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The purpose and intent of DMCA is to legally protect copyright protection systems from being circumvented. The things banned and restricted under DMCA are the circumvention of copyright protection systems and the development of circumvention technologies. DMCA is considered an anti-reverse engineering law because circumventing copyright protection systems almost always involves reverse engineering. The exceptions to the DMCA in which reversing is legal and ethical are interoperability, encryption research, security testing, educational institutions and public libraries evaluating material before purchase, government investigations, regulations of a minor's use of the internet, and the protection of privacy. I think that the DMCA is a positive in protecting copyrighted material, but I can also see something like these causing monopolies to take control over the computer science field with copyright suits. I do think that something needs to be in place, but I am not sure if this is what will help keep everyone and their intellectual property safe.