

# EFF Appeals EME Travesty, Slackware Developer Weighs In

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Before I continue, I want you to fully realize that with Slackware Linux, your rights are not taken away. You are free to use ? or not use ? technologies that allow you to watch ?protected? content like Netflix videos. Our browsers will work just as well if you choose not to use DRM technologies. The libraries which implement the DRM layer are separate from the Slackware packages containing the browsers (Firefox, Chromium) and are not distributed with the OS. It is up to you to add DRM extensions if you need them. You are and remain in control of your OS.

- [\[Older\] Amid Unprecedented Controversy, W3C Greenlights DRM for the Web](#) [4] [Ed: see "[I know this isn't specifically Linux related, but I'm shocked we're not talking about this already.](#)" [5]]

- [EFF has appealed the W3C's decision to make DRM for the web without protections](#) [6]

Five days ago, the World Wide Web Consortium announced that it would go ahead with its project of making DRM for web-video, and that the Director, Tim Berners-Lee had overruled or decided not to act further on all objections about the dangers this posed to legitimate and important activities including security audits, accessibility adaptation and competition.

The W3C has an appeals process, which has never been successfully used in W3C history. If 5 percent of the members appeal a decision by the Director, all members are entitled to vote, and if there's a majority in favor of overruling the Director, the decision is unmade.

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[Global Web standard for integrating DRM into browsers hits a snag](#) [7]

Days ago, Ars reported on a controversial decision by the industry trade group that oversees the global development of Web standards. The decision by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) to back a standard for implementing digital rights management (DRM) for Web-based content is now under appeal, the Electronic Frontier Foundation announced Wednesday.

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