

Modification and invention always belong together. Smartphones, tablets, video game consoles, and essentially all other personal electronics are now being built with software and hardware features to prevent users tinkering with the devices, denying some of the best opportunities to modify a system and learn to build new ones. But even if manufacturers of devices are against it, the law should protect the rights of an individual to modify his devices any way he pleases. A DMCA exemption for "jailbreaking", "rooting", and all manner of homebrew software modifications gives people control over the hardware they purchase and a place to learn new skills and to create new products. As a student and software hobbyist, I need to load custom software on my phone and use every device I own to its full capability, and extending and expanding this DMCA exemption will allow that.

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