

Why to keep the "Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies".

In no other endeavor would I be blocked from altering a product myself for my own purposes. Once I have bought and own a product, I should be able to use it any way I see fit to fulfill my personal needs. Why should software on a phone or tablet be viewed any differently than a book, a PC, a telescope, or even a backhoe. I can alter any or all of these other items without restriction to better meet my needs, and software of any kind should be no exception. Should I be allowed to take the copyrighted material and sell it as my own product ... no, that is not what this issue is about. It is about altering something I already own.

The people who want to have better control of their own property by "rooting" their phones or tablets are not selling any of the added features or changes themselves on top of the otherwise protected items and should certainly not be allowed to sell the proprietary software from the phone or device manufacturers themselves as their own, but to alter that which is already owned by them should be a right implied by any such ownership ... this is implied to me by basic property ownership.

Please continue this Exemption to prohibiting circumvention of Copyrighted software, in fact make it permanent. I will be petitioning my representatives in congress on this matter as well.

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