

Jailbreaking against the DMCA?

Jailbreaking has appeared that it is against the US law, the DMCA. I believe that jailbreaking is not against the DMCA for a few reasons. These reasons are,

1. Jailbreaking is used to gain root access to a device in order to tweak, or theme your device while the manufacturers have not added to the device for any reason they believe was necessary.
2. Jailbreaking also is an innovation platform. Talking Apple's iPhone as an example which is probably one of the most jailbroken devices around. Jailbreaking the Apple iPhone when it was very basic not allowing you to even get a background on you home screen. When jailbreaking started with the iPhone it allowed users to theme their device allowing them to add home screen background, customized icons (which is still not allowed in iOS devices), and even mess with how many icons were on the screen at a time. Jailbreaking also during iOS 4 create iOS 5's notification center which many people love. Having notifications on the lock screen was called LockInfo. Allowing the user to see text messages, twitter message, and more from their lock screen before Apple added it in. Mobile Notifier was a tweak that allowed iOS 4 users to make their notifications as a drop down menu from the top bar. iOS 5 had this added in.

As for these two reasons I believe that Jailbreaking is not against the DMCA and should not become illegal. Jailbreaking allows developers and users to create and use certain things that improve the devices usage that even gives major corporations the ideas to add them into their OS without the use of a jailbreak.

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