

To: Copyright Office

From: Logan Edwards

Subject: Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of those who wish to use their 'personal computing devices' in a manner that they see suitable. I am defining a personal computing device as the following equipment (but not limited to): phones, computers, tablet computers (such as an iPad or Android tablet), video game consoles, e-readers and digital cameras. My main focus deals with the devices that I use on a daily basis: phones, tablets and computers. I am employed as an engineer in the nuclear fuel industry and using my device for multi purpose functions allows for a more efficient and enjoyable workflow in my day, both on a personal and professional level. On a personal level, I consider myself a hobbyist and technology enthusiast. I own a wide array of computing and electronic devices, which enrich my life in various areas.

The following examples are specific uses that I have for a device that is considered 'jailbroken' or rooted, as it is known in the Android developer community:

1. I have more control of the audio amplification hardware in my device. Cleaner and richer audio can now be output with higher sensitivity out of the device when listening to music or watching videos.
2. Automating tasks is now possible, thus saving time in my busy day. Specific example include: automatically launching my favorite music application when I plug headphones in to my device, turning my cellular signal off when I reach my workplace and automating battery saving features depending on my location.
3. Allowing the use of creating full backups of my device and syncing said backups to my cloud-based storage service.
4. Personalization of the device creates a better user experience by introducing more features and increased speed and stability than what is possible from an OEM experience.
5. By jailbreaking the device, I am now allowed access to all of my files and continue to customize the device to fit my specific needs.
6. Removal of features and services from the device that I do not use and also contribute to 'lag', or slowdowns on my device is another reason that jailbreaking has contributed to a

better user experience.

I am not advocating the use of personal computing devices for personal gains through illegal activities, but am supporting the free use of devices that I have purchased and own for my personal enjoyment an increased efficiency in my day to day life. The general developer community, e.g., XDA Developers, have been instrumental in unleashing more features out of devices than were originally advertised. The developer community is instrumental in pushing the reaches of innovation in current and future devices. I appreciate your understanding of this matter and what it means to consumers to be able to use their devices in a fashion that enriches their lives and pushes society ahead in this age of great technological advancement.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Logan Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large, connected letters.

Logan Edwards