

Interview: Harald Welte

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Gadgets running Linux are a lot of fun, but much of the value of using Linux is lost if the resulting device is locked down and not hackable. In cases where the device has been opened up, no end of creative hacks have resulted; see, for example, the OpenWrt project. It is hard, however, to imagine a device with more fun hacking potential than the Linux-running Motorola a780 cellular telephone. There is no end of interesting things which could be done (and annoyances which could be fixed) if that platform were to be opened up.

The good news is that Harald Welte has managed to open the a780 and install new software onto it. With the OpenEZXX Project, he is working on creating a full replacement for the stock software for Motorola's EZX phone platform. The following interview, the first in a two-part series, discusses the current and future state of OpenEZXX.

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