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Comment: This is wrong, once I've bought something it is mine to do what I want with. If I decide to add software that I've developed myself I would not be able to under these new rules

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Comment: I respectfully request that the FCC continue to allow consumers to install custom software on their devices. This ability has created a lot of commerce, especially in the Linux space. Also amateur networking building and research would be hampered by this rule.

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Comment: To Whom it May Concern;

Do not do this. It will only serve to stifle the creativity of our next generation of tech entrepreneurs. People such as myself who ended up in STEM careers due to the tinkering we did as children. People who see an issue with a device or a possible improvement and turn that idea into entire new companies or industries.

The incredibly tiny "security" benefits which have a minimal chance of coming from this regulatory action are absolutely NOT worth the loss of freedom which would be imposed.

Sincerely;

Shanti Hamburg

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Comment: While I am not a resident of the US, decisions taken in your country influence manufacturers and government leaders around the world to "follow suit", thus it is important that I make this comment.

My request is simple: please do not enforce any rules that take away an owner's ability to install software of their choosing on hardware they own, or indeed making modifications to the device they own. This is chiefly to allow users to make security and bug fixes on the devices they own when a manufacturer is too slow to do so, and to further advance the research into creative ways of using the existing hardware through innovative software (mesh networks, wifi hotspots, etc.).

Creating a blanket "this software cannot be touched due to security/legal concerns" requirement gives manufacturers an easy (and abuse-prone) way out - just lock the whole device out instead of focusing on specific areas of legality/safety/security. To be realistic, creating complete lock downs will only stop the average Joe from accessing the SW - a dedicated malicious user will find a way around most locks.

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Comment: While I understand the FCC's belief that restricting access to the software of a wireless device will increase security for many people, unfortunately the reality is that the corporations that manufacture these devices do not have effective systems in place that can properly respond to faults in their software.

It has been proven time and time again that the size of a corporation is inversely proportional to their care for the customer. By taking away the power to modify software on the customer's device, it not only makes it easier for large corporations to mistreat consumers, it also removes the ability for many to properly utilize a device they purchased.

Many researchers and tinkerers alike often need to modify the software of their wireless device in order to better suit their needs, and with these new restrictions in place it destroys their ability to do so.

These restrictions were obviously written with the best intentions in mind, but removing power from the consumer is not a good decision.

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Comment: I think this is a really poor attempt to increase general security. It won't. Authorized software often contains bugs, backdoors, and other vulnerabilities. Furthermore:

- * Wireless networking research depends on the ability of researchers to investigate and modify their devices.
- * Americans need the ability to fix security holes in their devices when the manufacturer chooses to not do so.
- * Users have in the past fixed serious bugs in their wifi drivers, which would be banned under the NPRM.
- * Billions of dollars of commerce, such as secure wifi vendors, retail hotspot vendors, depends on the ability of users and companies to install the software of their choosing.
- * Mesh networking which helps first responders in emergencies, also helps provide anonymity, creates a backup/alternative communications network, will become more difficult than it needs to be with these new rules.
- * Users should be able to manipulate and control all aspects of their devices.
- * Manufactures will likely employe digital locks is the easiest manner they can rather than worrying about letting you still use your device fully to the extent of the law. This means you get locked out of other things, cannot check for back doors, etc... It's cheaper to implement a lock that encompasses the entire device rather than trying to individually lock or unlock each little line of code depending on the legalities.

[Comment template for those who need help on what to say.]

(https://np.reddit.com/r/linuxmasterrace/comments/3iuvtv/fcc_looking_to_impose_restrictions_that_could/cujtx39)

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Organization Name:

Comment: Please do not implement rules that take away the ability of users to install the software of their choosing on their computing devices. I run DD-WRT on all my routers, and prohibiting this would negatively impact my computing experience. Router manufacturers often do not properly support the software they write, leaving bug fixes to end users. Limiting this ability of users to update their own devices will detrimentally affect their security.

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Organization Name:

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Organization Name:

Comment: I am opposed to blocking open source firmware on routers. If you're truly worried about signal strength, blocking OSS doesn't solve that anyway, as you can resort to hardware signal amplifiers .

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Last Name: Watson

Mailing Address: 518 Cleveland St

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Organization Name:

Comment: Do not tell me what software I am allowed to run on my hardware. This is a terrible idea.

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Organization Name: US Citizens Against Oppressive Government Regulations

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Email Address:

Organization Name:

Comment: Arcesilus on Voat wrote this incredibly good template to follow if you (alike me) don't have any idea how to write to FCC.

I'll paste it here too:

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Organization Name:

Comment: These new rules are far too overreaching. I understand that it's important to keep a radio spectrum that is safe for everyone to operate in responsibly, these rules would forbid people from doing perfectly reasonable things like installing alternative router firmware.

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Comment:

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Organization Name:

Comment: "With phones and tablets open source firmware is also often preferred as a way to avoid crapware put on handsets by manufacturers and network operators. A common feature of such firmware is to allow the selection of WiFi channels and output power that might not be offered by the stock firmware. WiFi works within small bands of unlicensed spectrum, and although there is much common ground the exact frequency allocation and maximum allowed power output can vary somewhat between countries. For example channel 14 in the 2.4 GHz spectrum is only legal in Japan."

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Country: United States

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Organization Name:

Comment: When I buy a new home router, one of the first things I verify is if I am able to install third party (open-wrt, tomato-wrt etc). These proposed regulations would effectively eliminate that as an option, drastically limiting consumer choice. Those who would use these custom firmwares for already illegal reasons would not be limited in the slightest (see: apple jailbreaking possible in all versions, which already implements a control scheme limiting third party firmware).

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Country: United States

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Organization Name:

Comment: The freedom to tinker with and modify equipment I Buy to better fit my use case is inportent to me. I use Linux and on most of my computers not because I am malisous, but because ot allows me to do what I want. Please don't lock doun firmware on routers, switches, computers, etc.

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Last Name: Hack

Mailing Address: 4042 w 163rd

City: Cleveland

Country: United States

State or Province: OH

ZIP/Postal Code: 44135

Email Address:

Organization Name:

Comment: Keep open source. Being able to make your own stuff is American.

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Organization Name: University of Paderborn, C.I.K.

Comment: Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing you regarding Publication Number: 594280, your answer to the question "What are the software security requirements for non-SDR devices and what limitations apply to software configuration control for such devices?"

As a systems administrator and lab technician in Germany, whatever you decide in this matter will heavily affect my daily work routine, because most devices sold here are manufactured to adhere to US standards as well.

In the past, my team at our university has often used SoHo equipment in combination with our own software for field projects. For example, the latest of these was the development of a new, affordable way to record and analyze firefighter excersises. To this end, we modified android phones and cheap access points with a firmware that allowed them to form a dynamic mesh. We then could collect position and other sensor data from every asset in the excercise, even in the very dynamic environment that comes with the scenario.

This project (and other ones before it) would have been impossible if we hadn't had access to widely available, cheap, open source WiFi hardware that we could run our own software on. Please keep in mind the heavy impact the the locking down of such devices will have on the scientific community.

regards

Harald Linden

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Organization Name:

Comment: I think this is a very bad idea. This infringes freedom. Such a decision I had expected more from North Korea or Russia, but not from the land of the free.

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State or Province: WI

ZIP/Postal Code: 54304

Email Address: sethderozier@gmail.com

Organization Name:

Comment: Users should be able to control their own software and how it connects. Their is no need for this.

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Comment: If I purchase an item, ideally the object itself becomes my own with which to fix or otherwise modify. If users cannot control/manipulate their own devices, what's the point in having them? Oftentimes manufacturers release broken or buggy products, and stripping users of the right to repair them after the fact not only hurts consumers, but also producers. Not to mention the modifications that increase the applicability and thus value of the product - a mutually beneficial arrangement. This relationship brings new technologies from existing ones, and is a large part of why the field has advanced so far. Please refrain from putting forth such rules that harms this relationship.