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Posted by Jamie K on Wed, 30 Jan 2008 20:25:50 GMT
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gOS (Ubuntu based) installed on my system flawlessly including network/sound
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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, Mandrivia) 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
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It's a big step, imho.

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