dmesg style output from the install kernel contains whatever info it was possible to extract from the hardware. The information offered by the OpenBSD install disks is excellent (in fact on more than one occasion I've used that to determine which drivers to fetch from where when resurrecting Microsoft boxes) and if your gear is not supported out of the box, the info you get will certainly point you in the right direction. It might be a good idea or at least interesting to try a 3.7-beta snapshot (available from `/pub/OpenBSD/snapshot/$arch` on your friendly neighborhood mirror) on your brand new hardware.

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"First, we kill all the spammers" The Usenet Bard, "Twice-forwarded tales"