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Journal

* **Purpose**: What was the purpose and intent of the DMCA?

The DMCA is a law that protects owners of products from getting their products copied.

* **Legality**: What is banned and restricted under the DMCA?

Making a copy of songs and selling them or giving them to your friends. Another one is when someone looks at ones email and sends it to other without permission.

* **Anti–reverse engineering**: Why is the DMCA considered to be an anti–reverse engineering law?

With reverse engineering we can recreate code that was not meant for us, therefore illegal.

* **Exceptions**: What are exceptions to the DMCA in which reverse engineering is legal and ethical?

For cyber security purposes reverse engineering can be used for good just as much as bad.

* **Impact**: What are your thoughts on the DMCA and its long-term impact on reverse engineering and the computer science field?

Its interesting how people can dictate laws to say what we can and can’t do with system that we have/own. Either for good or bad for our own systems it shouldn’t really matter. At the same time I understand how important it is to keep things secure within the new digital age that we live in, so both sides are understandable.