Digital Rights Management (DRM)

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This presentation

- What is DRM?
- Why DRM?
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- What's wrong with DRM?
- Trusted Computing

What is DRM?

- Technologies and systems that prevent users from doing things with content that the content provider does not wish them to do.
- Content providers:
 - Record companies
 - Movie studios
 - Software developers
 - Email authors

What is DRM?

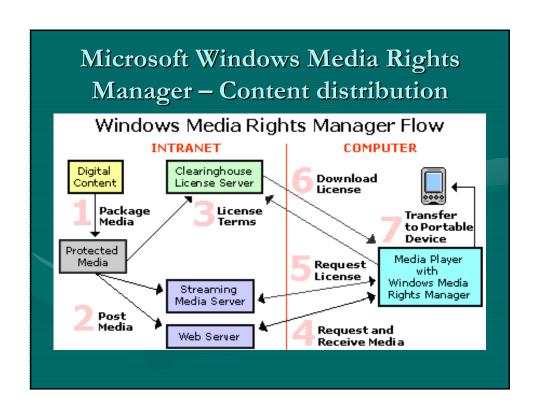
- Examples of DRM:
 - iTunes AAC files use FairPlay
 - CSS on DVDs
 - FlexPlay on DVDs
 - Digital watermarking
 - Software product activation
 - MS Windows Media DRM 10
 - A DRM compliant OS running on DRM compliant hardware (Trusted Computing)

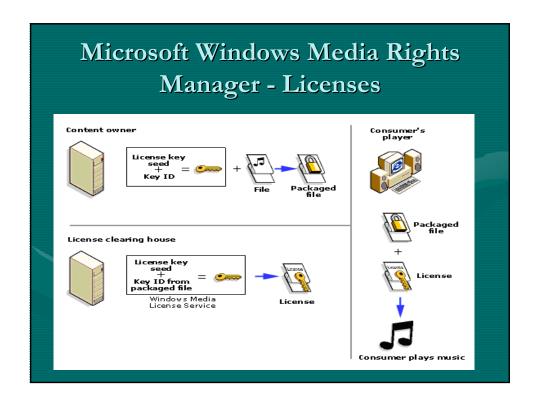
Why DRM?

- Protecting the rights of the content providers
- Identifying the creator and the copyright holder
- Analog copies vs digital copies
- Privacy and security

Microsoft Windows Media DRM 10

- Windows Media Audio (WMA)
- Windows Media Video (WMV)
- Microsoft Windows Media Rights Manager
- Windows Media Rights Manager compatible player
- Encrypted files
- License with "key" to "unlock" files





Microsoft Windows Media Rights Manager - Licenses

- Licenses can have different rights
- Start times and dates, duration, and counted operations, allowed to transfer to portable device?
- Licenses are not transferable
- Ensures that the files can only be played on computers that has been granted the license key for that file

What's wrong with DRM?

- DRM systems don't always work, or they are often too easy to circumvent
- They hinder competition and interoperability
- Added layers of software increases the probability for bugs and problems
- DRM can be used to carve out new rights
- No DRM systems today respect the transition to the public domain
- Some DRM systems disallow the resale of copyrighted material

Trusted Computing

- The next step in DRM
- OS and hardware enforced DRM
- Trusted Computing Group (TCG)
- AMD, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Sony, and Sun Microsystems
- Microsoft's forthcoming Longhorn Next Generation Secure Computing Base (NGSCB)
- "Treacherous Computing"?

We have taken a look at

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