

(name:)

Owen P. Martin

Hi,

(class:)

It has come to my attention that certain provisions in the DMCA are antagonistic to free speech in the form of open-source and free software and other works distributed under licenses such as the Gnu GPL (General Public License).

(summary:)

Researchers need to be able to publish details of security holes in and fixes to open-source software in order to provide for a timely resolution of security and other problems.

(facts:)

An example of open-source software being intimidated by the DMCA with adverse effects to the public is when Red Hat recently failed to provide information to U.S. citizens about a security patch to their Linux software.

<http://www.theregus.com/content/4/26656.html>

(argument:)

This affects me as a member of the computing public since I use open-source software. I need to know what software does before installing it on my computer. I find this unacceptable. Please correct the situation. Thank you.

May the Lord bless you,

Philip

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