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Thread: [iPhone A group discussion on iCloud removal/disable via hardware modification](#)

Stoopd - January 5, 2018, 4:35 am

Hello I would like to generate a group discussion on the removal of iCloud from iPhone/iPad etc but in this case, my focus is an iPhone 6. I realise iCloud is largely an anti-theft component but there is a bigger issue. When the iPhone or iPad is locked it turns into a brick. I understand some people have a moral issue for not contributing to the goal of disabling iCloud but the sheer amount of waste generated by old phones or computers, locked iPhones, locked iPads it is a serious environmental issue and an extremely wasteful way of dealing with property crime. So for the sake of the planet, please let's all work together at turning iPhone bricks into a item of the future, or at the very least, a phone.

From my limited research I think I have given up on finding an app or a service to remove or disable iCloud activation. I'm so sick of scams and advertising. I would love to hear of a working app or shortcut so please I love surprises.

I think the easiest option could be modification of hardware components, but again I have no expertise on the subject. I don't know if what I'm looking at is nonsense, a method exists on YouTube, a 3 component modification, does it really honestly work??? Who knows?? I have no knowledge on the inner workings of a phone or computer but I can work a solder and a brick is worthless to me so a bit of do it yourself soldering isn't scary, it's not like I'd test it on my working iPhone.

For those who may actually know how to fix the issue but don't want to contribute to the black market and weren't turned into tech environmentalists by my anti tech waste rant. The iPhone 6 in question has been sitting on a empty desk at work for approx 12months, nobody knows whose it is, or where it came from, perhaps somebody handed it in. So it just sits there, a waste of technology, a waste of craftsmanship and design. Please experts get serious and solve this issue, the planet needs you. Start with iPhone 6 though ?

Leo Mikaelson - January 5, 2018, 4:36 am

Wow.. can you edit your post, change font size and colour and maybe people can read it.

tcsh - January 5, 2018, 2:15 pm

"So for the sake of the planet"

Hahahhaa, I'll give it to you, you're creative.
Had a good laugh!

?Apocalypse - January 5, 2018, 5:50 pm

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tcsh - January 5, 2018, 7:11 pm

(Jan 5, 2018 06:50 PM)?Apocalypse Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is a lost cause, simple as that !!

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Can you write up a short summary on the GSX method you're mentioning? Or maybe link some details ? I'd appreciate it ?

xfreedom - January 5, 2018, 9:45 pm

Can you link to the soledring video ? I never done any research on this matter and I don't have any Iphone to test on it but I'm curious about it since I see a lot of people selling Icloud locked devices for nothing.

Stoopd - January 7, 2018, 12:49 pm

I will find that soldering YouTube video later today, I did just have another idea about a possible different method. We could be going about this the wrong way. iCloud can be unlocked via apple if what?? correct information is supplied?? Does anybody know if there is a way to reveal the full email address?? For example, if I had the email address I could threaten and intimidate to get the remaining info...just a joke. But at least I could offer them their phone. I will have to finish this post later because whenever I use hack forums my iPhone starts to lag heaps which concerns me a little bit.

Below are locations to the supposed iCloud removal hardware method. It's 3 chips that are removed and replaced. HDD, Baseband and chip. I know nothing about the hardware and electronics, but it seems to make sense. The one catch is the price these 3 chips cost, I have no idea but I think that may be the issue. So I then think about maybe moving from one dead phone to another maybe, the phone would have to be dead from another symptom than the iCloud lock though. Also the chip and the baseband are a pair and must come from 1 source.

3u.com/tutorial/articles/how-to-unlock-apple-iphone-icloud

[m.youtube.com/watch?v=ScfbToVrl5g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScfbToVrl5g)

I am not allowed to post "working links" as I am anew user, hopefully you can still decipher my intended location and at the same time hopefully admin will understand that it's In response to a post and hopefully my modifications don't get me kicked.

7AxisZ - January 9, 2018, 6:54 am

Disabling the iCloud via hardware consist of removing every components that has the IMEI written on it, on the iPhone 6 in example, the IMEI is written on 5 different components of the phone :

- CPU IC
- NAND Flash IC (Hard disk)
- eeProm IC
- Baseband IC

There also is the Home button on the iPhone that has the IMEI written on it however this isn't crucial for the iPhone to function, if the IMEI doesn't match you won't have the fingerprint option on the home button but it will still be functional.

All of those ICs needs to be desoldered and replaced with a set of new components, all coming from the SAME IMEI and reballed on the original board itself, if the IMEI doesn't match on one of those four ICs the phone will not boot properly, there are sites that sells sets of those ICs coming from an iCloud unlocked board, already desoldered for you all you need to do is to reball the chips and heat them on the board, this requires alot of skills to do however.

Also to mention that the price for those set of ICs usually range around 100 USD for the iPhone 6,

and an iPhone 6 now can be purchased around 265\$ USD as seller refurbished so I don't see the purpose of doing this anymore.

I am currently working on trying to find a cheaper method remove the iCloud, especially on the newer devices because it would be extremely profitable seeing eBay is literally filled of iPhones 6,7 and 8 that are iCloud locked and they're retailing at around 150-200\$ as iCloud locked and can be sold at 600\$ as fully functioning so there's a huge gap of profit in between that could be exploited.

Another method would be to remove the ICs and read/rewrite them so you could change the IMEI/Clone it but as far as I am aware this would be impossible to do because everything is encrypted.

Last method is via software removal but as some knows this is 99% of the time a scam, some people attempts to request an unlock of a device via a GSX account but rarely works on newer devices, especially north american devices.

If anybody is interested into this and wants to collaborate with me on this inbox me.

JustAGuyWithADream - January 9, 2018, 11:33 am

Ok so from things I've read is the iCloud lock is on the logic board. Are the IC's mentioned above all found on the logic board? So if you replace the iCloud locked logic board with one that isn't unlocked what happens? It would be unlocked right? But would you still go through the initial setup process without having to provide the email and password to the previously locked iCloud account, or would you automatically be taken to the home screen? If you make it to the home screen would the person's iCloud still be logged in in the settings? If it is then you could do the trick to turn off find my iPhone and then delete the account, and then sign into your iCloud, turn on find my iPhone and go to iCloud and put it into lost mode so that when you restore it's asking for your email and iCloud instead of the other one...then maybe when you put the iCloud locked logic board it may work then ? Or would it go back to it's previous state of iCloud locked with the others info? Or when you switch to the unlocked logic board there's no previous iCloud info still on the phone ?

If it works the first way then you could use an unlocked iPhone 6 for example, and move the logic board to the locked iPhone 6, get rid of the iCloud info, put in yours, go to iCloud and report phone as lost, restore the phone with the same logic board then once you get it activated using your iCloud info, switch back to the locked logic board and see what happens. If that doesn't work, maybe switch to the locked logic board before restoring.

Not sure if any of this would work but there's a chance, and if it does you could buy up multiple iPhone 6's and do the same over and over.

Phosmand - *January 9, 2018, 11:40 am*

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webdev77 - January 9, 2018, 12:03 pm

(Jan 9, 2018 12:40 PM)Phosmand Wrote: [CITE](#) Interesting thread, I am pretty sure that some guys figured how to solve this but keeping it for themselves because of profit.

Because some people don't support theft. There is no legitimate reason to bypass iCloud lock especially since Apple will bypass it for you with proof of purchase from an authorized retailer. This is something I am adamantly against helping people with because 99.99999999999999999999% of the time its a stolen phone no matter how good of a story people try to tell.

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what you are doing.

JustAGuyWithADream - January 10, 2018, 10:36 pm

So I found this YouTube channel called "iFix iPhone" and in his videos it seems he's in a class with several others learning different iPhone related things including how to get rid of iCloud unlock manually, but also using software. It also seems like they have a program that shows all the inside components of the iPhone down to the micro stuff and also machines that seem to be made for unlocking purposes. Don't know if he'll put anything in the future that may help us figure a way out.

7AxisZ - January 12, 2018, 7:19 am

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Ok, I'll give you your 5 minutes of attention.

My intention wasn't to get into a technical discussion on the matter, hence I'm choosing to formulate my posts with "that sort of stuff" which is a general description and "tons of tools" which again depicts a wide variety of tools you can use and that are available. The difference here is you're the one who assumes I'm interested in having a debate/discussion on this stuff. I'm not. I merely posted/replied in haste as I don't have interest in replacing hardware to potentially bypass iCloud blocks. If you wouldn't be a redneck you would have seen in the previous posts that another user took the discussion in this area, not me, further offering you clues as to my level of interest.

Moving further, my GPU remark was simply that, a remark, a quick example that came to mind since I've done a lot of GPU reballing, both manually and automated (yes dumbass, there's a nice machine now for that does it for you). We were talking about reballing, hence my example, hence me not diving into the cellphone area since, as I've said above, I'm not interested in discussing it further, nor was I at any point. Sure, I can see how you not catching my meaning would make you assume I was using that example in relation to cellphones. That still means you're a dumbass.

& no, I'm not assuming, I personally just don't find it difficult, tough luck if you do - it's all relative at the end of the day.

Now that you got your 5 minutes of attention and everybody knows you're an expert in soldering, be it micro or otherwise, iPhone h4x0r and all that, I wish you well onward. Kindly fuck off, thanks! ?

keep bypassing those iClouds, young padawan

7AxisZ - January 13, 2018, 9:30 am

The only relevant thing you've mentioned so far in this entire essay is you admitting that you are clueless about what this entire conversation is about, well done sir, if you don't know a subject very well then don't try to act smart about it because see how it made you look?

The point that I am referring to over and over again which your close to inexistant brain doesn't seem to understand is that you can't judge whether it is difficult or not if you don't have a single damn clue of what it is, you can't judge the difficulty of something by watching YouTube videos either moron. You can call me a dumbass all you want however the one that appears to have a lack of knowledge here is yourself.

Next time perhaps try using your words more carefully if you don't want to get picked on again because it seems I have hurt your feelings.

Cig?r - January 17, 2018, 2:31 am

I think the best method of getting an Icloud lock off is by offering the person a \$30 ransom-bribe for them to remove the Icloud lock to whatever email they listed. Write a message like this...

"Hello, I have just purchased your Iphone on craigslist for (xxx price). At the time, I did not realize that this was a stolen phone and I'm sorry you have lost your phone. I paid X amount of money for this phone and I was defrauded in this situation too. The person who sold it to me changed their number and I can't track them down. So, what I can do is offer you \$30 for you to take the Icloud lock off. (You can offer more money if it's a more expensive Iphone.) Unfortunately I can not offer you more due to my current financial situation. If I receive no response, I will just sell this phone for parts. I'm sorry it has to be like this but I was ripped off here too. That was \$30 you were otherwise not going to have. Have a nice day."

You can even offer to send them whatever important pictures and information they had stored on the phone too.

And for the contact info, you can use a text free VOIP number and tell them to text you on it or you can use an email address registered with a VPN. Make sure to pay them with an untraceable method like crypto, paypal/venmo with a visa gift card, or amazon gift card.

This method isn't good for buying Icloud locked Iphones on craigslist and hoping to resell them for profit but it's good for situations where you found an Iphone, or got one ridiculously cheap.

I actually found an Iphone 5c one time on the ground and the person was stupid enough to write "\$50 Reward" and they didn't even put any contact info.