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Exemption 5- Phones and Tablets:

Jailbreaking tablets and smartphones should not violate the DCMA!!!

In 1991, a then unknown university student, Linus Torvalds, released the Linux kernel for Intel based computers. Fast forward to 21 years later and that seemingly simple event has truly changed this world. 60% of the Internet is powered by Linux. The bulk of today's smartphones are powered by Linux. All of Google, Youtube and Facebook are powered by Linux. 90% of the worlds supercomputers are powered by Linux. My startup company which employs 20 people is powered by Linux and we could not do business without it.

Now imagine a world where people were not allowed to tinker with their computers. A world where Linus Torvalds, by law, would not be allowed to unlock his computer and would never been able to invent Linux. Imagine a world where, by law, people would not be able to install Linux on their computers because they where shipped with Microsoft pre-installed.

The age of the personal computers is on the decline and a whole new world of tablets, smartphones and related devices are beginning to take their place. Please do not make it illegal for enthusiasts, hobbyists, developer and users from creating new innovations with smartphones and tablets that, while seemingly insignificant, could change the world.

Think carefully when passing your laws. Don't just listen to what others are saying, do some thinking of your own.