

The Copyright Office,

As an engineer I am constantly modifying machines, processes and programs to fit my needs. In my field we have to find solutions to problems that no one has a solution for yet.

In my personal life I enjoy jailbreaking and rooting my electronic devices to allow added functionality for to devices that I have paid for and for lack of a better term are mine. I have jailbroken each of my iPhones, and rooted my Nook e-reader. I did this to make the device better then they were. I can easily access my devices and they will provide me with the information and communication capacities quickly and efficiently. I have paid for many apps in the jailbroken and rooted marketplaces that would be denied entrance into the Apple and Google because they competed with their apps. Features from these same apps are later adopted by Apple and Google in newer operating systems, where they will make the money not someone else. It is an unfair market practice that hinders innovation.

On my iPhones I have many jailbroken applications that:

- Make it quicker for me to text my wife, friends, and family than Apples default app.
- Allow me to access my email, Facebook, Twitter, Calender, and weather from the lock screen.
- Allow me to change the way that my phone looks so I can make the phone my phone not another iPhone. It is an individual just like me.
- Custom sounds that I made my self so I do not have to pay Apple's inflated ringtone prices.
- Use gestures on the screen to do functions that would take minuted to drill down into the iOS to do.

On my Nook I have a few apps that make the Nook more open than a Kindle:

- I have an Amazon account, I was buying and reading books on the iPhone Kindle app. It was fine but when I got a Nook I could not simple move the digital books I had paid for over to the Nook. When I rooted the Nook I was able to get the Kindle app and read all the books I had bought with Amazon. If I had not done this I would have had half of my books on my iPhone and half on my Nook.
- Rooting also gave me access to the internet and Android apps that a stock Nook does not have.

I believe that jailbreaking iOS devices, rooting Android devices, and hacking gaming consoles are your right as a consumer to use your devices in any way you feel fit. We live in America where we are free to do what we want as long as it does not infringe on others freedom to do the same. Jailbreaking, Rooting and hacking consols is as American as a Hot Rod, Muscle Cars and building your own house.

Thank you for your time,  
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