

Re: Disable wi-fi on PDA?

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David Tilman wrote:

Our IT policy requires wi-fi to be disabled on PDAs that we have received, because of their particular use. They are iPAQ hx2790b models. Is there any way to disable the wi-fi on these that doesn't have a simple way for the user to re-enable it?

Best time to read the IT policy is before you buy something that doesn't meet it.
What did HP say when you asked them for help?

If you can't send 'em back, open 'em up and remove the wifi module, or at least bust some of it. Do the same with bluetooth.
Better bust some pins off the CF connector and the SDIO connector while you're at it to prevent plugging in a wifi card. And disable the serial port and usb connector. oops, almost forgot about the IR port. Disconnect the microphone and the headphone/microphone jack.

Pencil and paper are a significant security risk with untrusted employees.

Employees are extremely creative at working around "policy".
Any sw fix short of a patch to the core OS isn't gonna slow down many people who really want it. And plugging only the obvious security hole is...

I understand it's important to do everything you can to increase security, but I'm consistently amused by attempts to control cellphone access and wifi access when they let people walk out the door with a briefcase full of secrets.

While I'm on the soapbox, imagine a world where my company won't let me access my pda for personal use. I have to get my own pda for personal use. My personal schedule is in mine, my work schedule is in the other and they can't communicate.

Ditto for my two cellphones.

Ain't productivity enhancement grand?

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