

Re: Its War!

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stanley wrote:

::If you are using your personal laptop in a library or at work and your internet activity is tracked, who cares? Even if you connected from your personal office, if its not a company computer all they can tell is that a such and such non-network laptop visited such and such sites at such and such time. They can t identify you, the location, or anything else...:

::..or am I wrong?::

Hi Stanley,

Your wi-fi card has what is called a MAC address, a 'theoretically' unique identifier for the wi-fi card in your machine (of course there are now programs that allow you to 'fake' your MAC address).

When you connect to the router (whether physically or through wi-fi), your MAC address is give to the router.

So yes, if you don't fake your MAC address, your traffic can be tracked, and tied directly to your machine.

I even heard of a case where a guy was framed. The smart-aleck got a hold of his victims MAC address. He then faked the MAC address on his laptop and accessed some data he wasn't supposed to. The victim lost his job because the company he worked for said that it was the victims computer that had accessed the files.

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Sincerely,
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