

Smart phones, tablets, and video game consoles are powerful computers with lots of untapped potential. Yet many of these devices are set up to run only software that's been approved by the manufacturer. Modifying a device to run independent software – known as jailbreaking – is important to programmers, enthusiasts, and users. But jailbreaking creates legal uncertainty. Some device manufacturers claim that jailbreaking violates Section 1201 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), which carries stiff penalties.

1. Which jailbreaking exemption are you supporting— smartphones/tablets, video game consoles, or both?

I wish to control any and all devices I own, so classes 3, 4, and 5.

2. What's your background (i.e., are you a developer, hobbyist, academic, independent researcher, user, etc.)?

I am a hobbyist and professional computer administrator

3. What device do you want to ensure you have the legal authority to jailbreak?

I wish to specifically control my Android phone.

4. Please explain why you want to jailbreak this device.

Because I wish to turn off services and background programs that are completely unnecessary for my needs.