



# Is DRM Flawed?

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# KeyOS Content Security Platform



**MultiKey** - A DRM as a Service (DaaS) multi-DRM platform powered by Microsoft PlayReady, Google Widevine, and Apple FairPlay DRM. Including support for CMAF, HLS, MPEG-DASH and Microsoft Smooth Streaming.



**MultiKey Server** - An In-Network, On Premise, or In Your Cloud Multi-DRM Platform licensed as a Software Solution. Supporting Microsoft PlayReady, Google Widevine and Apple FairPlay DRM.



**MultiMark Server** - A Watermarking and DRM server for live and VOD content. More than just a Watermarking SDK, MultiMark is delivered as a fully functioning server that works for applying watermarks and just in time packaging for DRM.



# Is DRM Flawed? – Closing the Gaps in Your Content Protection Strategy

Consumer DRM has been a mainstay in content protection since the early days of the streaming industry, yet piracy continues to grow.

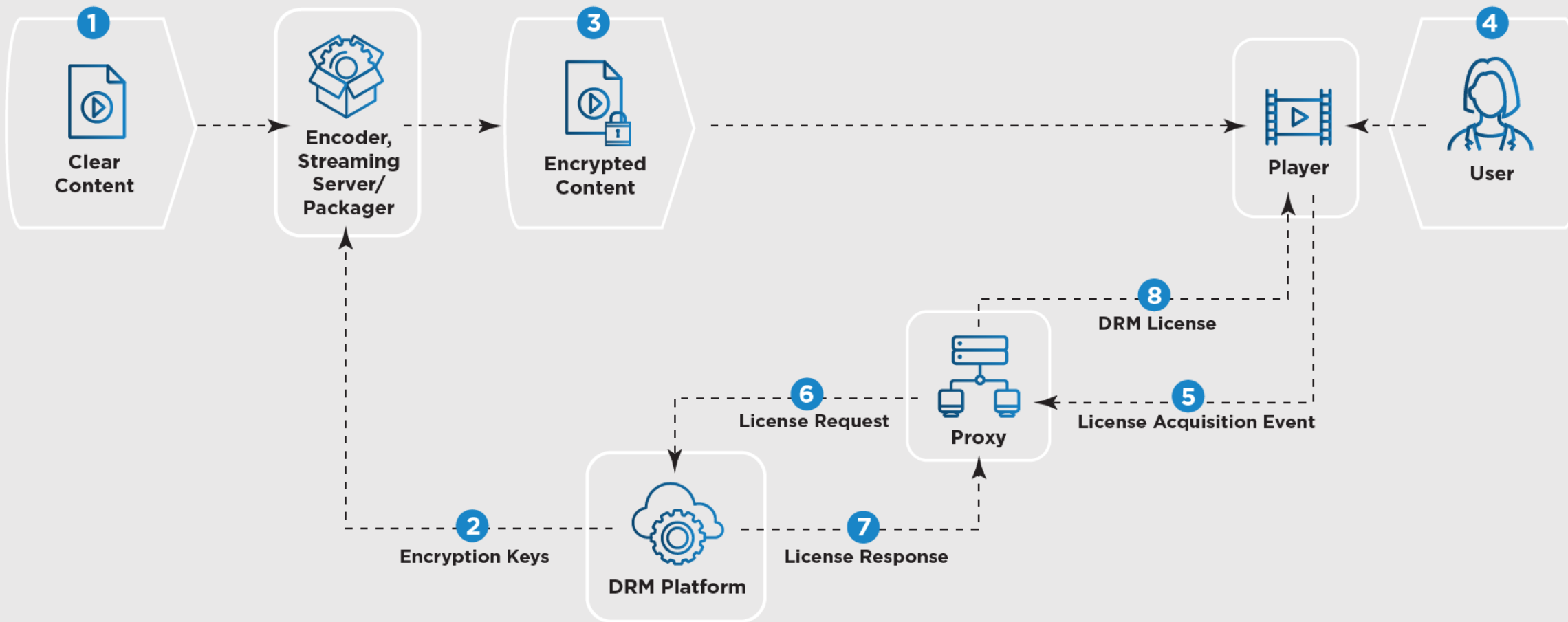
Why is that?





# General DRM Workflow

## How DRM Works



# Where are the Gaps? Screen Recording!

Screen recording is the most prevalent form of piracy in the world.

While DRM does a great job of only allowing authorized users access to content, in many cases it cannot prevent those users from using screen recording technology to pirate content.



# Where are the Gaps? Screen Recording!

- **The prevention of screen recording using DRM is reliant on where the decryption takes place:**
  - Software based decryption happens in the Content Decryption Module of the browser.
  - Hardware based decryption happens in a Trusted Execution Environment.
- **In order to prevent screen recording the DRM and Browser in use must be native to the device – PlayReady + IE/Edge on PC's, Widevine + Chrome/Chromium on Android or Chromebook, FairPlay + Safari on Mac or iOS.**

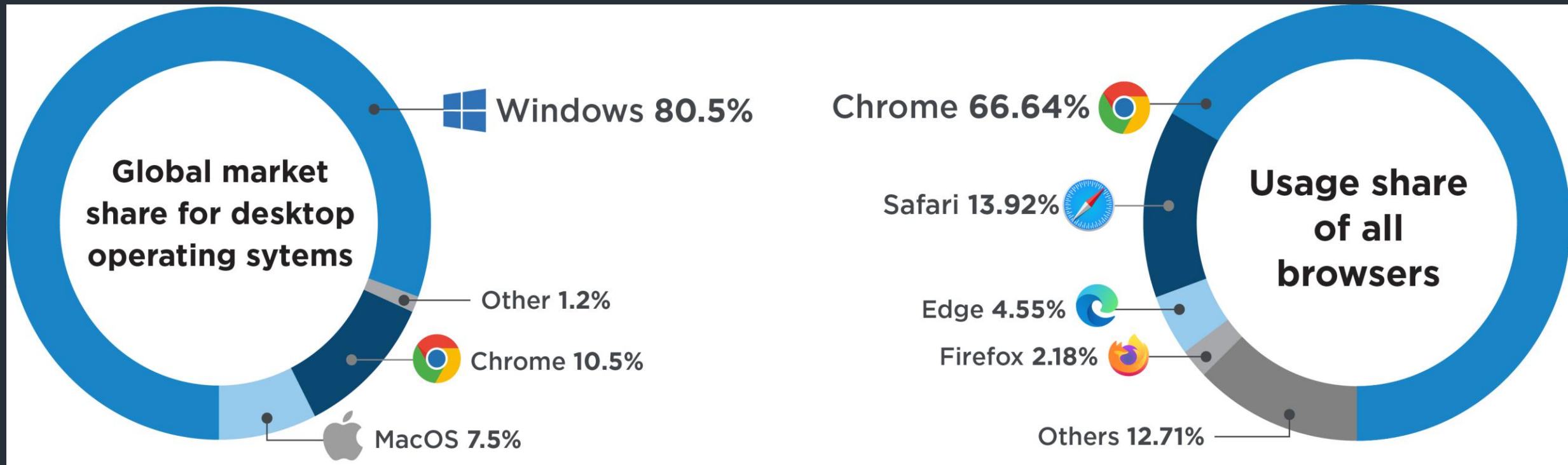
# Stop Screen Recording Using Native DRM

## HARDWARE (TEE) SUPPORT

	PlayReady	Widevine Modular	FairPlay
Android	✗	✓	✗
iOS	✗	✗	✓
Windows	✓	✗	✗
MacOS	✗	✗	✓

# Google Has No Home – Widevine is Easily Defeated

While PC's and Macs dominate the desktop operating system market, Google dominates the browser market. This means that on nearly 90% of desktops, more than 70% of those users' browser of choice is either Google Chrome or some other Chromium browser that does not have hardware access, and therefore, cannot prevent screen recording.







# Google Chrome is Limited to 720p Content

The problem is so prevalent that studios limit the allowed resolution for streaming on Google Chrome and other Chromium based browsers to better protect their highest value content.

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Most likely you're watching in 720p. In Chrome, Firefox and ...

In Chrome, Firefox and Opera you're getting 720p max. To get 1080p you need to be watching in Internet Explorer, Safari or on a Chromebook.

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## What's The Best Browser For Netflix? (Clue: It's Not Google Chrome)



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# Extending the Olive Branch - Big Changes Coming!

Microsoft and Google have come to an agreement that will allow Widevine access to the hardware environment on PC's.

One of the largest gaps in content security allowing piracy to flourish is about to be closed.

**Microsoft**  
PlayReady

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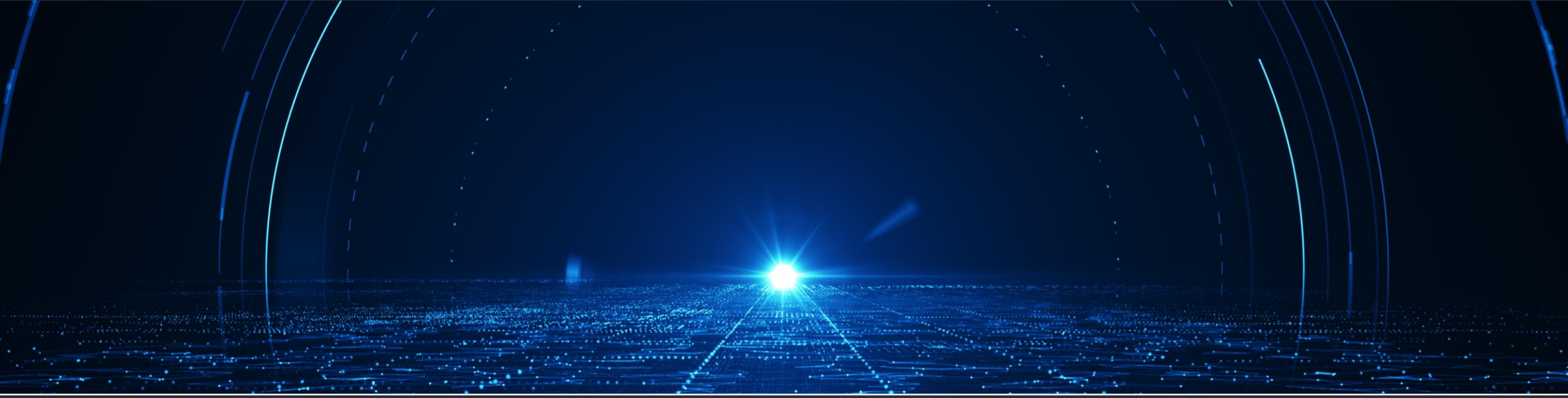


# Gaps Still Remain

- ❖ **Widevine Still Does Not Have Hardware Access on Mac**
- ❖ **No DRM Technology Can Prevent Someone Setting Up an HD Camera in Front of the Screen**



# Recommendations – Closing the Gaps



## Enforce Hardware DRM

When possible, always enforce the strictest level of DRM available.

## Give Your Highest Value Content the Highest Level of Security

This may include forcing Mac users to only use Safari.

## Compliment DRM with Forensic Watermarking

Forensic Watermarking is the only solution to deter pirates from setting up an HD Camera in front of a screen to record.



## Five Important Considerations When Choosing a DRM Vendor

By [Gabe Elton](#) January 27, 2022  
DRM, PIRACY, OVHCLLOUD, ANTI-PIRACY, ADDING DRM



When faced with a decision of what DRM vendor to choose, the landscape can prove to be a bit cloudy. While there aren't many companies to choose from, there are several important things that need to be considered.

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## Deploying DRM Workflows with FFmpeg

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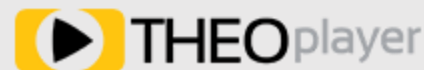


In this blog, we will be looking at video watermarking and answering some important questions. What is it? How is it done? What do I need to look for in a watermarking solution? How is it used to detect piracy?

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**BuyDRM Unveils Drive-Thru MultiPass™ DRM Service for Live Events and SMBs**

December 10, 2020



**Sony New Media Solutions Deploys KeyOS MultiKey Server for National Hot Rod Association**

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# Case Studies



**The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Leverages BuyDRM's KeyOS Multi-DRM Platform for DRM Support on Forensically Watermarked Streams in its Academy Screening Room for The Oscars**

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**BuyDRM Has Empowered Redbox to Distribute Premium Content Through its Over-The-Top Offering**

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