

Software Copyright Protection And Licensing System Using RFID

ABSTRACT

[0062] The present invention provides a software copyright protection and licensing system (200) using RFID. A RFID tag (110) is supplied with a software package (100). During installation of the software package in a computer, a RFID reader (158) interrogates the RFID tag (110) for a product installation and licensing key (114). During installation of the software, an installation signature (ISig) is generated and stored in the RFID tag and computer; operation of the software is allowed if the installation signatures tally, otherwise permission is denied. Further, the system (200) allows reinstallation (process C) of the software and/or re-generation (process D) of a new installation signature under certain situations.

[0063] FIG. 2A for publication.