

To Whom it may concern,

I am a long time iPhone user and a "Jailbreaker" since the first version of the iPhone. However I no longer jailbreak since Apple has made it so extraordinarily difficult recently.

I'd like to share a couple thoughts about why Jailbreaking is important.

- 1) Jailbreaking opens up the iPhone to a small community of enthusiasts who expand the limits of what you can do with the device.
- 2) These enthusiasts have created wonderful utilities and extended the function of the iPhone in ways that have directly benefitted the evolution of the official software from Apple. Many have been incorporated by Apple into later official software releases, and are obviously beneficial to Apple itself.
- 3) I have never personally seen any malware or applications intended to do harm. Much like Apple's own walled-garden app store, the Jailbreak apps are curated by the best and brightest developers. The difference is that beneficial apps which operate on the system level or outside the approved box somehow are not excluded.
- 4) Without Jailbreaking we could never keep Apple and other developers honest. Remember the GPS location data they were collecting which was a big news story? How would anyone have seen that without looking "under the hood". Jailbreaking is usually the only way to see under the hood.

Please don't criminalize this type of exploration and innovation.

Thanks for reading.