Subject: Re: Here's a new one...

Posted by Starbuzzz on Wed, 17 Sep 2008 18:42:15 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Tue, 16 September 2008 21:29The point is, when you purchase something, you should be able to do whatever you want with the product.

Like it was said above, should it be illegal to stand on a chair to fix a lightbulb because the chair company decided that it could only be used for sitting?

Or should you not be able to swap out an engine in a junker to put it in a nicer body?

Should you not be able to rip open your factory made PC and use some of the hardware in another computer?

I can see the argument against piracy. You can give someone the chair you bought, but that also removes the chair from your custody. You just can't simply clone the chair. With digital media, though, you CAN make copies. However, this situation is just ridiculous. I should have full rights over any product I purchase.

When it comes to games, when you buy the game, you are merely buying a licence (EULA) to play the game. Not the game itself. Of course, you get to mod it if the game is moddable and the compnay releases tools to mod it.

Other than that, it is merely a license to play the game. You paid for that licence only and so it is illegal to make copies to distribute to your buds.

I know most people just check off the "terms and conditions" box when installing the game but what they forget is that the EULA they agreed to by checking it off prohibits them from doing things the company does not want them to do.