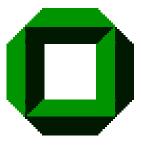
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- Exclusive rights granted to create non-public goods
- Control to secure economic reward, not to exclude
- The sui-generis database right
- The problem: sole source products and control strategies



- Initially: "The answer to the machine is in the machine"
- Future: basis for product diversification and price discrimination
- Problem: effective legal anticircumvention protection
- Effects of "lock-in"



- "Downward spiral":
 Budget constraints force to sell access which in turn increases cost for bying access which in turn increases budget constraints
- Solution to the "hen-and-egg-problem": start somewhere

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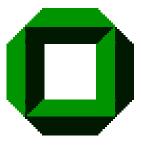
- Current problems are much less the result of an ever-increasing legal protection than of an information policy which is largely influenced by technology and economic concerns of global players
- Copyright should neither be held responsible for, nor burdened with, unsolved issues of information policy

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