

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the renewal of the exemption that was given to jailbreaking. I support the jailbreaking of smartphones and tablets. I am only a user of the benefits of jailbreaking but it has become a new hobby of mine. I wish to ensure that I have the legal authority to jailbreak my iPhone 4. Jailbreaking has introduced me to a whole new world of coding and I have learned so much about operating systems and how technology works. I would like to eventually become a developer of apps, tweaks, and themes. Apples' iPhone is a great device but it has many restrictions and is limited on what its potential can be. With jailbreaking, one has the ability to do so much more with their device and open all possibilities that apple has restricted; thus why it is called jailbreaking.

For example, customization is one of the benefits and probably the biggest. After jailbreaking an iPhone, we can change just about anything on the phone to our own personal liking. We can change the appearance of the UI in the sense of Fonts, apps, keyboard, lockscreen, sounds, the boot logo, and many more. We can also add video wallpaper. Then we have what's called tweaks. Tweaks allow us to change how we use our device. We can change how our pages scroll, we can add more apps to our springboard pages then just the standard 4x4 layout, we can add more apple to folders instead of the limitation of 12, we can even add more apps to the dock then just the four that apple designed. We can also add widgets such as RSS and weather to our devices or change the color of our notification banner and/or add a quick dismiss feature to the banner. One tweak that I really enjoy is where I can pic my contacts so that I have pictures next all my contacts in my contacts app. We can even do the same for our SMS.

What I found the most useful and most functional benefit from jailbreaking, and probably most will agree with me, is the use of tweaks and our features that integrate with the phones functions such as SMS, phone, settings, the notification center, and other apps. One of the biggest is SBSettings. SBSettings allows us with a swipe or click, which is also customizable, to access turning WiFi, location, airplane, Bluetooth, 3G on/off. It also allows us to power our devices on/off or just reboot and shows our available memory and what data IP Address we are on; all of this with a quick swipe or click instead of opening the settings app and searching for them.

. There is one big limitation that apple has done with regards to the Facetime app and other apps that require the user to be connected to WiFi in order to use it. With jailbreaking, we can override that limit and use those apps on 3G when there is no WiFi available in the area. Apple did do a great job of introducing us with the notification center but there is always room for improvement. Jailbreaking has allowed us to do so much more with the notification center such as: changing the background, read and compose emails, SMS, facebook, and twitter without ever having to open those apps, add device stats and information for us to help monitor our devices, add an RSS widget to it, quick access to apps or contact, and many more.

Up to date, there have been over a million people jailbreaking there devices, but why? It is because they want to take an already great device and make it better. All the features that I listed above are not limited to just iPhones, they can all apply to iPads. We are buying these products because we either need or want them. When we buy a product, we own them and we should be able to do what we want with it. When we buy a house or a car and if they are paid off, we own them. We will change or customize our house or car to our liking. Why should it be any different with our phones or tablets? If I install software to a phone or tablet that I own to make it do something that it did not do before, why would that be illegal? I own it and I am only customizing it and making run to the way that I either need it or want it to run. As long as I am not taking apple's software or design and selling it as if it was my own then I am not violating any copyright laws when I jailbreak my iPhone or iPad to change the appearance of the UI or add a tweak to my own personal liking. Please allow us to continue to jailbreak our phones or tablets.

Thank you,
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