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Digital Rights Management

Digital Rights Management

- * DRM is a good example of limitations of doing security in software
- * We'll discuss
 - * What is DRM?
 - * A PDF document protection system
 - * **DRM for streaming media**
 - * **DRM in P2P application**
 - * DRM within an enterprise

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What is DRM?

- * “Remote control” problem
 - * Distribute digital content
 - * Retain some control on its use, **after delivery**
- * **Digital book** example
 - * Digital book sold online could have huge market
 - * But might only sell 1 copy!
 - * Trivial to make perfect digital copies
 - * A fundamental change from pre-digital era
- * Similar comments for digital music, video, etc.
 - * EME (Encrypted Media Extensions) for example is the standard that allows DRM in HTML5 video that is used by Netflix.
 - * https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Encrypted_Media_Extensions
 - * <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Widevine>

Persistent Protection

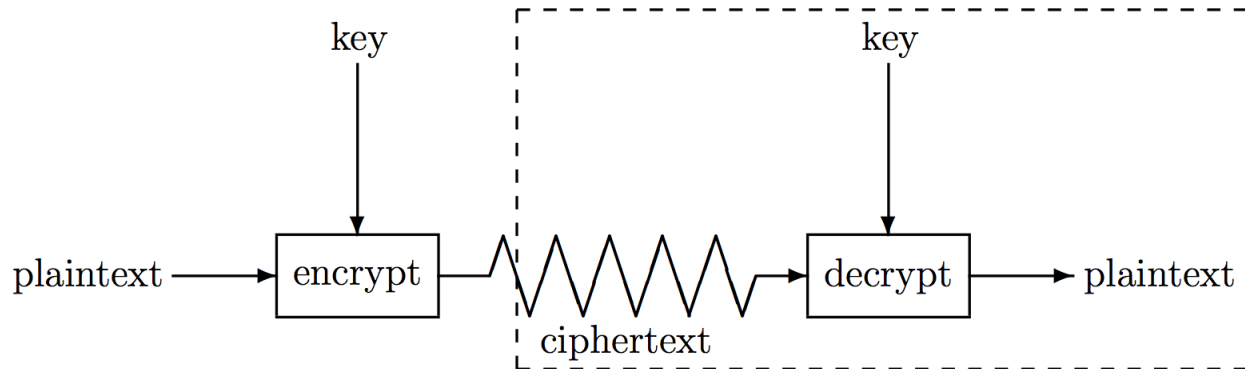
- * “Persistent protection” is the fundamental problem in DRM
 - * How to enforce restrictions on use of content **after** delivery?
- * Examples of such restrictions
 - * No copying
 - * Limited number of reads/plays
 - * Time limits
 - * No forwarding, etc.



What Can be Done?

- * The honor system?
 - * Example: Stephen King's, *The Plant*
- * Give up?
 - * Internet sales? Regulatory compliance? etc.
- * Lame software-based DRM?
 - * The standard DRM system today
- * Better software-based DRM?
 - * MediaSnap's goal
- * Tamper-resistant hardware?
 - * Closed systems: Game Cube, etc.
 - * Open systems: TCG/NGSCB for PCs
 - * Intel SGX → André Brandão's MSc Work

Is Crypto the Answer?



- * Attacker's goal is to recover the **key**
- * In standard crypto scenario, attacker has
 - * Ciphertext, some plaintext, side-channel info, etc.
- * In DRM scenario, attacker has
 - * Everything in the box (at least)
- * Crypto was not designed for this problem!

Is Crypto the Answer?

- * But crypto is necessary
 - * To securely deliver the bits
 - * To prevent trivial attacks
- * Then attacker will not try to directly attack crypto
- * Attacker will try to find keys in software
 - * DRM is “hide and seek” with keys in software!

Current State of DRM

- * At best, **security by obscurity**
 - * A derogatory term in security
- * Secret designs
 - * In violation of **Kerckhoffs Principle**
- * Over-reliance on crypto
 - * “Whoever thinks his problem can be solved using cryptography, doesn’t understand his problem and doesn’t understand cryptography.” — Attributed by Roger Needham and Butler Lampson to each other

DRM Limitations

- * **The analog hole**

- * When content is rendered, it can be captured in analog form
- * DRM **cannot** prevent such an attack

- * **Human nature matters**

- * Absolute DRM security is impossible
- * Want something that “works” in practice
- * What works depends on context
- * DRM is not strictly a technical problem!

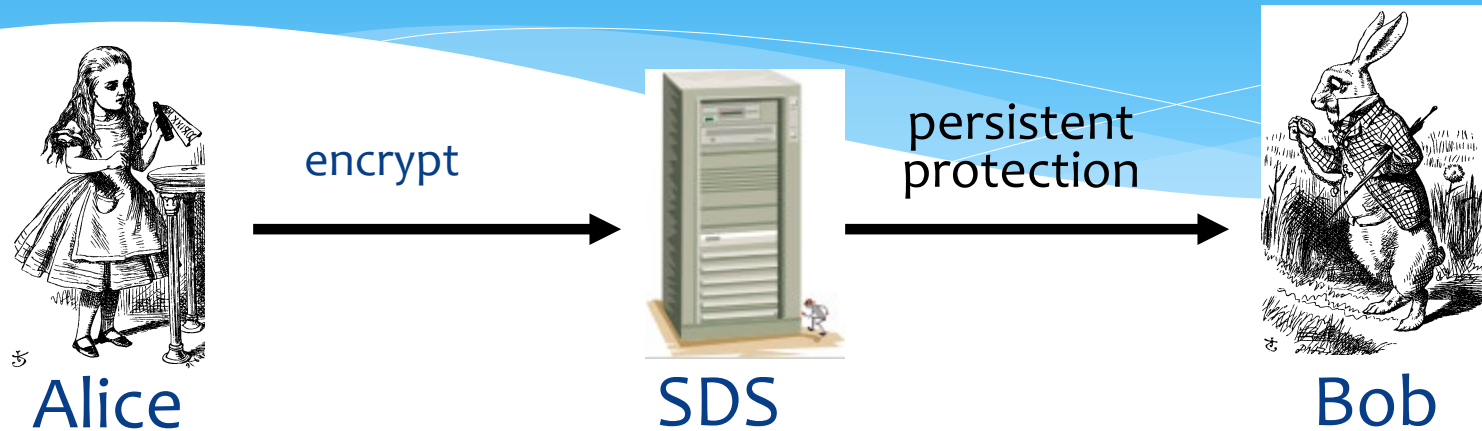
Software-based DRM

- * Strong software-based DRM is impossible
- * Why?
 - * We can't really hide a secret in software
 - * We cannot prevent SRE
 - * User with full admin privilege can eventually break any anti-SRE protection
- * Bottom line: **The** killer attack on software-based DRM is SRE

DRM for PDF Documents

- * Based on design of MediaSnap, Inc., a small Silicon Valley startup company
- * Developed a DRM system
 - * Designed to protect PDF documents
- * Two parts to the system
 - * Server — Secure Document Server (SDS)
 - * Client — PDF Reader “plugin” software

Protecting a Document



- ❑ Alice creates PDF document
- ❑ Document encrypted and sent to SDS
- ❑ SDS applies desired "persistent protection"
- ❑ Document sent to Bob

Accessing a Document



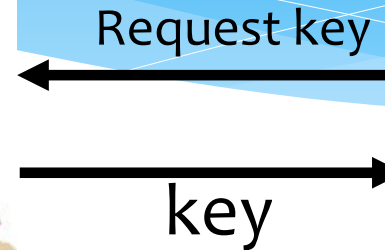
Alice



SDS



Bob

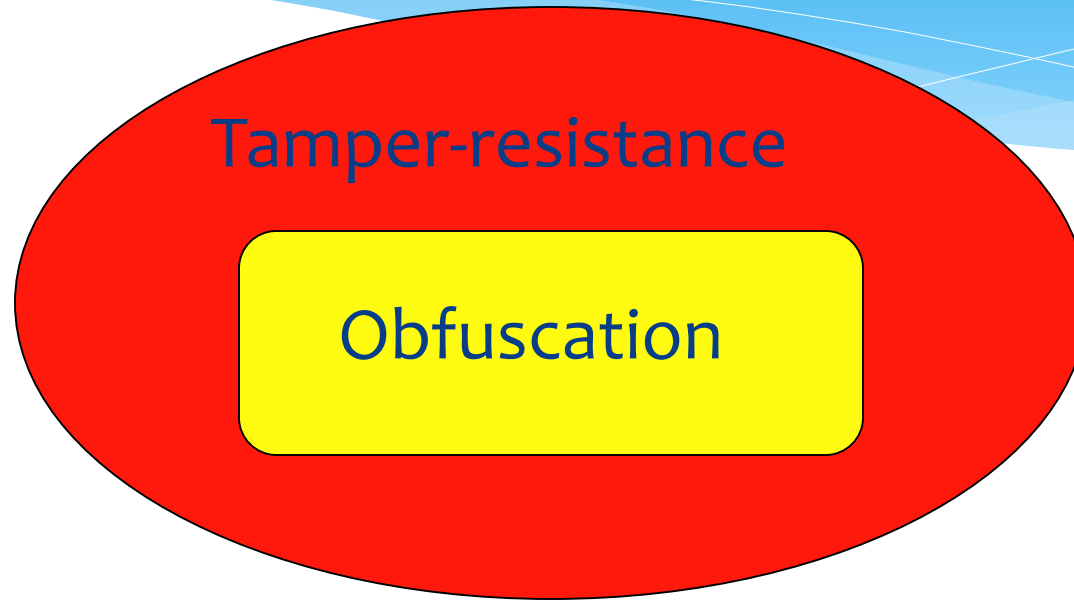


- ❑ Bob authenticates to SDS
- ❑ Bob requests key from SDS
- ❑ Bob can then access document, but only thru special DRM software

Security Issues

- * Server side (SDS)
 - * Protect keys, authentication data, etc.
 - * Apply persistent protection
- * Client side (PDF plugin)
 - * Protect keys, authenticate user, etc.
 - * Enforce persistent protection
- * Remaining discussion concerns **client**

Security Overview



- ❑ A tamper-resistant outer layer
- ❑ Software obfuscation applied within

Tamper-Resistance

Anti-debugger



Encrypted code

- ❑ Encrypted code will prevent static analysis of PDF plugin software
- ❑ Anti-debugging to prevent dynamic analysis of PDF plugin software
- ❑ These two designed to protect each other
- ❑ But the persistent attacker will get thru!

Obfuscation

- * Obfuscation can be used for
 - * Key management
 - * Authentication
 - * Caching (keys and authentication info)
 - * Encryption and “scrambling”
 - * Key parts (data and/or code)
 - * Multiple keys/key parts
- * Obfuscation can only slow the attacker
- * The persistent attacker still wins!

Other Security Features

- * Code tamper checking (hashing)
 - * To validate all code executing on system
- * Anti-screen capture
 - * To prevent obvious attack on digital documents
- * Watermarking
 - * In theory, can trace stolen content
 - * In practice, of limited value
- * Metamorphism (or individualization)
 - * For BOBE-resistance

Security Not Implemented

- * More general code obfuscation
- * Code “fragilization”
 - * Code that hash checks itself
 - * Tampering should cause code to break
- * OS cannot be trusted
 - * How to protect against “bad” OS?
 - * Not an easy problem!

DRM for Streaming Media

- * Stream digital content over Internet
 - * Usually audio or video
 - * Viewed in real time
- * Want to charge money for the content
- * Can we protect content from capture?
 - * So content can't be redistributed
 - * We want to make money!

Attacks on Streaming Media

- * Spoof the stream between endpoints
- * Man in the middle
- * Replay and/or redistribute data
- * **Capture the plaintext**
 - * This is the threat we are concerned with
 - * Must prevent malicious software from capturing plaintext stream at client end

Design Features

- * Scrambling algorithms
 - * Encryption-like algorithms
 - * Many distinct algorithms available
 - * A strong form of metamorphism!
- * Negotiation of scrambling algorithm
 - * Server and client must both know the algorithm
- * Decryption at receiver end
 - * To remove the strong encryption
- * De-scrambling in device driver
 - * De-scramble just prior to rendering

Scrambling Algorithms

- * Server has a large set of scrambling algorithms
 - * Suppose N of these numbered 1 thru N
- * Each client has a subset of algorithms
 - * For example: $LIST = \{12, 45, 2, 37, 23, 31\}$
- * The $LIST$ is stored on client, encrypted with server's key:
 $E(LIST, K_{server})$

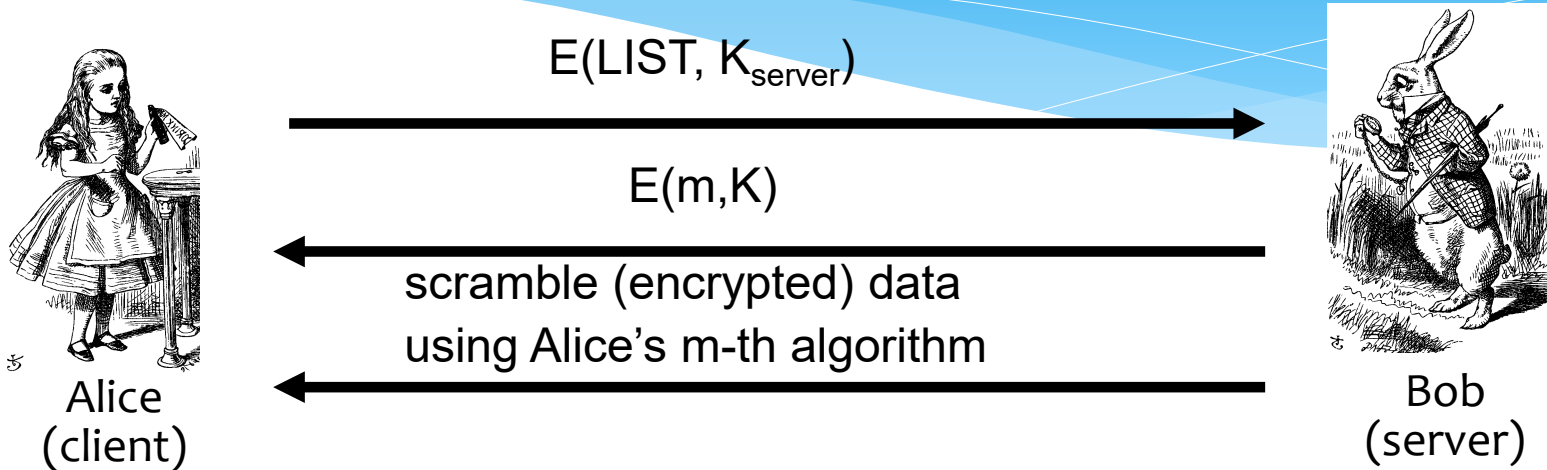
Server-side Scrambling

* On server side



- ❑ Server must scramble data with an algorithm the client supports
- ❑ Client must send server list of algorithms it supports
- ❑ Server must securely communicate algorithm choice to client

Select Scrambling Algorithm



- * The key K is a session key
- * The LIST is unreadable by client

Client-side De-scrambling

❑ On client side



- ❑ Try to keep plaintext away from potential attacker
- ❑ "Proprietary" device driver
 - Scrambling algorithms "baked in"
 - Able to de-scramble at last moment

Why Scrambling?

- * **Metamorphism** deeply embedded in system
- * If a scrambling algorithm is known to be broken, server will not choose it
- * If client has too many broken algorithms, server can force software upgrade
- * Proprietary algorithm harder for SRE
- * We cannot trust crypto strength of proprietary algorithms, so we also encrypt

Why Metamorphism?

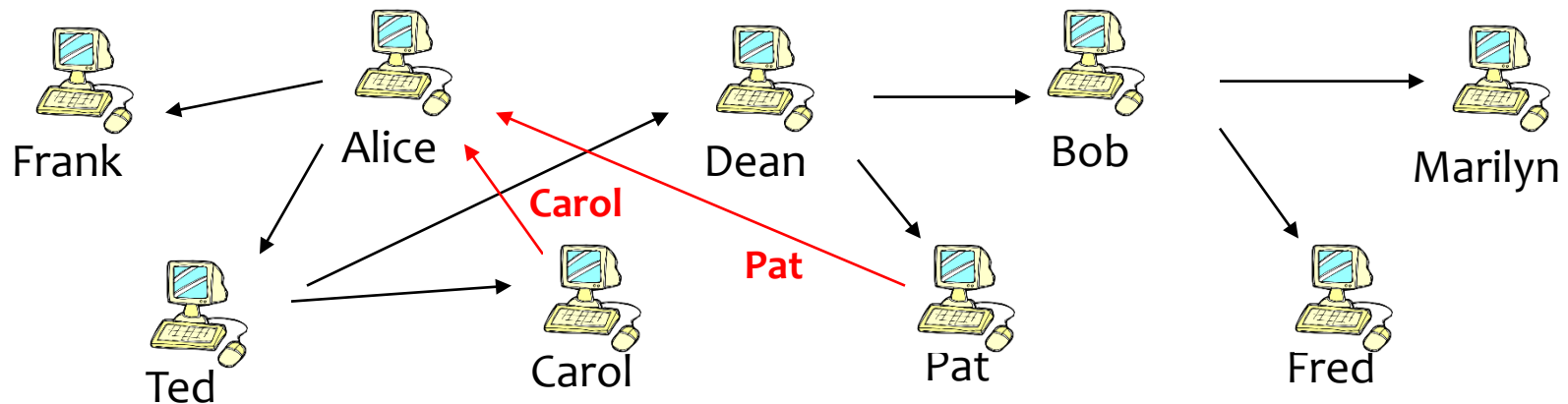
- * The most serious threat is **SRE**
- * Attacker does not need to reverse engineer any standard crypto algorithm
 - * Attacker only needs to find the key
- * Reverse engineering a scrambling algorithm may be difficult
- * This is just **security by obscurity**
- * But appears to help with BOBE-resistance

DRM for a P2P Application

- * Today, much digital content is delivered via peer-to-peer (P2P) networks
 - * P2P networks contain lots of pirated music
- * Is it possible to get people to pay for digital content on such P2P networks?
- * How can this possibly work?
- * A peer offering service (POS) is one idea

P2P File Sharing: Query

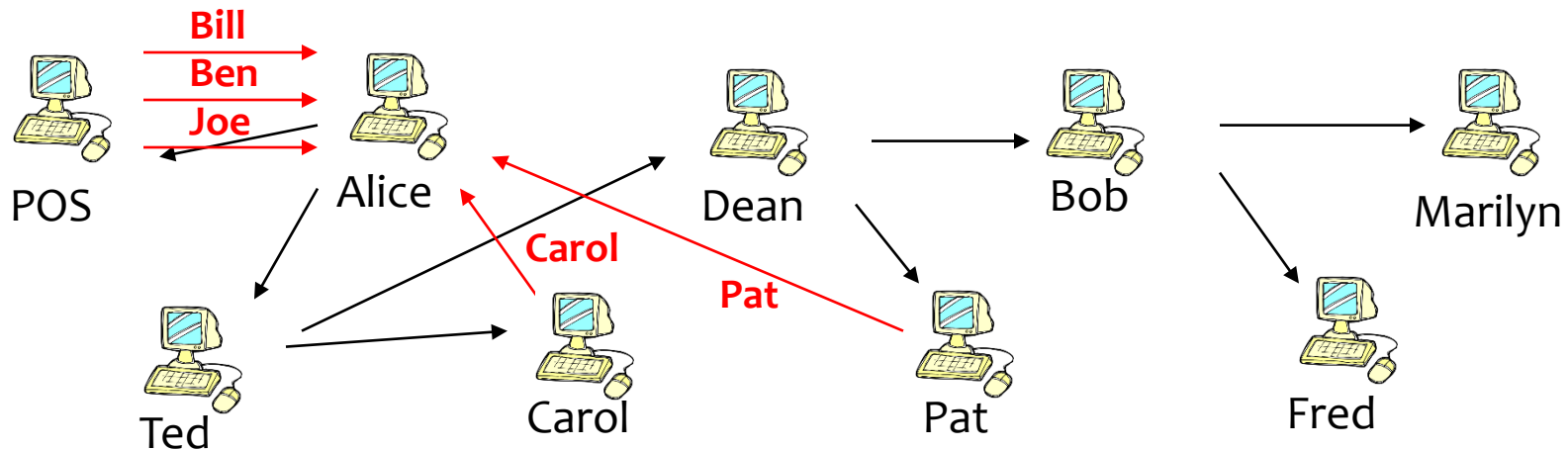
- * Suppose Alice requests “Hey Jude”
- * **Black** arrows: query flooding
- * **Red** arrows: positive responses



□ Alice can select from: **Carol, Pat**

P2P File Sharing with POS

- * Suppose Alice requests “Hey Jude”
- * **Black** arrow: query
- * **Red** arrow: positive response



- Alice selects from: **Bill**, **Ben**, **Carol**, **Joe**, **Pat**
- **Bill**, **Ben**, and **Joe** have legal content!

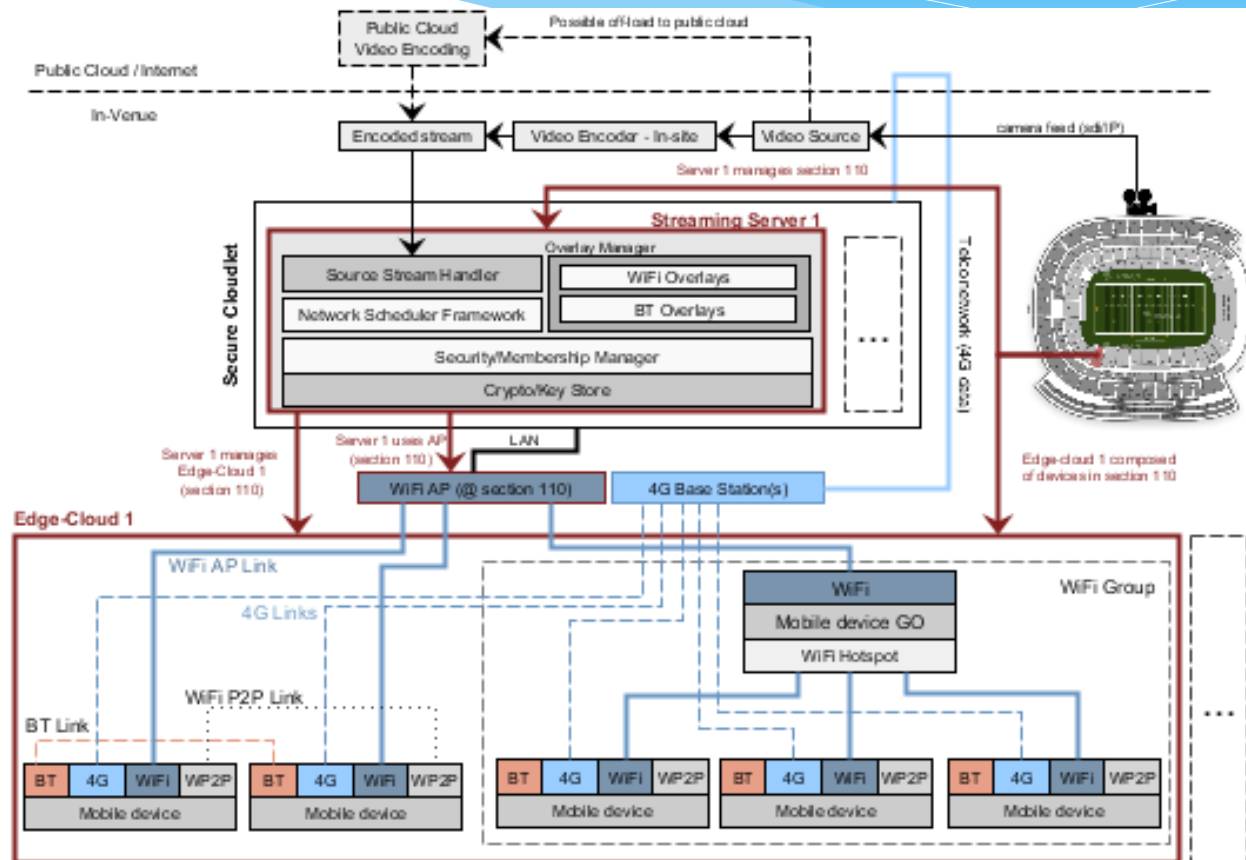
POS

- * Bill, Ben and Joe must appear normal to Alice
- * If “victim” (Alice) clicks POS response
 - * DRM protected (legal) content downloaded
 - * **Then** small payment required to play
- * Alice can choose not to pay
 - * But then she must download again
 - * Is it worth the hassle to avoid paying small fee?
 - * POS content can also offer extras

POS Conclusions

- * A very clever idea!
- * Piggybacking on existing P2P networks
- * Weak DRM works very well here
 - * Pirated content already exists
 - * DRM only needs to be more hassle to break than the hassle of clicking and waiting
- * Current state of POS?
 - * Very little interest from the music industry
 - * Considerable interest from the “adult” industry

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DRM in the Enterprise

- * Why enterprise DRM?
- * Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
 - * Medical records must be protected
 - * Fines of up to \$10,000 “per incident”
 - * GDPR in effect on 25th May 2018 – Even heavier fines.
- * Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOA)
 - * Must preserve documents of interest to SEC
- * DRM-like protections needed by corporations for **regulatory compliance**

What's Different in Enterprise DRM?

- * Technically, similar to e-commerce
- * But motivation for DRM is different
 - * Regulatory compliance
 - * To satisfy a legal requirement
 - * Not to make money — to avoid losing money!
- * Human dimension is completely different
 - * Legal threats are far more plausible

Enterprise DRM

- * Moderate DRM security is sufficient
- * **Policy management issues**
 - * Easy to set policies for groups, roles, etc.
 - * Yet policies must be flexible
- * **Authentication issues**
 - * Must interface with existing system
 - * Must prevent network authentication spoofing (authenticate the authentication server)
- * Enterprise DRM is a solvable problem!

DRM Failures

- * Many examples of DRM failures
 - * One system defeated by a felt-tip pen
 - * <http://www.berkeleydailyplanet.com/issue/2002-05-31/article/12308?headline=Sony-s-CD-protection-method-foiled-with-a-felt-tip-pen&status=301>
 - * One defeated my holding down shift key
 - * Secure Digital Music Initiative (SDMI) completely broken before it was finished
 - * Adobe eBooks
 - * Microsoft MS-DRM (version 2)
 - * Many, many others!

DRM Conclusions

- * DRM nicely illustrates **limitations of doing security in software**
- * Software in a hostile environment is extremely vulnerable to attack
- * Protection options are very limited
- * Attacker has enormous advantage
- * Tamper-resistant hardware and a trusted OS can make a difference
 - * We'll discuss this more later: TCG/NGSCB

Secure Software Development

Penetrate and Patch

- * Usual approach to software development
 - * Develop product as quickly as possible
 - * Release it without adequate testing
 - * Patch the code as flaws are discovered
- * In security, this is “penetrate and patch”
 - * A **bad** approach to software development
 - * A **horrible** approach to secure software!

Why Penetrate and Patch?

- * First to market advantage
 - * First to market likely to become market leader
 - * Market leader has huge advantage in software
 - * Users find it safer to “follow the leader”
 - * Boss won’t complain if your system has a flaw, as long as everybody else has the same flaw
 - * User can ask more people for support, etc.
- * Sometimes called “network economics”

Why Penetrate and Patch?

- * Secure software development is hard
 - * Costly and time consuming development
 - * Costly and time consuming testing
 - * Easier to let customers do the work!
- * No serious economic disincentive
 - * Even if software flaw causes major losses, the software vendor is not liable
 - * Is any other product sold this way?
 - * Would it matter if vendors were legally liable?

Penetrate and Patch Fallacy

- * **Fallacy:** If you keep patching software, eventually it will be secure
- * Why is this a fallacy?
 - * Empirical evidence to the contrary
 - * Patches often add new flaws
 - * Software is a moving target due to new versions, features, changing environment, new uses, etc.