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All Your Tech Problems Solved

Who owns your music? Not Us!

Music ownership has been an issue for years, and the laws under dispute for just as long. We are always being told that we don't own our music and video, busily signing license agreements. But if we don't own our music, then who does? The answer doesn't come easily. Does the record label own it? The artist? The distributor? As far as distributors like *Apple* are



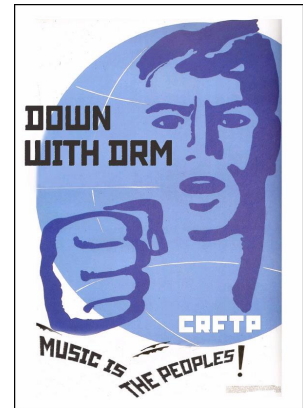
concerned, they do, and they're using DRM (Digital Rights Management), which is restricting users without them even realizing.

Did you know, for instance, that if *Apple* closed it's *iTunes* store, that your music would be rendered unplayable (as the files have to validate with a license server)? Also, the seller can restrict you to playing music only on the devices



it wants you to (the *iPod*), and can prevent you listening to it if you cancel a subscription (*Napster*).

This is terrible for the music industry. The more you restrict, the more people will turn to pirate and DRM-free alternatives, or buy no music at all. The day will come when *Apple* learns the lesson - restrict the consumer at your peril...



DRM—the oppression from the music industry. Or is it...

Workshop 1 - Obscure Windows Shortcuts

Microsoft Windows has a multitude of hidden settings, programs and shortcuts you can use. I won't be showing you how to crack the registry (as you can cause your PC to beep noisily, act strangely, or not work at all, depending on how very messed up it is), that's subject for a future article, but for this workshop, I'll show you button shortcuts and hidden tools that you may (or may not) thank me for one day in the future!

To create a screen capture, press 'print screen' (it doesn't print the screen, it copies it so you can paste it where you like). If you press 'alt' and 'print screen' together, then you copy the active window.

A great way to package files into a self-extracting ZIP (instead of your standard zip) is to go to start > Run... and type in 'IEXPRESS.EXE' then press enter. The tool will compile the files you specify into a nice package for you!

Your desktop can also be manipulated through button shortcuts. Try pressing windows key (winkey from now on)+D to display the desktop (minimizes all windows) and winkey+Shift+M to maximize all the windows again. Pressing winkey+E will bring up My Computer, and winkey+R will bring up the Run... dialogue. And an added extra - to lock the keyboard, press winkey+L.



Just to establish, THIS is the 'winkey'

Tip Corner

This is where I will be showing a quick tip list - which will contain a quick list of tips you can use any time quickly and easily:

- Unsure where to get \geq , μ , α , ∞ , or \neq ? Head to insert > symbol... (in *MS Office*) for any symbol that isn't on your keyboard
- If you need a ©, and ® or a

™, just type it in brackets, press space, and *MS Word* will do it for you!

- Don't know how to get O^2 or $3\frac{1}{2}$? For O^2 just type Ctrl+Shift+= and type '2'. Do the same again and press space to carry on typing as normal. For the $\frac{1}{2}$, just type 1/2 and *MS Word* will automatically change it for you. If not, head to insert> Sym-

bol...

- Got a date? If you want 3rd to show 3rd, then just type 3rd and it'll be sorted. If not, do Ctrl+Shift+= as before.
- Need a table and tired of copying and pasting from *Excel*? In *Word*, head to table>insert>table... and a handy wizard will help

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