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It Came From The Internet is my blog where I share with you my adventures in technology. From hardware installs, testing new devices, installing software, and whatever else might fall into my lap. I'm not an expert anything, I'm just sharing my findings as I come across them, and any advice or guide here that you decide to try is purely at your own risk. You might have a different setting or piece of hardware that I didn't have and thus get a different result. My goal is to be thorough enough that you can get what you need from here either way.

I personally try to use free and open software as much as possible. But I admit I'm human and can't live without a few things that have no equivalent in the FOSS community. My hope is that if we all support the Free Software Foundation (FSF) and try to limit our use of non-free software as much as we possibly can, that eventually companies won't make proprietary/closed source/drm products anymore. Plus, for my work, I do have to have a copy of XP and a copy of Vista unfortunately, I hope to change that soon.

Many people are new to free and open software and don't always know where to turn for information. While there are endless places to get help and info online, my aim is simply to provide you with what I know has worked for me, in clear and step by step instructions, in the hopes it will save you time and work for you.

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## Currently, I use:

**Ubuntu 9.04 Jaunty Jackalope (64bit w/ ext4 filesystem) on my HP Pavilion Elite m9252p (quad core)**

### Modifications:

- Added a Sony BDUX10S SATA Blu-ray Disc-ROM Drive (Internal)
- Added an HP W2408H 24" Widescreen HDMI LCD Monitor
- Added HP HD7500S Personal Media Drive 750 GB USB 2.0 External Hard Drive (loaded into PMD Bay so it's inside the machine)
- Added HP PD1600 Pocket Media Drive 160 GB USB 2.0 External Hard Drive (loaded into Expansion Bay so it's inside the machine)
- Added Logitech Z-2300 THX-Certified 200-Watt 2.1 Speaker System

### Specs:

- Intel Core 2 Quad processor Q6700 operating at 2.66GHz
- 8MB (2 x 4MB) L2 cache
- 1066MHz frontside bus

- 4GB of PC2-6400 DDR2 SDRAM memory (4 x 1GB)
- 750GB 7200-rpm Serial ATA (SATA) internal hard drive
- LightScribe SuperMulti DVD drive with Double Layer support (reads/writes DVD±R/RW, DVD-RAM, DVD±R Double Layer, CD-R/RW)
- Front-panel 15-in-1 memory card reader
- Integrated wireless 802.11b/g LAN
- Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000Mbps) network interface
- 56K V.92 modem
- 6 USB 2.0 ports (2 front, 4 back)
- 2 FireWire (IEEE 1394) ports (1 front, 1 back)
- 2 PS/2 ports
- DVI, TV-out and HDMI ports on video card (HDMI port allows viewing HD content on an HDTV or HD monitor)
- Front panel ports: S-video-in, composite video-in, audio-in (left, right), microphone input, headphone output
- nVidia GeForce 8500 GT graphics, with 512MB dedicated memory, up to 1791MB total available; supports DirectX® 10
- High Definition Audio, 8 speaker configurable
- Rear audio ports: Digital audio in/out, line-in, line-out, microphone; side speaker out, rear speaker out, center speaker out
- HP wireless keyboard with extended range (up to 30')

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## **openSolaris 2009.06 and Windows XP Pro [dual boot] on my Acer Aspire 3680 - Laptop Computer**

### Modifications:

- added 1 GB of RAM
- added Logitech V220 Cordless Optical Mouse

### Details:

Intel Celeron M 520 Processor 1.8 GHz  
 2 GB DDR 2 SDRAM 533 MHz  
 80 GB Hard Drive  
 SD Card Reader  
 CD-RW / DVD-ROM combo - Integrated: read speed 24x (CD) / 8x (DVD), write/rewrite speed 24x  
 Stereo speakers  
 Acer InviLink 802.11b/802.11g integrated Wireless LAN antenna  
 1 x Modem - Phone line RJ-11  
 1 x Network Ethernet 10Base-T/100 Base-TX - RJ-45  
 3 x Hi-Speed USB - 4 pin USB Type A  
 1 x Display / video - VGA - 15 pin HD D-Sub (HD-15)  
 1 x Display / video - S-video output  
 1 x Audio - SPDIF output/headphones/line-out  
 1 x Microphone - Input - Mini-phone 3.5 mm  
 1 x Audio - Line-in - Mini-phone 3.5 mm  
 Display Type 14.1 in TFT active matrix - CrystalBrite widescreen  
 Max Resolution 1280 x 800 ( WXGA )  
 Graphics Processor / Vendor - Intel GMA 950  
 Dynamic Video Memory Technology 3.0  
 Max Allocated Video Memory RAM Size - 224 MB

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### **Xubuntu 7.04 PPC/PS3 on my Playstation 3**

- Using PS3 Logitech Cordless USB Keyboard with integrated TouchPad
- Removed 60 GB hard drive
- Added 320 GB hard drive (Western Digital Scorpio 2.5 inch 5400 RPM HDD)

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### **Nokia N800**

- flashed to latest operating system edition
- installed two 8 GB SDHC Cards

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I use PC-BSD, gNewSense and Linux Mint in virtual environments also.

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I've tried a huge variety of distros on all these computers (except of course the N800), and have learned much along the way, both good and bad. 

I am not a computer guru by any means, but I am a web designer who has tinkered in hardware and software for quite some time now, and if I can help you, I'd be glad to. You can contact me [here](#).

Thanks for visiting It Came From Internet!

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