

Allowing the BBC to encrypt (because that is what a proprietary compression/decompression key algorithm is) because it will harm more license fee payers than it could ever possibly help.

My main issue with the proposal is it will completely cut off users of free and open source software. All my computers run a version of the Linux operating system. I currently have a digital TV receiving card and happily watch freeview through my computer. Under these proposals, it would be impossible for the drivers, or the software to release their source code - and thereby it's very likely that neither would exist for my operating system of choice.

Decoding encrypted streams requires hardware solutions and these draw significantly (200% and over increases) more electricity while in use over standard simple stream processors. In a world crazy about energy waste and potential climate change, it seems bizarre to sanction something like this.

Arguments for this have mainly surrounded potential harm to other HD media formats (like Blu Ray discs). Frankly, why should the BBC be aiming to protect another flawed DRM schema? They shouldn't. They should be offering the best solution for license fee payers.

And if you can name even one type of DRM that has stopped organised criminals committing piracy (that is copying, repackaging and selling copyrighted works - as they do), please let me know. To my (not inconsiderable) knowledge on the subject, decades of forcing millions of consumers into certain hardware DRM schemes has never ever worked against pirates.

Don't allow this thinking you'll have any effect on hard piracy.

If you need any technical clarifications, please do not hesitate to ask me.