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Summary: Jail Breaking, rooting, or modding in general ensure increased functionality to devices, and continued support. And are a learning experience for young computer engineers.

Jail Breaking, rooting, or modding as described in this comment are a way to circumvent a manufacturer's attempts to prevent end users from running custom software.

Jail Breaking, rooting, or modding are the only way to ensure that we still have can use the full functionality or additional functionality of a device after a company has stopped support for it. Take for example the Sony Play station 3 (PS3) when it was released It had an impressive list of functions it could perform like backward compatibility with the Sony Play Station 2 games, and the ability to run Linux, among other things. Sony has since removed these features via downloadable updates, now the only way to get these features back would be to mod the PS3 and reprogram it with an older version of its software. If I own a PS3 why should it be illegal to mod the console to return these features? Another Example is my phone; I recently bought a newer Samsung Charge to replace my HTC Incredible (Both Android Phones). I had rooted and installed a new ROM called cyanogen onto the HTC Incredible. Cyanogen improved the experience of using the HTC incredible so much that when I got the Samsung Charge I wanted to switch back and eventually did. Cyanogen also manages to get the newer versions to Android to phones faster than the manufactures of the phones themselves. Ultimately these actions force companies to bring better products to the market. Also Jail breaking, Modding, and Rooting are challenges up and coming talent overcomes to prove their ability, to discourage these activities is to discourage learning in computer science.