

LINK Data Security

Secure Download

With the increased use of the internet for program download, locking to a physical medium such as the CD-ROM is not always desirable. Instead the internet can be used to obtain automated feedback from the user's PC and perform locking to this instead. The protected products then run only on this PC.

WebCops has for many years been used for secure download, protecting high-end products as well as simple customer applications. Both program files and all data formats can be protected. The user pays for the item, downloads it and then runs the product. A transparent connection to Link's Verification Server grants access to the program on this PC.

The Link Verification Server will remember the connection between each PC and the license key assigned to this user. Re-installation later on that PC is then handled silently. The user can either enter the license key manually or, for user simplicity, the personal license key can be included in the download.

WebCops performs equally well in single-user or corporate networked environment. The only requirement is an internet connection from each client. Even if no internet connection exists, the protected application can be enabled manually by telephone, fax or email. In any case, the end-user receives an access code that allows the application to start. You are in complete control of this code which is machine-specific, application-specific, and also determines the expiration date.

On-line access is not required for daily use – an advantage for laptops that are often moved around.

The publisher gets special administrator access to Link's Verification Server where activity can be monitored, and additional installations can be granted. It is also possible to block individual users here. The protected items can for instance be set to expire after a given interval and then go online for an automatic renewal. This renewal can be blocked on an individual basis.