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Hi,

I have owned multiple smartphones; iphone 3g, iphone 3gs, iphone 4, iphone 4s, htc g1, motorola droid, and htv evo. In every case the phones had limitations. These limitations never were something that harmed the company. In fact, later on, the companies implemented many of the limitations. But the implemenations took time. In that mean time, the smartphone was not as useful as it could be. Coders worked to give us that functionality while we waited for companies like apple and google to release the same exact functions.

Examples: phone tracker, app stores, games, tethering, notification systems, and more. All of these things were not always available on smartphones but they are now. None of the companies thought these things were bad, but they wanted users to only be able to access them through their system.

If I purchase something, I want to be able to do what I want with it, without it being illegal. on the iphone 4, a notification system was not implemented at first. Jailbreaking your phone to add it would be seen as illegal if the laws changed to say it violates the DMCA. Companies should not be allowed the power to only let what they want on a user's device.

This goes for tablets even more so. They do not have the added complication of a phone in that it does not always use a carrier. Why restrict what it can do?

The companies that produce software for phones are trying to limit progress. Jailbreaking shows the very peak of performance of a device. That should be encouraged, not suppressed.

Sincerely,  
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