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To tell you the truth, I believe that in a capitalist society, we must fight to defend, small companies from monopolies and oligopolies, but in this case, the small company in question is not trying to sell a product. It is trying to develop software that would better the sale of an up and coming operating system. This effort to improve linux, will stimulate more economic growth. many people are already switching from traditional OSes Such as Win 9x Win NT OS/2 and Unix. And, making Linux a better Operating system for every user only servers to make it a better competitor. Does it matter that the software development took place without the consent of the DVD industry? heck no! What does matter is that the DVD industry is attempting to stop the growth of a free knowledge movement on the internet. They are not even worried about profits. if they were, they would encourage the development of software from the DeCSS base. Increasing the number of potential viewers, increases buyers. I'm sorry that good intentions are rewarded with such strife, but so often, the internet is abused by commercial industries. They desire to put a price on all things. nothing should be free, and if it is it must be dealt with. I fear the day that the book is outlawed, because it's hard to charge a person for every time they read it. I fear the day that I have to pay taxes on the air I breathe. And, most of all I fear the day that the internet is no longer a colorless genderless free sharing community of knowledge, working towards the betterment of mankind. This Program is another program that was made to aid in the development of the Internet itself. It was meant to make Linux capable of playing DVDs. Thus making Linux an even greater competitor to commercial operating systems. Whether these few people in question had a right to look for an encryption key is not the problem. The problem is that they did not sell out to the DVD industry. the problem is that the DVD industry didn't make the software for playing DVDs first. And, they want to steal free software from people. Everyday, programmers, hackers, and system administrators work together to provide average users with free software. better software. And, Every day someone tries to stop them. You have no right to punish someone when no wrong has been done. The only justice in this trial would be the chastising of the DVD industry for trying to put a break on the development of an Operating system whose very make up has been through the generosity of the Internet's Elite programmers. These men in their suits have no idea what they are even fighting for. They think they are right because they may or may not lose money. The DeCSS writers, and distributors are fighting for the freedom to make the world a better one program at a time. There can be no law inhibiting the progress of a system that is meant to provide knowledge to all people everywhere. It would be like punishing the US congress for building on top of the constitution. Things aren't perfect. they need to be constantly remade to stand the test of time. These people were improving software not stealing it. They stole nothing.