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So I was looking through my selection of spare computer parts and discovered that I had enough to build another computer. My Mint box does everything I need so I wasn't sure what I'd do with a third computer. Then I remembered all the games I used to play on my old windows computer: American McGee's Alice, Command and Conquer, No One Lives Forever, and most recently Albatross 18.

So I put everything together while getting excited to visit my character again. I install WinXP, which I haven't used in what seems like years (except at work). I noticed that my SoundBlaster Audigy was not detected during installation. So I get out the old driver disk and put it in. I choose to install only the drivers since I wanted it to be a fast gaming system. The installation goes to 90% then... nothing.

It froze.

Ctrl-Alt-Del doesn't work. I have to do a hard reboot. This new system, with only McAfee AV and Mozilla Firefox previously installed, froze while installing drivers for a completely supported sound card. I was amazed.

Now the system freezes while trying to access Start Menu. The drivers are not listed in the Add/Remove Programs. And the system reboots while trying to change the volume. Not to mention it's as slow as my old Pentium 100Mhz while starting up. Good job M\$/Creative.

I'm typing this on my Mint box. I feel comfortable here. I think the former gaming box is going to back in the closet for awhile. Until I can think of a use for it that doesn't involve installing windows.

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