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What is Intellectual Property and the law?

Part I:

Intellectual property is a product created by human creativity that the law protects from unauthorized use by others. It includes such things as inventions, music, software and logos. Patents give inventors the exclusive right to sell their inventions for a certain period of time. Copyright gives an originator the exclusive right to perform, publish, film or record literary, musical, or other artistic work including software programs. Trademarks are word or words used to represent a company or a product.

Part II:

A logo is covered by trademark law. All of these rights are granted by the government. There is no international copyright law, patent or trademark law. However, there are international treaties that do apply to intellectual property such as the Berne Convention. Intellectual property infringement is the misappropriation of intellectual property by another. It is a breach of rights including copying, using, revising, or selling the intellectual property without the permission of the rightful owner.

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