



Firmware – a Hard or Soft Problem?

Steve McIntyre <93sam@debian.org>

17th August 2015



Agenda

- Current state
- Problems
- Options
- Take notes in gobby please!
 - `gobby.debian.org`
 - `debconf15/bof/firmware`



Current status

- Hardware depending on uploadable firmware rather than firmware in flash
- Much of that firmware is non-free
- Distributed in non-free section where allowed



Problems

- Now more users end up with non-free enabled :-)
- Installation and live images
- Multiple extra “unofficial” images



Options

- New archive section(s)
 - non-free/firmware or non-free-firmware...
- Used in official media?
 - Some users **really** need it...
- ???



Discussion

Please use the mic!

- Slides © 2015 Steve McIntyre <93sam@debian.org>
- Released under GPL v2 at <http://www.einval.com/~steve/talks/Debconf15-Firmware/>