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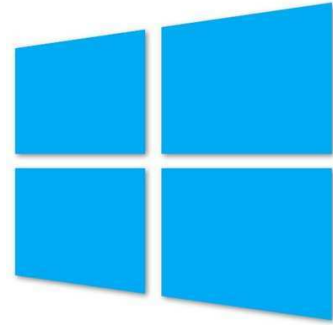
Electronics are popular gifts for the holidays, but people often overlook the restrictions that manufacturers slip under the wrapping paper. Companies like Microsoft and Apple can and will use Digital Restrictions Management (DRM) to restrict how your loved ones copy or share their gifts. And if the recipient of your gift is as unlucky as one woman last year, Amazon might even block all the books on their Kindle and refuse to explain why.

The good news is, for every restrictive device, there's a better one that your loved ones will be free to enjoy however they wish. Here's a list of these smarter gifts, compared with their more restrictive alternatives on the right.



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Windows 8

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ThinkPenguin GNU/Linux Notebook

- Comes preinstalled with free software for a no-hassle experience.
- This laptop is not fully free--but it is one of the most freedom supporting models currently available.
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Macbook Pro

- Runs on proprietary software that restricts the user's freedoms.
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- Planned obsolescence: business model forces you to buy new devices frequently.



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