

Project FrankenMac ? help me turn my old Mac Pro into an open-source multimedia monster!

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Now that I've replaced my MacBook with a lean, mean, Linux netbook machine the next step in my open-source assimilation is to install some kind of Linux on my two year-old Mac Pro.

Whereas my Eee PC makes do with limited hardware, the aluminum behemoth on my desk is anything but lacking in specs, with 2 x 3GHz Dual-Core Intel Xeon processors, 4 x 500GB hard drives and 7GB of onboard RAM.

My plan is to repartition the boot drive, reserving half of it for Linux and the other half for a legacy OS X install, for my iTunes music with DRM (fail) and in case I run into trouble. The specific tasks I'm looking to accomplish in Linux are:

- Video capture and editing from miniDV sources;
- Photo editing;
- (to a lesser extent) Audio editing -- something like Audacity will probably be fine, at least to start.

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