

Friday, October 24 2003

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Additionally, as a computer security researcher, I can attest that the proposed technology, as is, is the technological equivalent of snake oil, trivial to circumvent illegally and creating huge barriers to legal innovation. Indeed, if similar protections were in place for digital material, we would not have witnessed the crucial innovations that brought us the World Wide Web, which resulted in the current level of availability of the Internet to consumers.

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Sergey Bratus
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Thank you for putting the people first.

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The MPAA has repeatedly shown a malevolent disregard for the consumer in their pursuit of technology measures that restrict legitimate paying customers at least as much as the pirates they claim to be targeting. This approach is counter to the spirit of a free market, and should absolutely not be supported by law. The MPAA and the RIAA both need to realize that the way to survive in a competitive marketplace is to provide the product the consumer wishes to have, not to pursue legal restriction of all alternatives.

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Simon Booth
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This isn't just a form letter. I really believe this would be a bad thing for the future. I believe the courts were correct in the past. We have a right to time shift. Just because a tool can be used illegally doesn't mean we will do anything but what is legal and ethical with those tools.

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