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First off let me say, I against the dvd industry, on the whole decss thing, I believe reverse enginering is an important part of the linux community, if you outlawed it, the whole free and open source community would just do anyways. I would be almost imposible to trace, and you would spent millions of dollars tracking down citizens that are HELPING this country, and you might catch a few dumb ones.

I personally believe that, if you buy something, you have access to do with it as you please, as long as that doesn't harm others or put others in harm way.

Ex. If you buy a gun, you can, take it apart, make it better, but if you modify in to an illegal weapon, then you break the law. Also you may publish all you finding about the gun, but if you make a similer gun without improving on it and sell it, then you do damage the to the seller of that guns trade secrets, but if you make improvement, then you may sell it.

Also all information, learned from that gun is your personal intell. property.

I used this example with a gun, instead of a dvd to make it simpiler. but if I buy a dvd, I own all access to the information in it.

It's like you buy a book and I can read, everything on the page, I could try and find the writer motives, I can read it backwards, and I own all ideas that come from that work, I could read it backwards. I just don't own the rights to copy it for other people, I could however copy it for my self.

That's the way I believe the laws should work, the movie industry tried to pull a fast one.

I Believe a good explanion on the dvd thing in can be found here http://www.osopinion.com/Opinions/DeanPannell/DeanPannell5.html