

The ability to jailbreak a smart phone or game console should remain legal for any device a consumer has to pay for. I am an amateur developer and hobbyist and I strongly support the jail breaking of smartphones/tablets and game consoles. Any device that we legally own should be legal for us to do with as we please. I can throw the device into a brick wall but as soon as I modify MY device, the manufacture gets cranky (both acts kill the warrantee anyway).

I jailbreak my iPhone so I can have many features that have existed for years that Apple refuses to integrate. Reply to SMS from anywhere in the phone, change the complete appearance of my phone instead of conforming to that generic look that everyone else has, install security update that they are too slow at implementing, and especially to be able to downgrade the OS (since they decide every device will be updated)

To not have jail breaking legal is like saying your new computer comes with Windows 7 and thats all you can run on it is Microsofts failure of an Operating System. Its the same concept here, its our device so we can do whatever we want with it.

Sure this opens up the doors a bit to malware, but as Windows has proven, malware is inevitable. The malware use of jail breaking software should be fought, not the development of jailbreaking software. If a person is using such software for malware use then that person should deal with legal consequences, NOT the researcher who developed the initial exploit that led to it. This would be like blaming a gun company for any incident involving guns when it was clearly the user of the gun who committed the act.

Jailbreaking any device that consumers have to pay for should remain legal and manufactures should be shown to stop treating users like idiots that they can put usage restrictions on