

Hello, my name is Tim. I am a mobile developer, much of my work thus far has been centered around the Android operating system. However I have done some work on other platforms including BlackBerry, and Web. I also intend to do work iOS devices at some point in the future. I am writing to make clear my opinion on the **Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies**. My work is often not on applications that are intended for use on devices owned by a business entity and not by the general public. The Android OS, and its various different builds and versions were mostly designed with the assumption that the primary user of the device would be a member of the general public. Because of this assumption there are various aspects of the system itself, and applications that come pre-installed on many devices that impede the work that I do. In order to alleviate this problem on some occasions I've installed modified versions of the OS onto the devices that I am working with. If the **Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies** is allowed to expire, it will put into jeopardy the work that I do.

Furthermore I personally believe that as a consumer if I go out and choose to pay my own money for a device, I should have the right to open up, modify, install different software upon, and do just about anything else that I might find a use for (after all it is *my* device). The only time that I believe there is any reason to limit what a person is able to do with a device (or anything else they've paid for) is if what they intend to do would pose a risk to the safety of someone else. (i.e. it is technologically feasible to modify a sedan to travel at 200+ mph, I certainly do not believe though that everyone should be allowed to drive around modified vehicles that do so on public streets and highways.)

To be clear I understand that by modifying products in the manner that I'd like to, I may very well render the device useless. I in no way would expect a manufacturer to refund / warranty my item in any way if I have knowingly taken steps to modify the device in such a way. But I certainly should not be locked into a cage (or forced to discontinue my work, and pay hefty fines) for doing so.

Thank you

Tim