

NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors

Third Party Drivers

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Introduction

As part of the NeXT Registered Developer / Consultant program, NeXT offers a service for distribution of NEXTSTEP related hardware drivers. This service allows developers of drivers for any NEXTSTEP architecture to easily distribute drivers to the NEXTSTEP User community. These drivers are distributed by NeXT without support or warranty by NeXT. Each driver includes the binary in a NEXTSTEP installer compatible package, installation instructions, and information on how to contact the author for additional information and support. These drivers are provided in the hope that they will be found to be useful by the NeXT user community.

Driver Submission Guidelines

Overview

- Drivers submitted to NeXTanswers must be developed by a registered developer or consultant (this is a valuable service, and is only available to registered developers and consultants).
- Drivers are not supported in any way by NeXT. This is a distribution service only. All support for any drivers available through this service must be provided by the author.

- Drivers distributed in this fashion will be mentioned in the NEXTSTEP Hardware Compatibility Guide (HCG) for the specific architecture supported. The driver will be documented in the *Listed* section along with the NeXTanswer number for the driver.
- Driver submissions must be approved by the NeXTanswers team (nextanswers_submit) for completeness of documentation content. NeXT does not verify or warrant that the driver works, supports the hardware portrayed by the author, or is installable on any related systems.

Package

- Drivers must be submitted as a complete package designed to be installed by the NEXTSTEP Installer application.
- Each driver must include complete documentation as described below.
- All necessary information, including the driver package and all documentation, must be submitted to NeXT via NeXTMail to *nextanswers_submit@next.com*.

Required Documentation

Each Driver must have an associated ReadMe that details:

- How to install the driver.
- Features of the driver (including what hardware it supports).
- Known bugs with this driver.
- Contact information for technical support including the fact that this driver is NOT supported by NeXT.
- This ReadMe should be based on the following template:

1610_Driver_README_Template

Each piece of hardware explicitly supported by the driver should have a NeXTanswer which details:

- How to install the hardware.
- Features of the hardware (including which driver it should be used with).
- Known bugs with this hardware/driver combination.
- Contact information for obtaining the hardware.
- Contact information for technical support including the fact that this hardware is NOT supported by NeXT.
- These NeXTanswers should be based on the following template:

1609_Driver_NeXTanswer_Template