

I support the exemption for allowing user implemented jailbreaking for mobile phones and tablet computing devices. I also believe that this should extend to video game consoles and ALL legally purchased hardware by the consumer. If I have paid MY money for it, the item/device becomes MY property, and as such I should be free to do what I wish to do with it without legal limitations set by the previous owner/designer that it was purchased from. Allowing of course that all actions do not violate copyright or other criminal laws in place.

My background is that of a private consumer and hobbyist. I thoroughly enjoy technology and the exploration of the abilities of that technology in all it's forms.

If I were forced to choose only one device to ensure remained free to be modified by jailbreaking, that would be the mobile phone.

By jail breaking my phone I have been able to customize the layout to be more user friendly as determined by my personal standards and desires. It has allowed me to more easily and quickly access settings and options that are already in existence in the device without having to progress through multiple menu levels. IE a quick way to toggle wifi on and off as needed without having to go through the settings app then to wifi settings and back out again. It has allowed me to secure my device with an alternate form of locking code other than a formal number or pin code designation. It has also provided me with access to apps such as ProTube which more completely and fully allow an immersive and easy to use format for YouTube videos instead of the limited stock app from Apple preloaded onto the iPhone. Without the ability to make the small tweaks and adjustments that make the device easier for me to use as best fits my life and needs, it would result in a lessening of my choice to purchase the hardware from a company seeking to force their style and methods upon me with no method of customization in great detail. It also means that known security issues would remain exposed until the months later it takes Apple to release updates. Where as in the jailbreaking community you are more likely to get a complete and quick fix for these issues in a matter of hours or days upon discovery.

Please continue to support the consumers rights to use their property as they deem fit once it has been legally purchased from a manufacturer.

Sincerely,  
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