

iPhone | How to Unlock the iPhone 3G

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These are instructions on how to software unlock the iPhone 3G for use with any GSM cellphone carrier.

Before you can follow these instructions you must have a jailbroken iPhone and you must be on the 02.28.00 baseband(modem firmware). This means that you must be running the 2.2 firmware. If you used PwnageTool to update to 2.2 from 2.1 you will have to rejailbreak using a QuickPwn jailbreak tutorial for the time being.

To find your firmware and modem firmware(baseband) versions you can follow [this](#) tutorial. If you are not on firmware version 2.2 and baseband version 02.28.00 then you need to follow one of these tutorials before unlocking: [Mac](#), [Windows](#)

Step One

Press to launch *Cydia Installer* from your SpringBoard.



Step Two

Press to select the *Manage* tab at the bottom of the screen.



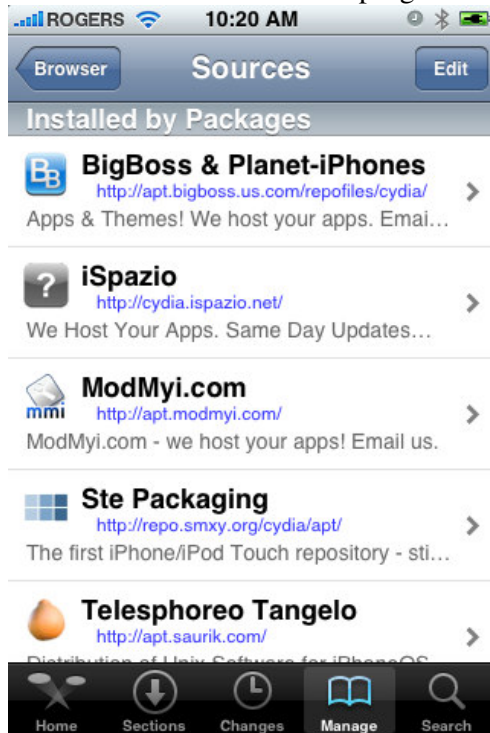
Step Three

Press to select the large *Sources* button



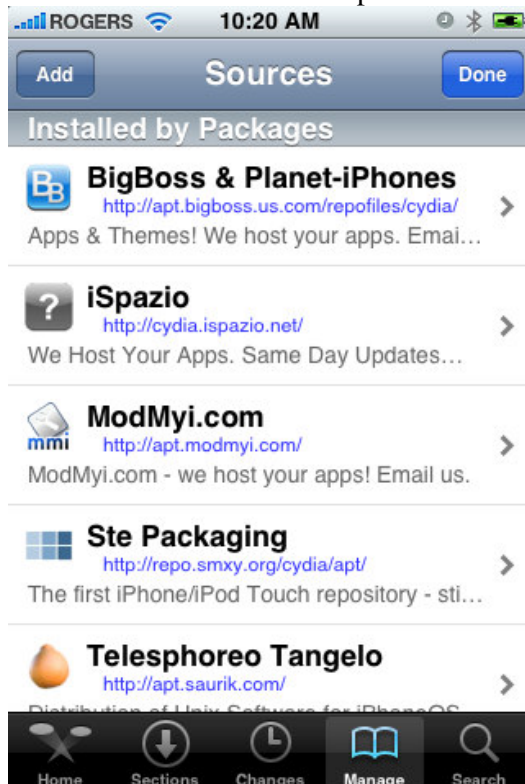
Step Four

Press the *Edit* button at the top right of the screen.



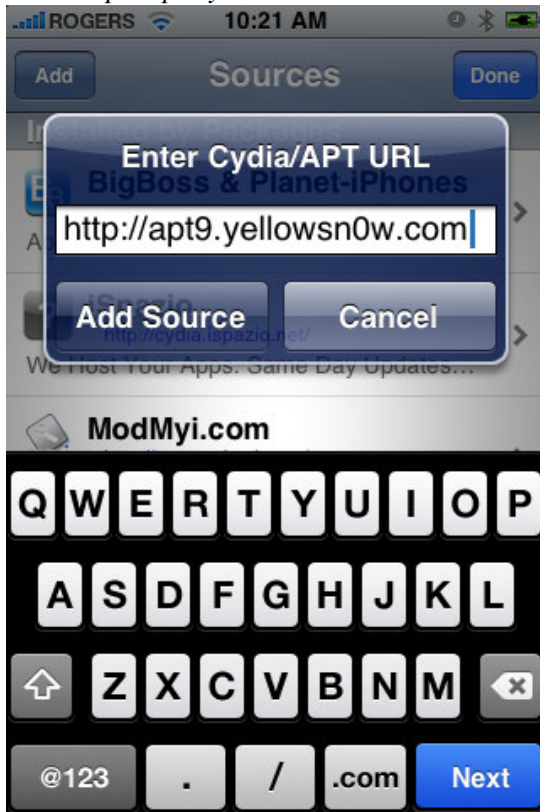
Step Five

Press the *Add* button at the top left of the screen.



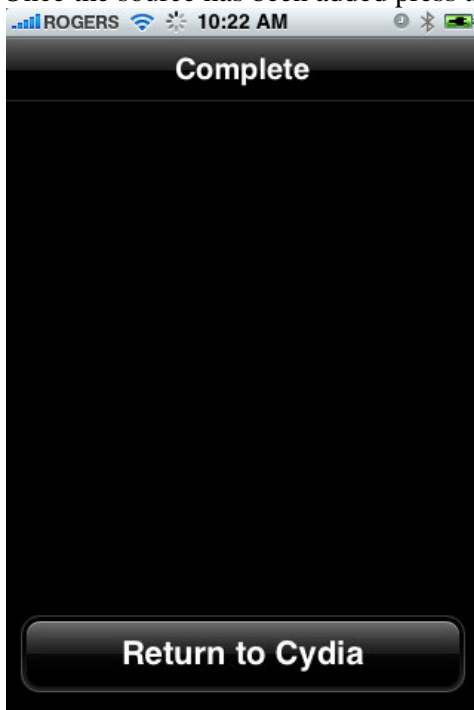
Step Six

Enter <http://apt9.yellowsn0w.com/> as the source url and press the *Add Source* button.



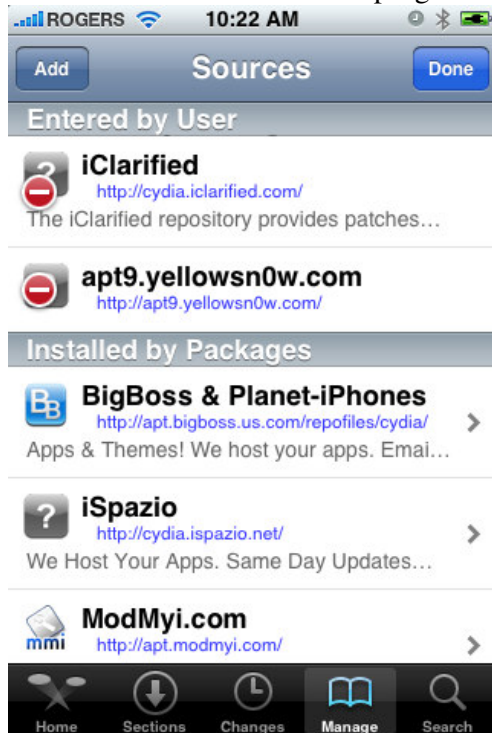
Step Seven

Once the source has been added press the large *Return to Cydia* button.



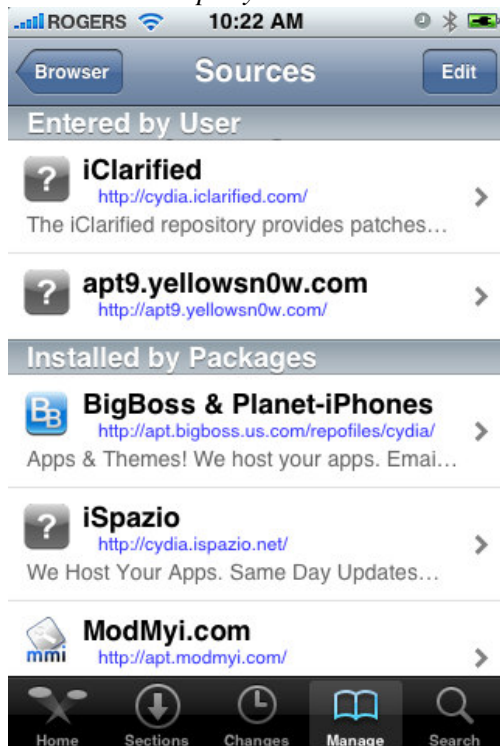
Step Eight

Press the *Done* button at the top right of the screen.



Step Nine

Press to select *apt9.yellowsn0w.com* from the list of user entered sources.



Step Ten

Press to select *yellowsn0w* from the list of packages



Step Eleven

Press the *Install* button at the top right of the screen.



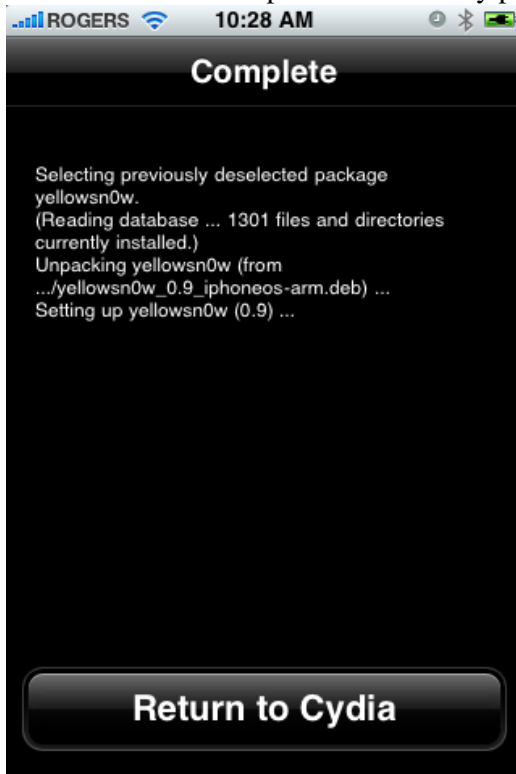
Step Twelve

Press the *Confirm* button at the top right of the screen.



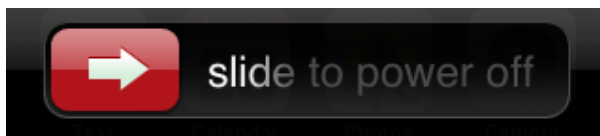
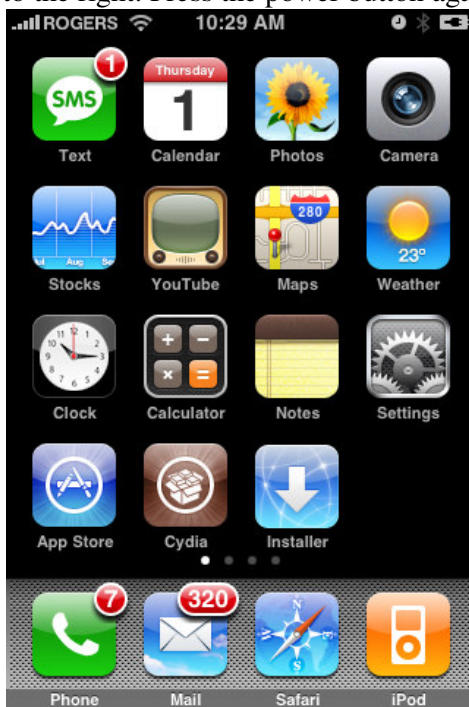
Step Thirteen

After installation completes successfully press the large *Return to Cydia* button.



Step Fourteen

Now press the *Home* button then power off and power on the iPhone. You do this by holding down the power button for 3 seconds then moving the power slider that appears to the right. Press the power button again to turn on the phone.



Step Fifteen

You should now be able to insert the SIM of your choice!

***NOTE: There is a known issue with SIM cards that have STK (SIM Toolkit) application menus. These menus are usually items such as “top up” “get credit” “lotto numbers” etc. These menu items confuse the application sometimes. Removing and reinserting the SIM once after reboot (give it about 10 secs after you see the slide to unlock widget) fixes this issue. The Dev-Team is workin on a better fix.

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