

I am writing to voice my support for the jailbreaking exemption for smart phones/tablets and video game consoles.

I am a nerd. I am a web and app developer by trade, and I also like to tinker with my electronic devices -- electronic devices that I outright own.

I use Linux on my work computer and have a rooted android (running Cyanogen Mod os) Samsung Epic 4G. I even have many open-source, third-party apps on my Windows 7 machine to make my tasks easier.

I enjoy and support the scalability of the Linux operating system (which android is based on). But more so, I enjoy and appreciate the collaboration that occurs because of the fact this operating system is open source. Because of this collaboration and scalability, each android device, jailbroken iOS or gaming console can be completely customized to fit the preferences and needs of each user.

In fact, we would not have Windows or Apple if it were not for open source code, collaborating minds and electronics tinkerers.

I switched from iOS (apple) to android (Samsung galaxy) for the express reason that it is easy to mod. And I have "crashed" my android device on many occasions. The same way I have "crashed" my laptop repartitioning it for dual booting Linux and windows.

But I have also fixed my electronic devices, and nobody was any worse for the wear. Because what I do to my own equipment in my own home should not be regulated by companies, the government or anybody else (besides my wife).