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Posted by Kris Tilford on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 18:43:01 GMT
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Posted by peterhaas on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 19:07:49 GMT
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Most so-called USB 2.0 WiFi dongles will indeed work on USB 1.1.

Check the support list, though, as not all of these will support PPC Macs
(but some will).

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Check the IO80211.kext contents for the list of supported devices under
10.4.11.

Now, 10.4.8 was the first Intel supported version, and I do believe that
WiFi was supported thereupon, PROVIDED the plug-in's plist had the proper
device coded added to it.

I am using legacy PCI WiFi adapters from Chinese sources with a Dell
Mini-PCI (NOT Mini-PCI-e, but those are available, too).

These are supported ... at least on Intel platforms ... as gen-u-wine
Airport cards, once the Broadcom plist has been updated.

As an aside for those with failed Ethernet ports ...

There is a Fast Ethernet (10/100) dongle which utilizes the Kawasaki Logic
9700 chip, and the mini CD which is supplied has drivers for PPC, Intel_32
(i386) and Intel_64 (x86_64) included.

Subject: Re: best wifi solution for powermac Digital Audio

Posted by James Knight on Thu, 09 Apr 2015 20:11:07 GMT

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I'm "almost positive" that my old d-link 802.11g pci card was supported on my DA g4. I'll check the model number later but finding one on ebay for peanuts should be easy.

Sent from my mobile device.

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