Dear Sirs,

The Digital Millenium Copyright Act (DMCA) was created to prevent unauthorized reproduction of copyrighted material, which is a good thing. However, there are rather ambiguous areas that are being exploited by corporations with a vested interest in destroying competition.

I feel very strongly that Static Control Systems (SCC) has every right to reverse-engineer software protocols, even if they're part of an embedded system. I therefor support the inclusion of the new classes suggested by SCC.

Clearly, it was not the intention of the DMCA to give corporations the power to create monopolies on product consumables, such as printer cartridges. It was created to prevent stealing. Parallel development and reverse engineering are not stealing; they increase market competition. If the wording of the DMCA makes it difficult to decide this case, I believe the DMCA should be reconsidered.

Sincerely,
Brian Murray