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Comment:

my particular passion is apple // computer collecting...and this particular computer is now approx 28-30 yrs old...so finding stuff to run the hardware needed for this hobby is a challenge...

anyway...without such device drivers...the particular exotic cards from back then will not work...and we are talking particular rare cutting edge stuff that eventually became mainstream

kache cards, internal sasi/scsi cards, 8' floppy drives for an apple //...motor control cards, modems, bulletin board software...pre internet...such things...

so it is fine to have all this nice old antique hardware...but how to you get the first magnetic media bubble memory card to work when software is copyrighted even though the company is in no type of existence 28yrs later...or say a vista 5 disk carisol drive (1meg in 5 floppys in 1 drive)....tullin floptical drive for the apple // first optical drive...anyway you get my drift...

stuff that is really really abandonware...that would be nice to have in running condition in the smithsonian institution in the year 3022 or some such...

anyway...my 2 c worth there are also other obsolete computer collectors (like antique radio types) in the same boat

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