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The recnt use of the DCMA by Mattel to suppress info about weak security in
its cyber patrol software shows where it needs to be changed to give
primary control of any reverse enginnering and publication of such to the
user, not the company distributing. Analysys and publication of such is
a primary means of detecting, and influencing the publishers of products
with security flaws to fix same. Consider the implications if Microsoft had
used similar legal tactics under the current DMCA to harass discoverers
and sue and remove information about windows internals and security problems
from the web. The ability to examine and freely distribute info about weak
security in any product must be protected for the benefit of society above the
interests of those who seek to profit by keeping thier product's problems
from disclosure.