

The problem is that your DVR was "your for life" and someone (the MPAA) is trying to take that away from you.

It's one thing to have restrictions on content use. It is much more difficult to understand someone disabling something that used to work fine because it did not work well with their business model.

Bus companies could make a lot more money if nobody had a driver's license - we should revoke those things or nobody will ever try to create better mass transit systems. Oh, and if anyone creates a better mass transit system, they better pay the bus drivers so they don't go out of business.

Options:

A) Spend thousands of dollars on various pieces of new equipment, make sure it's all compatible and then hope that some company in Hollywood hasn't decided that I can't use newly-purchased content on my own private property.

B) Download any piece of content in existence in a standard digital format that works on any device I prefer to use. For free.

That's really a tough choice. I might have to sleep on that.

Even with SOC I get movies over the Internet anyways - sometimes it's been through Apple's iTunes Store with DRM but now just either download an unprotected version or copy my DVDs to my iTunes Library and then sync or stream to my iPad, iPhone, Apple TV.

I refuse to allow the MPAA to control how, when and where I watch TV. I use no Blu Ray equipment or movies in my home. HDCP encryption in Blu Ray causes any movie played on a HD TV hooked up to a Blu Ray player without HDMI (older HD TVs lack HDMI) but rather Component to have its picture quality downgraded from the pristine 1080P to 720P even if the TV can support 1080P.

I rarely watch pay per view movies or premium VOD encrypted programming I can't record (that I have to pay for but can't record) so am unaffected anyways by the SOC ruling but its still not right. Hollywood should not be allowed to dictate how my TV works I should be able to control my own equipment. Despite their claims of consumer benefits the benefits if any are almost nonexistent.

In any case I would not pay for TV service my parents do but I would not do so. I would rather cancel TV (be a cord cutter) and get my TV over the airwaves via an antenna and/or via the Internet. So screw the MPAA and screw the pay TV companies implementing this at the behest of the MPAA studios.

The biggest problem with SOC though is it breaks users TV equipment - if it ain't broke don't fix it. Why should the MPAA be allowed to control how I use my TV? For

that matter once the MPAA was given the SOC extension other companies in the content business started talking about using SOC also. So NFL might ask for a waiver to use SOC to enforce the sports blackout rule - when they aren't able to sell as many tickets to a game as they'd like they blackout TV viewership of a game. So my equipment is broken for MPAA use only at first but then others ask to be able to break it as well.