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Thank you for reaching out to me. I am not sure what mistruths you believe were in my post. If you could elaborate, I will immediately update my post and correct any mistruths.

The subject matter of my post was app\_rpt being open source so I will limit my response to those issues. I am well aware of your conflicts with Bryan and even with Jim Dixon. I am also aware that Jim Dixon didn't approve your code changes. As you are aware, I reached out to David a year or so ago to attempt to be a buffer and mediate the situation. Nevertheless, any dispute you have with Allstar, Bryan, Jim Dixon, or anyone for that matter doesn't obviate the requirement to keep the code open source. Jim Dixon had no problem with you forking the code as long as you continued to release your source. If your code isn't accepted into the main code base, this doesn't mean that you don't have to release the code; no matter how extensive those changes become. In addition, it is a violation of Digium's license. I don't understand your comment about degrading your code by continuing to release the code. You could still have your forked version of app\_rpt in your own vision.

It appears that you are more concerned about who gets credit for the code changes. If that is your main concern, I can make sure you get credit for it. While I have never personally used the Hamvoip software, I have heard good things about it. I am hopeful that I can get all the parties together for the benefit of all hams.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

On Jul 10, 2019, at 14:14, Doug Crompton <[wa3dsp@gmail.com](mailto:wa3dsp@gmail.com)> wrote:

Todd,

Since you mentioned my name I am writing to you based on a message you sent to app\_rpt yesterday. I do not post in that cesspool.

You obviously are either totally unaware about what is going on or you like spouting miss truths. First of all the "Allstar" organization that you may or may not be a part of has basically been hijacked and run by Bryan in FL. He is a complete asshole and a detriment to Allstar in general. He should be banned from the app\_rpt list but since he runs it or has control over it how is that possible. He did the same thing with the FL repeater council which is also in shambles. He could shut off Allstar with a single button push! That is why we are now becoming totally independent to our users with our own servers.

The Allstar registration server is in bad shape and no one knows how to fix it in that organization. Hamvoip has our own registration server which Dave, KB4FXC built from scratch that works outstandingly well and would do so at 10 times the current load. The Allstar server craps out at about 3300 registered nodes. We know this, we monitor it and we are well aware of what is going on. In addition as you probably know we do DNS node lookups and routing information in our network is instantly visible.

If it were not for Hamvoip and our accomplishments over the last 6 years Allstar would be a shell of what it is now. Hamvoip is fully 60%+ of the Allstar community and growing daily. Your argument about open source is laughable. ASL or whatever you want to call it has changed little if any since Jim died and it was basically stagnant for several years before his death. Hamvoip has made VERY significant changes to the code to the point it is not even the same code any more. We continue in that effort. We fully support our code and we are constantly making improvements and we will continue to do so in the future. So you think anyone would significantly improve upon Hamvoip code if it were made public? I highly doubt it. It would be stolen and distributed as some one else's work. It would degrade a fine piece of code. It is not going to happen. If someone honestly wants to contribute to Hamvoip then go for it give us your ideas and/or code otherwise keep your mouth shut. You are in the minority and the majority (us) is growing in leaps and bounds.

So your saint Jim Dixon is dead. Yes, he made a significant contribution and we recognize him for that but in the last years of his life he contributed little and although the code was open source he also rejected many significant patches that were submitted to him. His vision stopped in about 2015. If it were not for us and especially Dave's considerable work on Allstar there would not be anywhere near the user base there is today. You are your cohorts over on app\_rpt like to whine and bitch and moan but are any of you really doing anything to promote Allstar? The crap that goes on on app\_rpt sure doesn't look good to Allstar user and discourages any newcomer to the mode. It serves no purpose whatsoever. Most of you just like arguing and bitching. I do not so this will probably be the only message I send to you. I really thought from what Dave told me that your were a more intelligent and able person. After seeing you get into the crap over on app\_rpt I have my doubts.

BTW for what it is worth we will be making our registration server available to non-hamvoip users. Once they register with us they can download a script to replace the updatenodelist which will get node updates from hamvoip. They can dual register with both Asterisk and Hamvoip. This is strictly optional but based on the reliability and future predictability of the Allstar servers probably a good idea.

73 Doug  
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