

## Arguments FOR DRM

We must have a way to protect authors from piracy

Without copy protection, people will just copy and give away their music

Without copy protection, smaller companies will not get enough money and will go out of business

It saves us having 'piracy police' who check what we are uploading and downloading

Without DRM, the availability of pirated films and music discs would sky rocket

If music and film industries don't get enough money from sales then they won't have the money to reinvest in future projects

If the number of new projects are reduced, thousands of people will lose their jobs such as sound engineers, graphics artists, script writers

If Artists don't get paid for their work, they might be less likely to work on new products

DRM made direct distribution (downloading via the internet) of films and music possible

DRM looks after Author's rights

You might be able to buy a DRM-free version for an extra cost

DRM enables separate prices to be set, e.g. 99p for a download, £9.99 for a physical disc, £20 to play over the radio, £10000 to play as a background track to an advertisement

## Arguments AGAINST DRM

DRM doesn't prevent illegal use of files, it just makes it a bit more difficult to access them

All it takes is one person to crack the file and it can be made available to everyone

Hackers keep breaking it, so the DRM companies have to keep developing new stronger DRM. This costs money

99% of all CDs sold contain unencrypted files.

DRM adds a lot of costs for content producers (people who make the films and music)

There are a lot of lost sales as people don't want to pay for content if they can't make personal copies

The costs of DRM are eventually passed onto the consumer so we pay more for our DVDs, CDs and downloads

DRM downloads will play on your device today, but if you buy a new device next week, you can't use the content that you have paid for

Someone else is dictating to you what you can do with content that you have purchased.

Whenever you buy DRM'd content, you are supporting the DRM system and the manufacturers will just produce more

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