



# Content Protection

The Three Ps:

Piracy, Peer-to-Peer, and Profits

# Business, Consumer, and Regulatory Issues Surrounding Digital Rights Management

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- Piracy is a serious problem
  - At least 1.58 billion files/yr downloaded and/or swapped without payment (Source: Pew Research)

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- **Film & Video**

- 500,000+ digital movies are exchanged on the web
  - (Source: Microsoft)
- AT&T
  - 77% “insiders” 5% consumers
- MPAA disagrees
  - Less than 13% from industry
  - \$3B physical piracy

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- **Music**

- RIAA - \$4B physical piracy + huge online problem
- 99% of music files exchanged on the web are pirated
  - (Source: WIPO)
- 200+ million KaZaa users
- Harvard-UNC - P2P negligible sales impact

# Throw Technology At It?

- **Digital Rights Management (DRM)**
  - Content protection (encryption, key management)
  - Content licensing rules, including complex new business models
  - Enforcement of those rights and rules
  - Automated tracking of distribution, usage patterns, license payments, royalties
  - Integration with Financial, ERP, Asset Management, License Management systems



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## DRM Vendors

- Microsoft Windows Rights Manager 9
- Sony/Phillips (InterTrust Rights|System)
- IBM EMMS v2
- RealNetworks Helix DRM
- Macrovision MacroSafe
- Sealed Media License Server
- Adobe PDF Merchant
- Bertelsmann's DWS ADo2RA
- Apple's Fairplay

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Abuse of Privacy

Free Speech

Constrains Open Public Debate

Chilling Effect on Cryptographic Research

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- **DRM Technologies Can Prevent Much, But Not All Piracy**
  - Cryptography will ultimately be broken, if the pirate is dedicated, has time and resources.
  - DRM can keep honest people honest
  - DRM gives content owners a “comfort level” rather than a guarantee

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- **DRM Can Enable Intentional and Unintentional Privacy Abuses**
  - Tracking purchases and preferences
  - But, protections can be built in. Ex: Macrovision

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- **Layered Security**
  - Identity Management
  - Rules-Based Rights Management
  - Chain-of-Custody Audit Trail
  - Legal Actions Against Employees and Partners

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      - Invisible 'Fairplay' DRM
      - Painless, purchase process
      - Impulse purchase without subscription
      - Reasonable copies for personal use
      - Integration with portable devices
      - License player to other vendors (HP)
      - Third-party sales programs, promotions, site licenses
      - Low price -- \$0.99 singles
      - Sold over 1M units in first week; 125M units to date



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    - Countermeasures against uploading

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    - Forensic watermarking
    - DRM

# Define Problem Scope and Parameters

- What is an acceptable piracy rate?
- What is the size and timing of the payback?
- How can we build invisible DRM systems that improve customer willingness to opt-in to marketing programs?
- How can content owners make such compelling content offerings that we improve the 'uptake' rate?

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- **Context-sensitive framework for rights management**
  - Physical world analogies of ownership rights and copyright exclusions cannot be unbounded in the digital world
  - Content should be explicitly licensed based on explicit terms of use
  - Achieve 'Fair Use' by applying previews, sub-sections, lower-resolution, samples, and time limits
  - Cryptographic research enabled, but constrained by penalties for NDA and IP violations

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# Balance Business Enablement and Content Protection

Our goal is ... “protecting content against theft and illegal redistribution, while protecting the thrilling advances and digital abilities to which we are accustomed.”

**Peter Chernin**

President & COO, News Corporation and Chairman & CEO of Fox Group  
Keynote address at 2003 COMDEX



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