

Before the
U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE
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**In the Matter of Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of
Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies**

Docket No. RM 2011-7

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Class of works: 5 (smartphone/ tablets), 3 (game consoles), 4 (exemption proposed by the Software Freedom Law Center)

As a hobbyist and user of the technologies being affected by this exemption; I support the exemption as it applies to both smartphones and game consoles. Furthermore I urge that this office include tablets within the scope of the exemption.

I own smartphones, tablets and game consoles. I paid for these products. The manufacturers took my money in exchange for these devices. Their interest in my device should end the moment they accepted payment. Why should I not have the right to modify my property as I see fit so long as I am not circumventing copy protection?

Having the ability to install updated software developed by a community can be more satisfying than waiting for the manufacturer to release an official update. Often times, the user never sees an updated version of the software, as the manufacturer deems it not cost effective. Manufacturers move on to newer versions of their products and basically abandon their older hardware (but do not want to surrender control of the device's subsystem to the consumer who more often than not is unable to buy the newest product every time it is released).

Some software will not (or is very difficult to) run on systems that do not have root access. For example, making screenshots on a smartphone or tablet running Android 2.3 is very difficult without having an app that will use the superuser privileges of device to accomplish this. Without it, a user must rely on the Android Debugging Bridge; as most users will not know how or will not bother to use this (being an involved process each time it is used) it is likely they will never take screenshots.

Please keep technologies innovative by allowing the technologies' users to be the innovators.