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Any and all computing devices that are personally owned by an individual should be able to be modified by that individual with legally obtained software or firmware. Any and all software or firmware that is run on those devices should be able to be modified or removed or exchanged with legally obtained software or firmware.

Companies are restricting access to systems and restricting the right to sue for such actions (Sony Corp, MicroSoft Corp). Specifically Sony Corp. removed the ability to use linux OS on the Playstation 3 and have sued any that have attempted to bypass their lamentable security. The products I bought have had functionality removed and I want it back. The product has features that are interesting and worth investigating.

Apple and other smart phone companies are preventing device owners from modifying their devices even when such devices are taken out of service. Phones are owned by individuals and should be able to be extended by them with legally obtained software and/or firmware. This is regardless of whether the device has been taken out of service.

I have several phones and game consoles that are no longer supported. The terms of their use claim I am unable to modify them for my education or entertainment. The companies actively try to prevent such action even when the device is no longer supported by the console.

The furtherment of knowledge is enhanced by discovery and experimentation.

Thank You,

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