

I am writing in support of the exemption for jailbreaking of Tablets and smartphones. As a hobbist and consumer, I feel that the capabilities of the hardware that I purchased should not be artifically limited by companies that either lack the ambition or know-how to unlock the power of general purpose computers. In releasing arbitrarily locked devices they are saying that we don't have the ability to modify for our own purposes hardware that we have lawfully purchased. For me this is a question of ownership, if I own the product I feel that I should be able to modify with out impediment of law the devices that I own so long as it doesn't interfere with public spaces (ie interfere with publicly licensed spectrum ect). I personally own several android devices and have experienced great improvements in the function and performance of the devices that I have jailbroken and installed custome roms on. In the case of my cellular phone I have seen significant increases in battery life over the course of the day, the piece of mind that Carrier IQ is not installed and the without corporate junk installed almost 2x's the amount of free memory to install programs from the App store that I actually want. This saved me from having to upgrade to a new device just to have more memory to use the features I need. In the case of the Barnes and Noble Nook Color, by jailbreaking and installing a custom rom I now have full access to the android market and am not subject to the "curated market" that Barnes and Noble is now offering. The divice is quite capable, but they only want it to be used as a portal for buying books from them. The would prevent me from installing competing book sellers offerings, and having the benefit of expanded choices as a consumer. This type of lockin on a consumer device that I am expected to purchase before I am able to reap the benefit of buying books from them is akin to Shell selling cars that only run on Shell gasoline. It is preposterous on its face and should not be allowed. Thank you for your consideration on this very important matter.