

Sovereignty

- **Speaker:** Jon “maddog” Hall
- **Room:** HC 108
- **Time:** Sat 9:30 am – 10:00 am
- **Format:** Lecture (30 Min + Q&A)
- **Difficulty:** Introductory
- **Track:** Security / Privacy
- **Presenter Location:** In-person
- **Experience:** umpteenth time speaking
- **At:** at lfnw

Description:

maddog travels around the world and increasingly hears the word “sovereignty.” Like the word “free” in Free Software, it is often misunderstood.

Free Software is not only about the freedom to do what you want with your software — it is also about **control**, ensuring *you* are in charge rather than a company or external entity.

Today, many people think of “sovereignty” as simply having data stored within their own country under local laws. But sovereignty also means **you** are the sovereign — the king or queen — of your own computer.

This talk explores issues of sovereignty and how, through Free Software, Open Hardware, Open Data, and the Internet, you can regain control of your computing, and therefore your business and your life.

Target Audience:

- beginners
- business and government people
- educators
- end users

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