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Linux Configure Intel 4965 PRO Wireless Card

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Q. How do I configure Intel 4965 PRO Wireless Card under Red Hat Linux Desktop Operating systems?



A. You need to install firmware package called iwl4965-firmware using RHN. You can also download the same from Red Hat FTP server. You must login as the root user to perform following tasks.

First make sure your PCI hardware database is upto date. To download new version of the PCI ID list type the following command at a shell prompt:



[2]

```
# update-pciids
```

Sample output:

```
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time Time Time Current
Dload Upload Total Spent Left Speed
100 130k 100 130k 0 0 209k 0 --:--:- 520k
Done.
```

Next, confirm that the 4965 hardware is present in the system, enter:

```
# lspci | grep 4965
```

Once confirmed, type the following command to install support for Intel 4965 PRO Wireless Card, enter:

```
# yum install iwl4965-firmware
```

Open /etc/modprobe.d/blacklist file, enter:

```
# vi /etc/modprobe.d/blacklist
```

Remove or comment the blacklist iwl4965 line to enable the iwl4965 driver, at the end it should look like as follows:

```
# don't load iwl4965 by default, bug 245379
# blacklist iwl4965
```

Save and close the file. Reboot the laptop:

```
# reboot
```

After reboot the driver should get properly loaded. Linux will also create the necessary configuration file for the wireless card at this stage. Finally, turn on NetworkManager service:

```
# chkconfig NetworkManager on
# /etc/init.d/NetworkManager start
```

Now, Wireless network access can be managed by left-clicking on the Network Manager icon in the upper right-hand corner of the desktop screen. You can set IP address or obtain it via dhcp. You can also set wireless password and other security settings.

A Note About Other Linux Distribution

You can download updated driver from official project web site [3]. It support following drivers:

- adm8211
- at76 usb
- ath5k
- b43
- b43legacy
- iwl3945
- iwl4965
- ipw2100
- ipw2200
- ub8xxx
- libertas_cs
- p54_pci
- p54_usb
- rndis_wlan
- rt2400pci
- rt2400pci
- rt2500pci
- rt2500usb
- rt61pci
- rt73usb
- rtl8180
- rtl8187
- zd1211rw

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