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Thread: [Unlimited Passcode Attempts for iphone 5s Help](#)

jman1126 - September 1, 2025, 7:32 pm

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This is where my luck ended, I have been unable to download the file using either cyber-duck or Filezilla to edit the plist file. The mounted partition /dev/disk0s1s2 /mnt2 will not accept downloads even tho I can view the contents no issue.

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If anyone has any experience or info they can share I will be forever grateful.

DramaKing - September 1, 2025, 8:24 pm

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Read permissions means that you can copy the file. I think that you mean that you can't write to the file. Check the permissions. Make sure that the drive is mounted read-write.

Only exploits that I'm aware of to do this are for iOS 9.

ttbr0 - September 2, 2025, 5:00 am

<https://cellebrite.com/en/ufed/>

DramaKing - September 2, 2025, 5:43 am

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ttbr0 - September 2, 2025, 5:59 am

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Hsdtf x - September 8, 2025, 9:20 pm

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Hahaha have, then he must be the luckiest man alive right now