

The Wavelan drivers saga

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The Wavelan is a Radio network adapter designed by Lucent. Under this generic name is hidden quite a variety of hardware, and many Linux driver to support it.

The get the full story on Wireless LANs, please consult :
http://www.hpl.hp.com/personal/Jean_Tourrilhes/Linux/

"wavelan" driver (old ISA Wavelan)

- o Config : Network device -> Wireless LAN -> AT&T WaveLAN
- o Location : .../drivers/net/wireless/wavelan*
- o in-line doc : .../drivers/net/wireless/wavelan.p.h
- o on-line doc :
http://www.hpl.hp.com/personal/Jean_Tourrilhes/Linux/Wavelan.html

This is the driver for the ISA version of the first generation of the Wavelan, now discontinued. The device is 2 Mb/s, composed of a Intel 82586 controller and a Lucent Modem, and is NOT 802.11 compliant.

The driver has been tested with the following hardware :

- o Wavelan ISA 915 MHz (full length ISA card)
- o Wavelan ISA 915 MHz 2.0 (half length ISA card)
- o Wavelan ISA 2.4 GHz (full length ISA card, fixed frequency)
- o Wavelan ISA 2.4 GHz 2.0 (half length ISA card, frequency selectable)
- o Above cards with the optional DES encryption feature

"wavelan_cs" driver (old Pcmcia Wavelan)

- o Config : Network device -> PCMCIA network ->
Pcmcia Wireless LAN -> AT&T/Lucent WaveLAN
- o Location : .../drivers/net/pcmcia/wavelan*
- o in-line doc : .../drivers/net/pcmcia/wavelan_cs.h
- o on-line doc :
http://www.hpl.hp.com/personal/Jean_Tourrilhes/Linux/Wavelan.html

This is the driver for the PCMCIA version of the first generation of the Wavelan, now discontinued. The device is 2 Mb/s, composed of a Intel 82593 controller (totally different from the 82586) and a Lucent Modem, and NOT 802.11 compatible.

The driver has been tested with the following hardware :

- o Wavelan Pcmcia 915 MHz 2.0 (Pcmcia card + separate modem/antenna block)
- o Wavelan Pcmcia 2.4 GHz 2.0 (Pcmcia card + separate modem/antenna block)

"wvlan_cs" driver (Wavelan IEEE, GPL)

- o Config : Not yet in kernel
- o Location : Pcmcia package 3.1.10+
- o on-line doc : <http://www.fasta.fh-dortmund.de/users/andy/wvlan/>

This is the driver for the current generation of Wavelan IEEE, which is 802.11 compatible. Depending on version, it is 2 Mb/s or 11

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Mb/s, with or without encryption, all implemented in Lucent specific DSP (the Hermes).

This is a GPL full source PCMCIA driver (ISA is just a Pcmcia card with ISA-Pcmcia bridge).

"wavelan2_cs" driver (Wavelan IEEE, binary)

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- o Config : Not yet in kernel
 - o Location : <ftp://sourceforge.org/pcmcia/contrib/>

This driver support exactly the same hardware as the previous driver, the main difference is that it is based on a binary library and supported by Lucent.

I hope it clears the confusion ;-)

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