

## Why jail breaking should stay legal and not become illegal

It has come to my attention that jail breaking a device/rooting one and any modification of a device in the future could possibly become illegal. I disagree with the above things becoming illegal because the device is your property and you as an individual have the right to modify it. Jail breaking, rooting and gaining root access on all types of devices is a great way to enable open-sourced software which lets the owner take full control over the device and can be used to customize and improve the device to suite the user's needs greater.

For example iOS jail breaking enables themes, sbsettings (which is a toggle that makes changing settings easy) and loads of useful tools which are developed by the jail breaking community. Making jail breaking and all these forms of gaining root access would breach human rights laws because it would be introducing a law stating that you cannot change your own possession which would completely oppose the idea of owning something in the first place.

Jail breaking and gaining root access to devices does one major issue involving piracy. To resolve this issue in my opinion the developers of these tools should be contacted and discussion should be made on ways to prevent piracy (for example blocking software which supports/enables piracy and opposing it to a greater extent). The companies which make the devices which are being hacked and made open-source should also contact the developers of such tools and try come to an agreement that such tweaks and themes should be allowed to customize more things, this way then there would be no need to "root" the device and piracy would be stopped.

To conclude, gaining root access on a device should not be illegal due to the person having control of what they do to their device but more measures on contacting the developers of these tools and the makers of these products should be made to hopefully come to a conclusion so that there would be no need for jail breaking instead of piracy which could be combatted by both the developers and the companies

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