

So, I began looking for Eee PC last year (well, more than two weeks ago, anyway) and my original plan was to buy one while I'm in Berlin for new year. However, since there wasn't any Eees available in Germany until second week of 2008, I was in some dissapair because we where leaving on 6th.

You can understand when I read Avian's blog post about his new Eee PC. He is in Slovenia, and I'm in Germany and he managed to buy it? How? Quick e-mail later, and he said that it's available in Building of Fun, some kind of on-line web shop in Ljubljana. Since Slovenia is so much closer to Croatia than Germany (in which I was at that time) I just postponed my purchase for better times. In meantime, Kost got interested also, and after return to Croatia he contacted them and we bought our units.

That would be happy part of story, if only one of them didn't have one constantly lit LCD pixel. Reviewing ASUS warranty, I found that I found one point:

2. TFT LCD defect policy -- Eee PC does not provide ZBD (Zero Bright Dot) warranty for TFT LCD screens.

Yes, it's in there, one you buy the unit, that is. Since we couldn't replace it today I guess I'm out of luck. I will try some of software solutions over the night in hope that it will go away, but some more drastic measures like rubbing LCD screen gently are just too much to ask from me...

Other than that, it's a great device: designed for wifi communication, quick browsing and occasional terminal session using `ctrl+alt+t`. It's not designed to be primary PC, but all features are so well integrated and working seamlessly that I will have hard time reinstalling it with Debian. Until I need `dwm` which I got used to so much. I can probably wait for a few more hours :-)

I can't say anything about battery life, other than fact that it got half-filled in two hours while I was working on it with wifi. I will do some monitoring to see how well is battery holding on this device (there isn't `acpi` command, but all `/proc` entries are there, so it shouldn't be problem).

Form-factor is just great. Yeah, keyboard is small, but I can type on it (with my big fingers) without any problems. We did try to boot few distribution from USB stick (including Puppy and some Slackware derivative) without any problems. Well, there shouldn't be any: this is basically a palm-top size Intel box (at last!) with strange screen size of 800*480.

After first day with my Eee PC, I'm very pleased with it. To make things a bit easier now that I'm back on ThnikPad, I edited `/etc/X11/xinit/xserverrc` to remove `-nolisten tcp`, restarted X using `ctrl+alt+backspace`, typed `xhost mylaptop.lan` on eeepc and then started `x2x -west -to eeepc.lan:0` on my laptop and now I can pass from laptop to eeepc sitting on left with just a mouse move. Sweet.