



# Datasheet trouble

How can we enable the community?

# The goal

- support more motherboards

# The problems

- Extensive documentation required to do the job.
- Documentation is usually not freely available.
- Small number of contributors compared to other free software projects.

# The background

- Hardware vendors make datasheets available to *companies*. They ignore *individuals*.
- Business case required to cause action.
- Non-disclosure Agreement on datasheets: The information is not free.

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# Solution?

- “Internal Evaluation” is often enough for a business case.
- Many corporations agree that code resulting from datasheets is not covered by the NDA.
- Employees (not excluding interns and trainees) can work with NDA protected information.

# Call for Action

- Companies: Unconstrained interpretation of NDAs
- Companies: Offer internships, or jobs.
- ? How can we achieve this ?
- ? What else can we do ?