

Dell Mini 9 in the real world

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So, i bought a dell mini 9 back in September, sold the XP Home CD and loaded Ubuntu. I use it daily, between work, for things like email, browsing, chat, and miro.

The last 3 weeks i have been traveling in Thailand (im uk based normally)

Using the netbook is an interesting experience, not without some issues.

Firstly, i am not using it to write essays, render videos or anything huge, i have been using it to upload to Youtube or Picasaweb, update my blog, chat with friends, check facebook and the like..

in the main, this is perfect, its light enough to whip out on a bus, airport, hotel lounge, i have a 32GB SD Card, and 32gb usb stick, so space isnt an issue,

i have however had 2 big issues

the first one is wifi, it works perfectly in blighty, but out here in bangkok, every time i attach to a wifi hub, it locks up, complete freeze, no alt f2 to a tty screen, just power off/on, i resolved this by disabling acpid (IT engineer by trade/Geek by nature) however was a bit frustrating.

the other issue, is that the sound keeps locking out, if i watch a video, after 20 or so minutes the sound stops, and i have to restart hal to get this working.

When i get back i will investigate both of these, and put them on ubuntuforums however for a lesser user may have caused a fast running back to XP..

All in all, a great little travel companion, especially as so many people dont wep/wpa thier wifi..

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