A word to the wise: The content of this blog post is not meant for underage audiences. The word "crack" is often used in a derogatory manner to refer to an illegal form of online software, but what does that mean? Most people, when they think about cracking software, might imagine hackers busting into corporate servers to steal valuable data or mess with the programming code. But in reality, cracking software simply refers to removing limitations imposed by someone else so you can use it without restrictions. Cracking tools are usually created by people who want the experience of the product without all the strings attached. Often times these products cost money so crackers remove restrictions like splash screens or time limits before downloading them for free. The website IMVU is an online platform where people create 3D avatars to interact with other avatars. The website, like many others, often places restrictions on the length of time you can use the product for free. Although this may seem like an innocent act, it can be illegal depending on how the original website views it. IMVU is one of the most popular websites for creating an avatar and interacting with users worldwide. It wasn't always used for this purpose though; originally, it was created as a platform to allow artists to share their work easily through the internet. As time went on, IMVU began selling items for virtual currency called "energy credit" instead of charging users money directly. These credits could be used to purchase things from the website's store, but the amount you could buy was limited. Also, in order to use the website for a certain period of time, you had to purchase a subscription. It was in this way that IMVU began selling energy credits and subscriptions to their users. In addition to selling subscriptions, IMVU also controls how much time a user can spend on the site for free before they must pay for an account using energy credits or money. In other words, when you begin using IMVU, you can play around with it for a few minutes without gaining any additional access to the website through your account. However, if you want to purchase a subscription and use the website for more than a specific amount of time, you must pay for it. This is why most people who use IMVU and attempt to use its software for free find that their accounts are locked or deleted after a few minutes. Originally, this restriction was only placed on the subscriptions to the website, but over time this rule also applied to users who wanted to own an avatar without restrictions. Many free users weren't aware of this change in policy, which eventually created an uproar among many users who didn't understand why their accounts were being shut down without warning after they played around on the website. Despite the controversy, most users of IMVU have no trouble using it. Most who have an account enjoy the website and don't have a problem with paying to play around on it as long as they want. Luckily, there are many websites that offer free software that can be used to "crack" IMVU and remove the timer from your account. When you download these tools, they will connect to your IMVU profile through a software like TeamViewer and send keystrokes to make it look like you are typing and moving an avatar with a keyboard and mouse.

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