

Dear Copyright Office:

"Jailbreaking" is not a crime despite this term we have created, and it really needs to be looked at from a different perspective... I am a tech enthusiast and someone who is studying programming in college. Jailbreaking, for me, is a way of learning about your device and the software that runs on it. As you mess around with it, you find flaws at which you can improve, as well as you might find hidden potential that could be useful otherwise... What is wrong with wanting to improve the devices' functionality if the original developers cannot do it themselves? I paid for the device, so I legally own it! Yes, I understand the software might be proprietary, but I'm not reselling it. How does that infringe on copyright law. Copyright is stoping illegal distribution of something, which I don't own; but I'm not distributing or monetizing! I'm just making sure the device works for my purpose...

I've Jailbroken both my iPhone and iPad, and doing so has allowed me to increase its functionality. Without the jailbreak it's just a glorified phone or oversized toy. Now I can treat both devices like a computer with proper filesystem browsing and storage. If companies don't want consumers tinkering then don't price everything so high with high-end hardware; meaning do not sell me a dual-core device for \$500+ if I can only browse the web with it!

I've also attempted to Jailbreak my Playstation 3, but only because the Linux OS feature was removed. The console was advertised as being Linux compatible when I bought it, so what gives Sony the right to remove this?? I mean come on, Linux is free. it's protected under the General Public License. It can run on anything. I've bought PC's that are so called "proprietary" and that doesn't mean I HAVE to keep Windows on it. I chose to ditch Windows and use something that works. Is there a law against that? The last time I checked, majority of PCs, Consoles, and Smart Devices all use the same hardware in one way or another. Since when has Intel, AMD, or Nvidia complained about what software manipulates their hardware.

If Jailbreaking becomes guarded under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, then it'll kill growth for all future technology; this is almost as bad as SOPA... We need to allow Jailbreaking and tinkering, to stimulate new ideas and potentially attract a new generation of developers.

Please don't be idiots! Without it the developer community will slowly die, and everything will cease to progress!

Sincerely,

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