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Class: all personal consumer electronics

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Subject: Freedom to modify the software on any personal electronics device

Summary: I feel that the issue here is ownership. When a consumer products company sells you a product, it is understood that you own that product, therefore you should be able to modify it in any way you see fit so long as you are not breaking any other laws, in exactly the same way as anyone may buy a car from a dealership, and then customize it to their choosing so long as the modifications do not break the law. For a consumer electronics provider to "sell" you a product and then prevent you from using it or modifying it in the manner of your choosing, the nature of the transaction has changed from a "sale" which implicitly confers ownership, to a "lease" arrangement where the purchaser no longer actually owns the product. This is already a deplorable status quo in regards to software EULAs. Please do not compound this injustice by taking away ownership of the device itself.

Thank You