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Eliminating some possible sources of hardware Trojans from PCs

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When you buy a new PC, it comes with a lot of firmware that is generally hidden from the user. You have no simple way of knowing whether it contains Trojans.

There is a company that replaces many of the chips containing "opaque" firmware and replaces them with open-source firmware: [Link](#). I've never used their product, and know nothing about them except what is available by googling. What they sell is basically a ThinkPad X200 with the firmware removed and replaced. The downside is that the ThinkPad X200 isn't exactly the latest tech in laptops; it was introduced in 2008. Of course it takes time to reverse-engineer the firmware and re-write it.

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