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## TITLE OF THE INVENTION (280 characters max)

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*Respectfully submitted,*

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## USE ONLY FOR FILING A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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**Rights offering and granting:**

(All other pending and issued ContentGuard's patent applications are incorporated here by reference.)

This invention relates to the general process of digital rights management (DRM).

There is a process to make an offer. The user sends a request, and then a license is constructed. The request is a subset of offer, and offer has many options. The distributor makes the offer available to the users, and each user makes a request. Then the distributor looks at the request, and constructs the grant. Note that the request can also be rejected, and thus, is not granted.

The grant is generated based on the dynamic information, the user's information, and the request.

As explained in some of our co-pending applications, which are incorporated here by reference, the dynamic information may include any information related to pricing, status of the network, the traffic of the web site at each moment of time, discounts given, coupons given, the habits of the user, how many times the content has been used, for how long the content was used, where it was used, what is the geographical location of the user, how often the content is used, the quality of the content, resolution of the images, what is the security clearance of the user, if the user is within a trusted zone, or if the license is open license or if it is closed license.

For example, the dynamic information can be obtained based on a formula, database, curve, predetermined table, percentage of a value, a function, and/ or by a human intervention/ user input.

The parameters specified in XrML language is also incorporated here by reference. Those parameters are also incorporated within the meaning of the dynamic information, described above.

Generally, the dynamic information makes the DRM solution very flexible and powerful, and makes the right assignment very comprehensive for the content owner, thus, encouraging more DRM usage and acceptance in the market.

The user's information may also include the following parameters: the age of the user, the credit history of the user, credit limit of the user, income of the user, what kind of rights or licenses obtained, the password of the user, the key assigned to the user, club membership for access or discount, class of the user based on a predetermined criteria, or any other personal data or identification characteristics.