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Well I picked up a perfectly good Gateway laptop last summer that included a Broadcomm modem which is supposedly supported by the Linux kernel, but thats another story.

I spent about two hours running Windows XP and removing all the adware that came with the machine. God what a mess. The Automatix guys would do the world a great favor if they could write a script to remove this kind of stuff. I would, but lack the programming skills.

I tried to install PCLinuxOS but couldn't get past HAL so I ended up installing Kubuntu. Then Automatix. With the help of the drivers on the windows partition and Knetworkmanager I had WPA up and running in minutes.

That was about 8 months ago.

After logging into Windows XP yesterday, and trying to run Windows update, Microsoft wanted to install the Genuine Advantage nonsense. Mind you this is a legal OEM copy of Windows XP. That was the last straw.

Since I haven't even booted into Windows since last summer I grabbed Gtparted and, blasted into digital oblivion, both Windows partitions and reformatted it to ext3.

I installed Debian 4.0 just for fun. It will be replaced with PCLinuxOS when it goes final.

Free at last, free at last, free at last.

Rich D.

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I was a gopher before www.* was cool

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