

Hello my name is Daniel Lester and on the issue of “Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies” Comment # 3,4,5 I would like to ask that you continue and expand the exemption for "jail breaking" devices that people own. I think I would best describe myself as a hobbyist/independent learner, by being able to experiment without fear of being labeled a criminal has significantly changed my life.

By being able to jailbreak G1 android phone I was able to not only open my mind to new possibilities, I was able to teach myself some basic Linux commands that pushed me to learn the more about Linux to the point that I now consider myself to be somewhat of a expert. On top of being able to experiment to gain more knowledge, being able to jailbreak my phone has let me add functionality and expand the life of them.

Only by jail breaking am I able to backup and restore the data on my phone

Only by jail breaking am I able to stop data that cost me money from being used for ads on websites and inside applications

Only by jail breaking was I able to install the amazon app store and the get jar app store as competitors to the Google marketplace to increase competition.

You should also expand the exemption for tablets as well as they are not significantly more than a phone. Two of the best examples of tablets the amazon fire and nook tablet are prime examples of devices that would be significantly better where they allowed to be jail broken, however as it stands users must live a serverly limited device that only does what it's manufacturers endorse.

In the case video game consoles the particular should be allowed to be jail broken because they all now these days have a tendency for there functionality to either to dry up or the license agreement with you allowed to use the functionality change with no real recourse if you don't agree with the manufacturers ever changing terms.

The original Xbox at this point has absolutely no capability to play online even though for many years it was sold with that functionality, what is now effectively a useless piece of plastic, jail breaking could bring new life to.

The Wii because of its manufacturers rigidity is leaving many independent game developers out in cold, jail breaking could allow independence video game developers to show off their creations to much wider audience.

Not only has the Playstation 3 removed functionality in the form of being able to install a separate Linux operating system, it is also updated its terms of usage to the point were I had to decide to not accept them and never play video games on it again, jail breaking would let me use my hardware the way it was usable when I bought it.

Finally the Xbox 360 has used hardware and software to continue a policy in which everyone must go through the manufacturer for there expandable hard drives, paying a larger mark up for less than stellar parts, jail breaking would allow me to use the equipment that I see fit and purchase it on the open market.

In conclusion not only do I think jail breaking should be allowed, I think it should be taught in schools alongside programing and electronics.