SOFTWARE SECURITY MECHANISM

A load program causes a user's computer to generate an intermediate code as a function of a read time from the computer's system clock and an operating system ID. The software provider receives the intermediate code from the user and generates a password as a function of the intermediate code and a secret product ID code for the software that the user wishes to install. The load program within the user's computer uses the same mathematical algorithm to compute an internal key upon the next execution of the load program. The internal key is compared with the software supplier's password following a prompt from the load program to enter the supplier's password. The software supplier's password and the internally generated password must both agree before the load program authorizes execution of the software that the user wishes to install.

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