DRM is an important element of the legal framework. The DRM is a systematic approach to copyright protection for digital works, and is used to prevent illegal distribution of paid content. DRM technologies describe and identify digital content protected by intellectual property rights, and enforce usage rules set by right-holders or prescribed by law for digital content.

Several organizations and prominent individuals are opposed to DRM in its various currently proposed forms. For instance, a computer user may be prevented from accessing legitimate information due to a bug in the implementation of the local part of a DRM scheme. DRM systems, however, are not time limited, and although it would be possible to create such a system, there is currently no mechanism to remove the copy control systems from the protected works after the term of copyright expires.