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I am writing you with regards of the exemption of the "personal computing devices," "game consoles," and "phones and tablets" of the DMCA.

The need of the exception is the inherent right to modify and object that I legally own. A computing device is like any other object that I own, lets say a video recorder. Once I buy it I have the freedom to open it an start tinkering with it.

On the tape recorder I can made modification to allow play videos faster, or slower, or backwards. On a computer device I can change the operating system that is came, change the type of hard drive that has installed.

Remember that it is this type of manipulation that led us to the Apple II computer which launched the personal computing era.

More important, if I am not allow to modify the devices that I own, in the case that a security problem is discover I am at the mercy of the device controller to patch the problem. This is a very dangerous scenario, I am not allow to modify the devices I own and my personal information is trapped inside.

In summary, the exception to DMCA for personal computers, game consoles and phone tables shall be granted since the owner of the since the owners of the devices have the right to modify them to add functionalities that they do not have out of the box and to provide patches to current security flaws.