

I believe jailbreaking should be legal no matter the platform. If I buy a Coke, do I not have the right to pour it into some Ice Cream and make a float? If I buy a computer, can I not add software to make it better? If I buy a computer with Windows 7 on it, what law stops me from wiping the hard drive and putting Linux on it? There is no law. How does either of these scenarios differ from me buying a cellular phone, tablet, or video game console, and doing the same? Simple, it doesn't. I pay with the same currency, and once I pay for it, it becomes mine, does it not?

I'm sure you will receive better thought out responses from developers and such, but I'm writing you as a user, a consumer if you will. I own a Samsung Galaxy Vibrant(T959), it has a GPS that does not function, it is slow, poorly manufactured in some areas, and now, unsupported. Within months after the release of my Vibrant, a newer 4G variant of my phone came out. Same hardware, OS, everything. This phone is currently supported, while mine is not. I rely on the developers to fix the problems that the manufacturer has simply shrugged off. My phone right now as we speak is running software 3 versions newer than what Samsung provided updates for. It's speedy; GPS works fantastic, and all around feels like a new phone. I owe this to the developers whom do all this work for free. Free. And they do it right, while Samsung whom gets paid, they don't do so well.

I've touched ground on why my Android powered devices should be exempt, but I also own multiple Apple manufactured devices. I own an iPod Touch and an Apple TV2. Apple usually builds spot on products; it is their software which is flawed. On my Apple TV2, I can only stream movies or TV Shows which I bought from Apple, unless I convert them to MP4, add DRM to my files, which is a tedious task for someone having an extensive collection. My Apple TV2, is now jailbroken. Do I get illegal content from this? No. I get options, options which Apple does not give. I have an Open Source software called XBMC and PLEX, both of which provide a vast majority of playback support. Apple wants, no, needs MP4 file format to thrive, because they endorse it. My iPod touch is a different story. I have a jailbroken iPod because I like to customize my iPod the way I want to. Keyword MY. I changed the boot logo to something more appealing. I downloaded an app called WinterBoard, which lets me 'skin' the way everything appears. Basically everything I do is cosmetic, things you can do on a Mac desktop, without breaking any law. Microsoft, I hacked my original Xbox. I took out the hard drive and put a bigger one in it, then ripped all of my CD's to it. 8Gb simply wasn't enough, it now has an 80GB. Any device should be able to be modified at the owner's discretion. It's mine. I bought it. I gave you the money, you gave me my product, and our relationship ends there.

Doing what I do isn't a 'one-click' method, it's a learning process. I've learned things I'd never thought I would. Dalvik Cache, Overclock, su, etc etc. 'Modding' my devices have taught me how to fix my device if I break it. I've learned ADB, CMD prompt commands, HTML, CSS, Java, and I've learned how to help people. Yes, as a user who modifies his devices I can help people.

I hope you take into consideration everything you take away if you amend the law to make jailbreaking illegal again. You take away the urge to learn, to help yourself. You're saying it's perfectly okay for manufacturers to put out products that are sub-par, just so you HAVE to buy another one sooner than you should. You're telling everyone that once you pay for something, it still belongs to the manufacturer. If that's the case, let everyone have it for free, and when we're done using it we'll give it

back. Sounds crazy, does it not. I thought so too, but I guess if I buy a burger and eat it, it still belongs to Burger King, makes sense.