

My name is Tony Beckham. I am writing to encourage a renewal of the exemption to the DMCA that jailbreaking smartphones and video game consoles doesn't violate the DMCA. Furthermore, that this exemption be expanded to cover tablets and other personal computing devices.

I am a software developer as well as a hobbyist. As a hobbyist it is paramount to me that I can fully "tinker", for personal edification and enjoyment, with the devices and software that I have paid for. Specifically smartphones i.e. iPhone, tablets ie. iPad and personal computing devices i.e. AppleTV2.

Without the ability to jailbreak such actions such as viewing home movies via my appletv2 would not be possible without paying more money for software to convert the file format to the "right" version that the appletv will play. Apple has restrictions preventing some types of video formats from playing through appletv even though the device is perfectly capable. Not only would I have to convert the videos but I would have to organize them and access them through iTunes. I simply do not want to have a restriction on how I organize my life.

Jailbreaking allows me to install useful tweaks that Apple does not allow. This is analogous to me owning a Ford and not being able to purchase and install a new stereo that was not approved and sold through Ford.

I sincerely hope that the Copyright Office takes a very close and serious look at renewing and expanding the exemption to the DMCA that jailbreaking is not illegal.

Regards,
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