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I would not have been able to afford a computer if I did not learn how to assemble on myself from used parts. Back in the day the most basic pc cost \$2500. That's in 1995 dollars. That would be closer to \$5000 today.

I find it particularly frustrating that even a cell phone paid for with public dollars is locked down in such a way that makes it worthless in just one year. Especially when it contains known virus' put their by the manufacturer.

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/malicious-software-found-on-coolpad-android-phones> .

I quit Google search reveals many examples. There is no way to fix this. Many of these phones could be repurposed as iot devices. Third party firmware is widely available. Building your own firmware is well within the scope of a local Makerspace. Hiding an old fellow cell phone in the frame of a bicycle provides LoJack service for as little as \$5 a month. There are even ways to do it without a monthly fee. Many people who depend on their bicycle for transportation can't afford \$50 for a new device. It's really discouraging to purchase a Google pixel phone because it's well known that they are not locked down only to discover it is locked down because it was sold through Verizon.

Peace,

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