### **Digital Rights Management**

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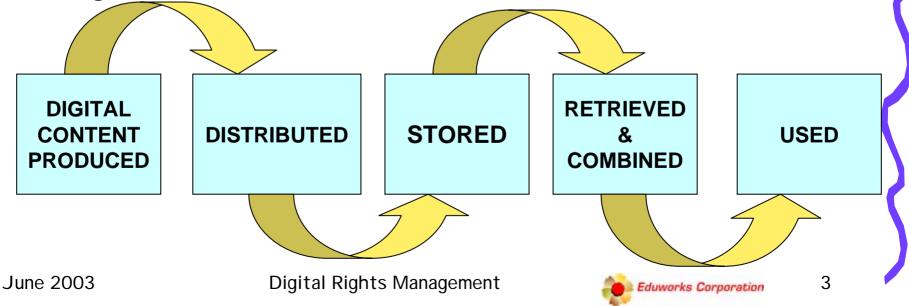
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# Digital Rights Management

### • Digital Rights Management is

- the process of defining, tracking and enforcing permissions and conditions through electronic means and throughout the content lifecycle.
- Digital management of rights, not management of digital rights



# Permissions and Conditions

- **Rights** define what you are permitted to do with digital content
- Conditions define when and under what circumstances you can do it
- Example:
  - Permission: You may use software
  - Condition: Provided you have paid for the license.
- Example:
  - Permission: A user may download a PDF fileCondition: Provided the user is an association member
  - Condition:
- Example:
  - Permission:
  - Condition:
  - Condition:

You may use my joke in your presentation

And the user does not re-distribute the file

- You tell it well
- You give me credit

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### Technology and Rights

- Rights are legal, ethical and moral constructs.
- People, not software, grant rights.
- However ... technology can define and enforce *de facto* rights by permitting or preventing actions (intended or not)
- Technology can also
  - Record, store, transmit, display rights
  - Take actions dependent on rights
  - Authenticate users, verify certificates, etc.
- This last is DRM



# How Most People View DRM

- Enforcement of copyrights and licenses
- At the point of consumption
- Using roll-based authentication
  - Example: Anyone logged on from an IP address belonging to University X may download an electronic journal to which University X subscribes
  - Example: You need to know the password to open the following PDF file:

<u>http://workshops.eduworks.com/edmedia2003/docs/c</u> <u>annot\_open.pdf</u> (The password is edmedia)



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