

# The DeVault Report

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## WARNING

Many links in this document contain content that is unsavory and potentially illegal in your country, however we have censored the images and do not download them unless you click through the warnings.



Drew DeVault has an odd and frankly disturbing fascination with viewing and distributing explicit depictions of pre-pubescent girls doing sexual acts. This isn't just a one-off event or something that has happened by accident, but a long and storied history of such behavior that spans over a decade. In this document, we will present evidence to back accusations that have been leveled against DeVault by various users in the FOSS community and try to give him a fair shake (while being personally disgusted by what has been found).

## A brief history of Drew DeVault

DeVault is best known for his contributions to Wayland and SwayWM. He is the owner of Sourcehut, a GitHub alternative. Over the years DeVault has been known to butt heads with numerous people in the open source community, partly due to his propensity to be highly opinionated on a wide range of subject matter. Most recently, DeVault penned an investigative report titled "The Stallman Report", targeting Richard Stallman, head of the Free Software Foundation.

The report, of which he intended to remain the anonymous author, was revealed to be published by DeVault due to his hosting of `stallman-report.org` on the same IP address as `drewdevault.com`.

stallman-report.org historical A data					
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104.21.19.242 172.87.172.8	Cloudflare, Inc.	2024-10-08 (8 days)	2024-10-16 (today)	8 days	
46.23.81.197	Hight B.V.	2024-10-02 (14 days)	2024-10-08 (8 days)	6 days	

IP Addresses	Organization	First Seen	Last Seen	Duration Seen
46.23.81.157	Hight B.V.	2024-01-17 (9 months)	2024-10-16 (today)	9 months
173.195.146.137	Data102	2020-10-13 (4 years)	2024-01-11 (9 months)	3 years
173.195.146.137	Data102	2020-03-24 (5 years)	2020-10-18 (4 years)	7 months
173.195.146.133	Data102	2018-12-21 (6 years)	2020-03-24 (5 years)	1 year

Following this, a draft of DeVault's report was found on <https://rms-draft-84eb252.drewdevault.com/>, a subdomain of drewdevault.com, DeVault's personal website, after being automatically recorded by the Internet Archive. It was captured on *September 29th, 2024*, prior to stallman-report.org's launch on *October 14th, 2024*.



## The Stallman report

### DRAFT

Richard Stallman (aka "RMS") is the founder of [GNU](#) and the [Free Software Foundation](#) and a present-day voting member of the Free Software Foundation. He is responsible for innumerable contributions to the free software movement, setting its guiding principles, organizing political action, and directly contributing to a flourishing free software ecosystem. The majority of Stallman's political activity has been of priceless value to society at large.

However, Stallman has been the subject of numerous allegations of misconduct. Stallman has also incited numerous controversies for advancing a political agenda which normalizes sexual misconduct and advocates for reforming our social and legal understanding of sexual conduct in a manner which benefits the perpetrators of abuse.

On the basis that Stallman has not demonstrated an understanding of his misconduct; has not apologized for allegations of misconduct, alleged or corroborated; continues to publish his harmful political program; and does not acknowledge or apologize for harm done in the course of this program, this report reiterates the position that Stallman should be removed from the board of directors at the Free Software Foundation.

**Content warning:** This report catalogues and directly quotes hundreds of statements from Richard Stallman of an extremely offensive nature on subjects including rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children, and more. Sensitive readers are **strongly advised** to proceed with caution.

To support this case, we have catalogued the following:

1. Primary sources documenting Stallman's political advocacy for:
  - The normalization of sexual relations between adults and minors [1]
  - Defense of individuals both accused and convicted of sexual crimes, including the rape of minors, sexual assault, and sexual harassment [2]
  - Dismissal of legal norms regarding sexual assault [3]
  - Dismissal of legal norms regarding sexual harassment [4]

"The Stallman Report" is beyond the scope of this document, and we will not be addressing the veracity of the claims made by DeVault about Richard Stallman here. We mention it to illustrate DeVault's understanding of how harmful and destructive pedophilia is to both victims and consumers and how the knock-on effects are felt by victims for the rest of their lives.

## DeVault's history on Reddit

For those who are unfamiliar with Drew DeVault, he commonly uses the online moniker "sircmpwn" (he owns cmpwn.com and uses the email address sir@cmpwn.com)



[rss](#) · [misc](#)

email [sir@cmpwn.com](mailto:sir@cmpwn.com)

sourcehut [~sircmpwn](#)

peertube [spacepub.space](https://spacepub.space)

pgp [7BC79407090047CA](#)

This post from the [sircmpwn](#) reddit account also implies the account belongs to DeVault:

[–] [sircmpwn](#) 23 points 10 years ago

Obviously it won't work for everyone, but here's what I sent them a few days ago:

The internet is a critical resource that connects virtually everyone in America. For many, like myself, it's even more important. Consider this story from my own experience. I operate a small website that takes user privacy and open source very seriously. Our expenses are already quite high, and I operate it out of my own pocket. I compete with some of the biggest sites out there, ones that can afford to bribe ISPs into serving content faster for them. One of the biggest requirements for my site is to serve content fast to users - if we're too slow, we won't see any adoption.

Existing net neutrality laws and policies protect a site like mine. A site that cares deeply for users and sticks to strong morals that many larger sites do not. When all websites are treated as equal by ISPs, competition is feasible. Otherwise, people starting new websites will be discouraged from doing so, and people who already have small websites may be forced to shut them down.

Even larger sites are affected. If sites like Netflix have to bribe ISPs into serving content faster for them, the already nasty monopolies the ISPs have will grow even stronger.

In the short term, please defend net neutrality laws. In the long term, please consider operating internet access like a public utility. Consider that America, long known as one of the greatest centers of freedom and market liberty in the world, has horrendous internet speeds compared to most other developed countries. Combine that with the critical view the post-Snowden world has of us, and the USA is quickly becoming a less attractive place to grow a business, or a family. Many ISPs already have a monopoly - even where I live, Comcast is the only viable option for internet service, and I can't stand them.

Most of all, in the immediate term, protect net neutrality.

[Drew DeVault](#)

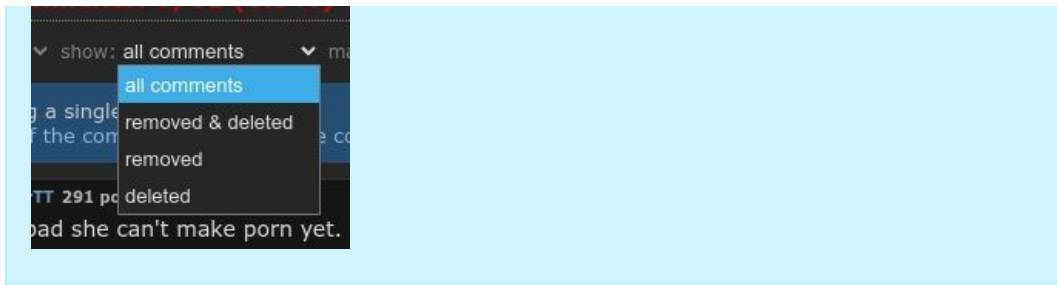
I sent it to [openinternet@fcc.gov](mailto:openinternet@fcc.gov) and to [Tom.Wheeler@fcc.gov](mailto:Tom.Wheeler@fcc.gov). Their response:

Thank you, we have received your comments and will review them.

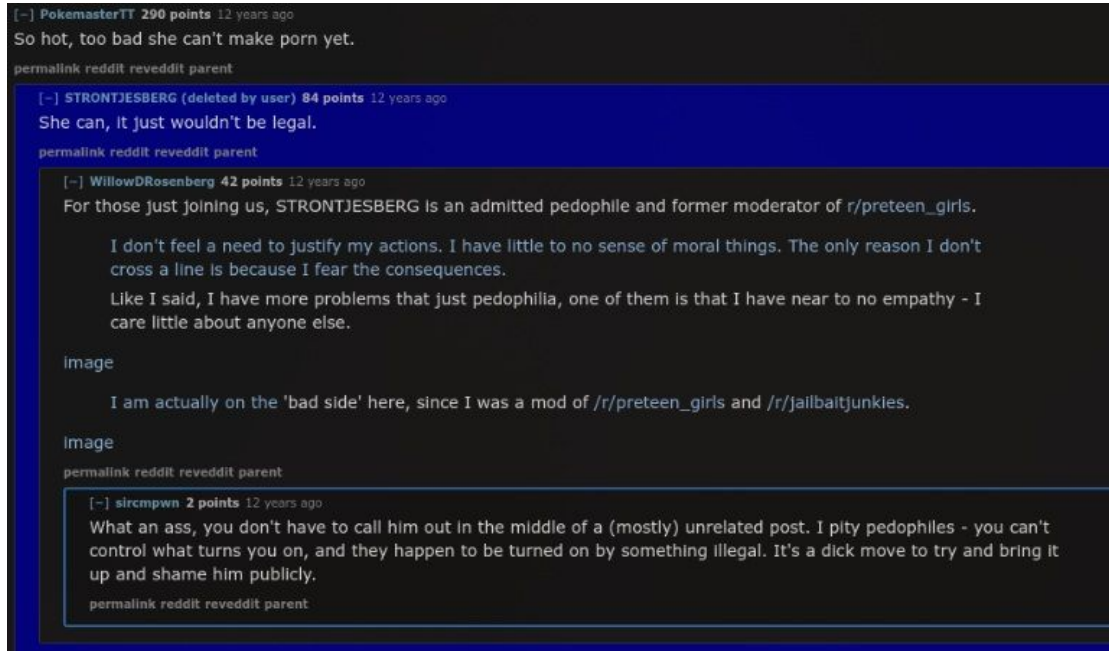
[permlink](#) [reddit](#) [reReddit](#)

[\[Archive\]](#) [\[Backup archive\]](#)

*Note: To view reddit undelete archives, click the "show:" dropdown and select "all comments". Posts won't load with some browser configurations.*



## Defense of Pedophiles



A Reddit user by the name of *WillowDRosenberg* made a post pointing out that another Reddit user by the name of *STRONTJESBERG* is a pedophile and the self-admitted moderator of **r/preteen\_girls** (why this was even allowed to exist is beyond our comprehension), to which DeVault replied:

*What an ass, you don't have to call him out in the middle of a (mostly) unrelated post. **I pity pedophiles - you can't control what turns you on, and they happen to be turned on by something illegal. It's a dick move to try and bring it up and shame him publicly.***

- Drew DeVault [[Archive](#)] [[Backup Archive](#)]

This seems to conflict with the opinions presented in his [blog](#), which states:

*[...] Then I went to GPN, a hacker event in Germany, at the start of June. It was a welcome relief from the stress I've faced this year, a chance to celebrate hacker culture and a warm reminder of the beauty of our community. It was wonderful. **Then, on the last night, a friend took me aside and confided in me that they are a pedophile, and told me it was okay because they respected the age of consent in Germany – which is 14. What began as a wonderful reminder of what the hacker community can be became a PTSD episode and a reminder that rape culture is fucking everywhere.***

- Drew DeVault (emphasis added)

## IUDs for fourteen-year-old girls





[[Archive](#)] [[Backup of first message](#)] [[second message](#)] [[third message](#)]

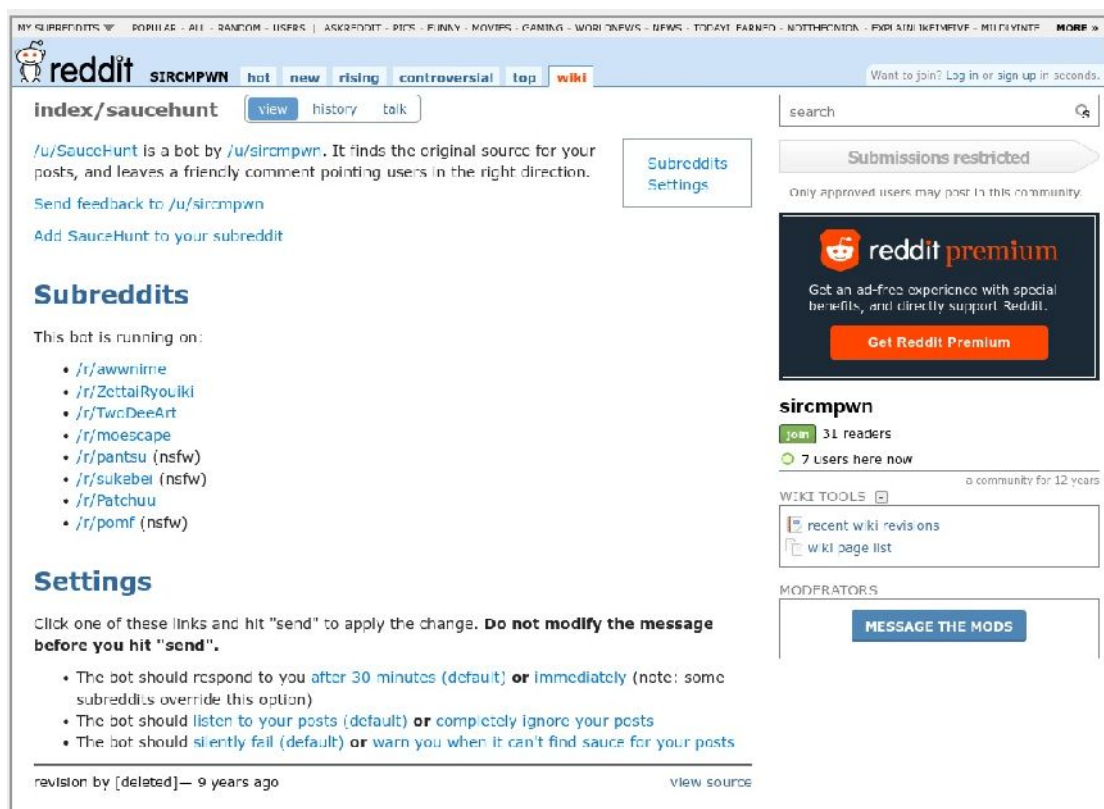
*I'm of the opinion that 14 year old girls should be required to have an [IUD](#) installed. Ten years of contraception that requires a visit to the doctor to remove prematurely.*

- Drew DeVault

The image above illustrates his absurd opinions about forced teen contraception and the misogynistic opinion that no 24-year-old woman could support a family.

## Pedophile subreddits

Evidently, DeVault did not think about it, or "jump off a bridge", as the Reddit user in the previous section advised. Instead, he went on to create a Reddit bot called "[SauceHunt](#)" that finds sources for anime images uploaded to Reddit.



We have confirmed that this could not possibly be a wiki edit intended to frame DeVault

as the owner of the bot, as he has made a post clearly confirming ownership:



[[Archive](#)] [[Backup archive](#)]

The list of subreddits he programmed his bot to run on includes one, "r/pomf" so pedophilic that it was **banned by Reddit**, along with many other pedophilic and racist subreddits [[Vice News](#)].

Finding archives of the subreddit in question, "r/pomf", we were appalled at what we saw:

► Warning: Clicking this text will reveal censored explicit images.

For those unaware, [wikipedia's definition of Loli or Lolicon](#) is as follows:

*Lolicon is a genre of fictional media which focuses on young (or young-looking) girl characters, particularly in a sexually suggestive or erotic manner. The term, a portmanteau of the English-language phrase "Lolita complex", also refers to desire and affection for such characters (ロリ, "loli"), and their fans.*

The above explicit subreddit is archived [here](#). (WARNING: EXPLICIT)

[The source code repository for SauceHunt](#) has also been archived as being present on his [SirCmpwn GitHub account](#). It notably had zero forks or pull requests as late as 2018, meaning the only contributor to its code was him, and he was the one to add r/pomf to the Reddit bot. This GitHub account is additionally [linked](#) by the "ddefault" account on Hacker News.

It is also worthy of mention that r/pomf links an image hosting service in its sidebar, [imgrush](#), which is running an instance of DeVault's [MediaCrush](#) software.



Additionally, [all of mediacru.sh was copied to imgrush.com](#) following [the shutdown of mediacru.sh](#).

## Danbooru account

In 2020, a user by the name of "dmpwn" commented on an image of an anime girl on danbooru.donmai.us (an image-sharing board where users share often pornographic anime images):

Comments Recommended

- dmpwn almost 4 years ago Good luck translating this one.   
 ↑ 0 ↓ Reply ...
- dmpwn almost 4 years ago Cleaned up the text so it's easier to read:   
 <https://i.sr.ht/Ciw0.png>
- 8 But it's beyond my skill level to translate it.   
 ↑ 2 ↓ Reply ...
- JoesT almost 4 years ago It's [mojibake text](#) so you have to transcript and convert it back to Japanese.   
 コスロリ四弦はイイゾ is the original text. Try translating that.   
 ↑ 5 ↓ Reply ...
- dmpwn almost 4 years ago Oh, neat, I had never heard of that before. Thanks for the tip! Tried my hand at a faithful translation based on that.   
 ↑ 3 ↓ Reply ...
- [deleted] over 2 years ago [deleted] Updated over 2 years ago

You may have noticed that the handle "dmpwn" is quite similar to "cmpwn", and the user additionally links to an image hosted on DeVault's project hosting website, [SourceHut](#). The link is hosted on SourceHut's legacy software, [1.sr.ht](#), which can be found [here](#). As stated on the page for [legacy.sr.ht](#), DeVault runs a private file hosting service on [1.sr.ht](#), available *only to himself and people he knows personally*.

sourcehut

Log in — Register

~sircmpwn/dotfiles

summary tree log refs

ref: abdd185d51e0dafaa6e4e2cca13e1248e3ad8ed3 dotfiles/.config/qutebrowser/quickmarks -rw-r--r-- 1.2 KiB  
View Log Blame View raw Permalink abdd185d — Drew DeVault Minor fixes 7 years ago

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1 questionablecontent http://questionablecontent.net/
2 buttersafe http://buttersafe.com/
3 hackernews https://news.ycombinator.com/
4 danbooru https://danbooru.donmai.us/
5 /c/ https://boards.4chan.org/c/
6 /g/ https://boards.4chan.org/g/
7 comfy-gifs http://1041uuu.tumblr.com/
8 passthpopcorn https://passthpopcorn.me/
9 ja-grammar http://www.guidetojapanese.org/learn/grammar/hiragana
10 kana-mnemonics http://kidspicturedictionary.com/japanese/hiragana-katakana-mnemonics/
11 /u/ http://ocards.4chan.org/u/
12 owlurd http://owlurd.com/
13 kvm-api https://lwn.net/Articles/659511/
14 tweetdeck https://tweetdeck.twitter.com/
15 useful-unicode https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Unicode/List_of_useful_symbols
16 /a/ http://ocards.4chan.org/a/
17 /tc/ http://boards.4chan.org/tc/
18 sn-cheat-sheet https://www.joedog.org/articles-cheat-sheet/
19 kochii-kanji http://kanji.kochii.com/
20 mo-select-niri-mods https://hackaday.io/project/14823/logs
21 pokemon-xy-guide https://docs.qqcqla.com/spreadsheets/d/155ICnzAPuq1ZkN4lr8FMt11eDrKlN-WfKv1Qo
22 farnbot https://farnbot.io/
23 kanji-lookup http://www.romajidesu.com/kanji_radicals/
24 ja-sfx http://thejadednetwork.com/sfx/
25 human-drawing http://ns10.deviantart.com/art/Ns10-Explains-Learning-Order-to-Human-Drawing-58
26 z3E instructions http://clrhmc.org/table/

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DeVault happens to have hosted his desktop configuration files on SourceHut. Upon cursory inspection, we found Danbooru in his [Qutebrowser bookmarks](#), along with multiple *Japanese learning/translation resources*.

While writing this report, as people had begun to put the puzzle pieces together, the Danbooru account's username was changed from dmpwn to the least identifying one possible, "user 410761" (its user ID). This confirms with near 100% certainty that this is his account. He also deleted his bookmarks.

## Danbooru images

This account has a long history of tagging images on Danbooru, such as the following image, which the account tagged "*happy sex*":

► Warning: Clicking this text will reveal censored explicit images.

This image was found in the list of changes the account has made to image tags and is archived [here](#). (WARNING: EXPLICIT)

It's worth mentioning that even other users of Danbooru disagreed with the judgment to add the "*happy sex*" tag, and removed it directly after it was added it. (This screenshot was taken after the account's username was changed.)

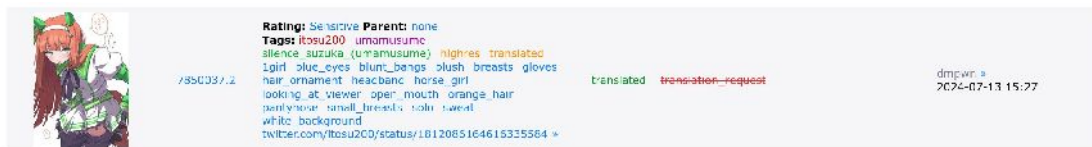
► Warning: The same image as above.

This account also translates images on Danbooru, including a large number of sexually drawn children. Many of these images have tags such as "**kindergarten uniform**" and "**no panties**", "**nude**" and "**nipples**". Note that users do not have to translate these images. They were picked entirely at the will of the account owner.

► Incomplete list of images translated by the account. Explicit.

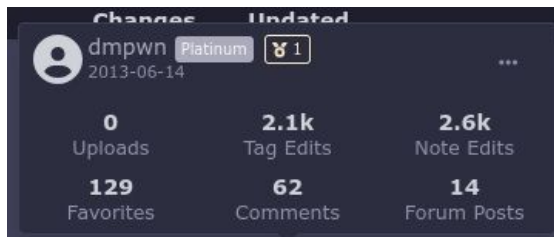
► Incomplete list of images translated by the account. Not explicit.

This account is still active as well. Its latest translation was in *August of 2024*, proving continued active use of the website.



## Platinum Account

Another thing to note about the Danbooru account is that it is a *Platinum* account.



The significance of this is that, according to [Danbooru's Wiki](#), Platinum members have the additional ability to view "[censored tags](#)".

This is important because the *only* censored tags on Danbooru are **loli** and **shota**. (Shota is the same as Loli, except involving boys.)



## help:users

This page serves to describe the differences between the various user levels on Danbooru.

### Browsing Differences

Feature	No Account	Member	Gold	Platinum	Builder
View <a href="#">censored tags</a>	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Max tags per search	2	2	6	No Limit	No Limit
Max pages per search	1000	1000	5000	5000	5000
Max search timeout	3s	3s	6s	9s	9s
Max <a href="#">saved searches</a>	-	250	1,000	1,000	No Limit
Max <a href="#">favgroups</a>	-	10	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
<a href="#">API regen rate</a>	-	1/s	4/s	4/s	4/s

### help:censored tags (locked)

Posts with the [loli](#) and [shota](#) tags are blocked for Member-level and logged out users. You may view blocked posts by being promoted to a [Builder](#) for [contributing to the site](#), or by [upgrading to a Gold account](#). Currently unavailable. See [topic #21157](#).

If you believe a post is blocked because it has been mistagged as [loli](#) or [shota](#), post in [topic #8650](#) ("Loli/shota check thread").

#### See also

- [topic #4788](#): "README: LOLI/SHOTA - Look here if you are wondering why you can't see loli or shota posts"
- [topic #8650](#): "Loli/shota check thread"
- [help:users](#)

This shows that this account is almost certainly used to *intentionally view pedophilic images*, however, we cannot see which ones without having a paid account.

### Recommendations to the free software community

We call upon the community to stop supporting Drew DeVault either directly or indirectly, financially or otherwise. We recommend that community members cease to use or support [SourceHut](#), a hosting platform run by DeVault. (Regardless of these incidents, SourceHut should be avoided as DeVault has a tendency to [ban projects he personally dislikes](#).) We also encourage members of the community to voice their support for these calls to action, disseminate our report as broadly as possible, and raise our voices in condemnation of sexual violence and those who protect perpetrators of it.

### Contact

The editors of this report may be reached by email to [devault\\_report@protonmail.com](mailto:devault_report@protonmail.com).

Our PGP public key is:

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This document will be updated as new information is discovered, which has already happened multiple times during writing.

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