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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 30 Jan 2008 20:25:50 GMT  
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[www.JamieKrutz.com](http://www.JamieKrutz.com)

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gOS (Ubuntu based) installed on my system flawlessly including network/sound etc.- I didn't touch a thing. Very clean desktop with all required web/office tools installed.

Chuck

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GNU/Linux distros have to make some choices about how they deal with proprietary drivers. Some of the more strict ones (most notably, Debian itself) simply makes you figure it out yourself. Some (SuSE, Mandriva) kind of nod and wink and give helpful suggestions or offer to install drivers for you. Ubuntu actually has the drivers packaged and ready to go, just tick a box in the right control panel and you're off using the nVidia or ATI binaries.

In an ideal world the video card companies would publish specs and not enforce NDAs on free software developers, that's what Intel and most of the mobo manufacturers do, as well as pretty much all of the hardware vendors in the enterprise space. For now, Ubuntu is the best option if you don't want to learn how to manage stuff like this on your own.

It's a big step, imho.

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