

...My reasons as to why jailbreaking your personal device should remain legal...

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While many have their own reasons why they prefer, want or need to jailbreak, root or modify their device(s) I am writing this document to explain why I both prefer and need to jailbreak my device. I use an iPhone 4S that is factory unlocked from apple, it is an absolutely amazing device in many ways, but also has many (even too many limitations) as well. I use T-mobile on my iPhone and some features require that my iPhone is jailbroken to use them such as MMS (receiving picture messages), but that is my only actual need for a jailbreak. By choice I prefer my iPhone to be jailbroken as I would have no interest in the device otherwise, My reasons include:

~ Better functionality to change/modify existing features to enhance my user experience to make my device more useful, easier to use and overall more enjoyable for everyday use.

~ Jailbreaking (at least for IOS devices) is where at least 70% of IOS development takes place, for example the app store did not exist until the cydia store was created to install and run 3rd party applications on IOS devices, newer features to IOS such as mobile tethering, wifi sync, multi-tasking and older features like video recording (cycorder), ringtones and other features are all from cydia developers that introduced these features long before apple considered running these features natively on IOS devices.

~ I only use the iPhone, iPod touch and iPad because of jailbreaking. I have a top 3 for jailbroken features that are most useful to me and why I personally favorite the iPhone over other devices because of jailbreaking, these features are Callbar (makes receiving calls less annoying to deal with while maintaining the full function of the phone), bitesms (I no longer have to with to the messages app to reply to a text, instead I can reply, close or delete incoming text with being interrupted and go right back to what I was doing) and Zephyr (better multi-tasking for IOS devices, allows multi-task gestures to switch between apps with a single finger swipe). Those are my top 3 favorite jailbroken features, but there are many other features that make my device more useful to me such as SB settings, Activator, iFile, Filterstorm (like photo shop for IOS devices and many other features.

I can see why some would want to illegalize jailbreaking and it's understandable. Application developers lose money on the IOS app store because jailbroken users have the option of using a jailbroken app called installous where users can download cracked or copied applications 100%

free. This can be considered piracy, which is the only realistic reason why anyone would consider putting effort into illegalizing jailbreaking. The truth about this is that it is the users choice whether or not they choose to use installous to download free apps to their IOS device. Before adding the source that contains the installous application in cydia, there is a warning text bubble that appears clearly stating that the source the user is adding may contain software that may be used for what many consider to be piracy. While it is true that jailbreaking an IOS device provides a window for this, it is still completely the user's choice as to whether or not they actually use or install it on their device. I am one of the users that have decided not to use installous as my only reasons for jailbreaking are simply to add wanted or needed functionality and/or features to my device, I can care less about downloading pirated apps as many are just simply not useful to me and the few that are I pay for or they are already free to download from the app store. This is Apple's only exact reason as to why they want to see jailbreaking illegalized. Apple will say that jailbreaking ruins the user experience, drains battery life and more, but it is completely up to the user as to what you install on your device. If you install themes, live themes, or other features that requires more battery usage, you will see less battery life, mobile tethering used to be a jailbroken feature and used as an example by apple, now it is a native IOS feature. Its also hard to see how jailbreaking degrades to user experience of IOS when it obviously only enhances it.

In my opinion the only way to really get the most out of your device is to jailbreak it because jailbreaking give you the option of really personalizing your device to your own personal preferences.

And those are my personal reasons as to why I think jailbreaking should be and always remain legal.