

JailBreakMe creator lands internship at Apple

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Photo of a South Korean dealer demonstrating the use of an iPhone with a customer in Seoul 2010. A 19-year-old New York man who created a program that allows iPhone users to "jailbreak" the device to run unauthorized applications claims to have landed an internship at Apple.

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Nicholas Allegra, creator of the site JailBreakMe, announced the news on Thursday on his Twitter feed @comex.

"The week after next I will be starting an internship with Apple," Allegra said.

Graham Cluley, a senior technology consultant at computer security firm Sophos, said in a blog post that Allegra has "given Apple plenty of headaches in the last couple of years" finding [security vulnerabilities](#) in the [iPhone](#).

"Each time Allegra has found a flaw in Apple's software, the company has been forced to rush out a security patch," Cluley said.

Commenting on an internship for Apple's nemesis, he said: "From Apple's point of view it's a case of: If you can't beat them, get them to join you."

In June, [Facebook](#) hired George Hotz, a hacker known as "GeoHot" who was sued by Sony for hacking the [PlayStation 3](#) game console and is credited with being the first person to go public with a way to hack into an iPhone.

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