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Kodak releases scanning application for Linux

Kodak has released a free scanner application for Linux called **ScanTWAIN[1]** that promises "production quality scanning." The software is released under the GNU General Public Licence (**GPL[2]**) version 2 and comes with a complete GUI that supports all of the options of its Windows counterpart. Support is included for duplex scanning with automatic feeding of multiple pages through an Automatic Document Feeder (ADF). An included API using **TWAIN 2.0[3]** allows users to create custom imaging solutions that can use individual components over a network. Kodak products are also supported by the **SANE Project[4]** (Scanner Access Now Easy) that provides compatibility with imaging applications such as the **GIMP[5]** and **XSane[6]**.

ScanTWAIN supports Kodak's i1210, i1220, i1310, i1320, i1410, i1420 and i1440 scanners and Kodak's A3 and A4 flat bed accessories. ScanTWAIN can run on Suse Linux 10.1+, Fedora 8+ and Ubuntu 6.06 or higher. The user interface requires **Mono[7]** version 1.26 or higher. ScanTWAIN is available to **download[8]** from **SourceForge[9]**. More information can be found on Kodak's **web site[10]**.

Other printer and scanner manufacturers also provide some driver support in Linux. **Epson[11]** are major shareholders in **Avays[12]** and Avays provides a number of drivers for Epson scanners from their website. HP provide Linux support for imaging and printing via the **HPLIP Project[13]**. According to HP, the HPLIP software supports over 1,600 HP printers, some of them multi-function with built-in scanners, and is usually included in most major Linux distributions.

See also:

- **Selected KODAK Document Scanners Will Support the LINUX[14]**, the Kodak press release on ScanTWAIN.

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