

Standard copyright law

Creator can control/licence copying of their own work.

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Movie on DVD

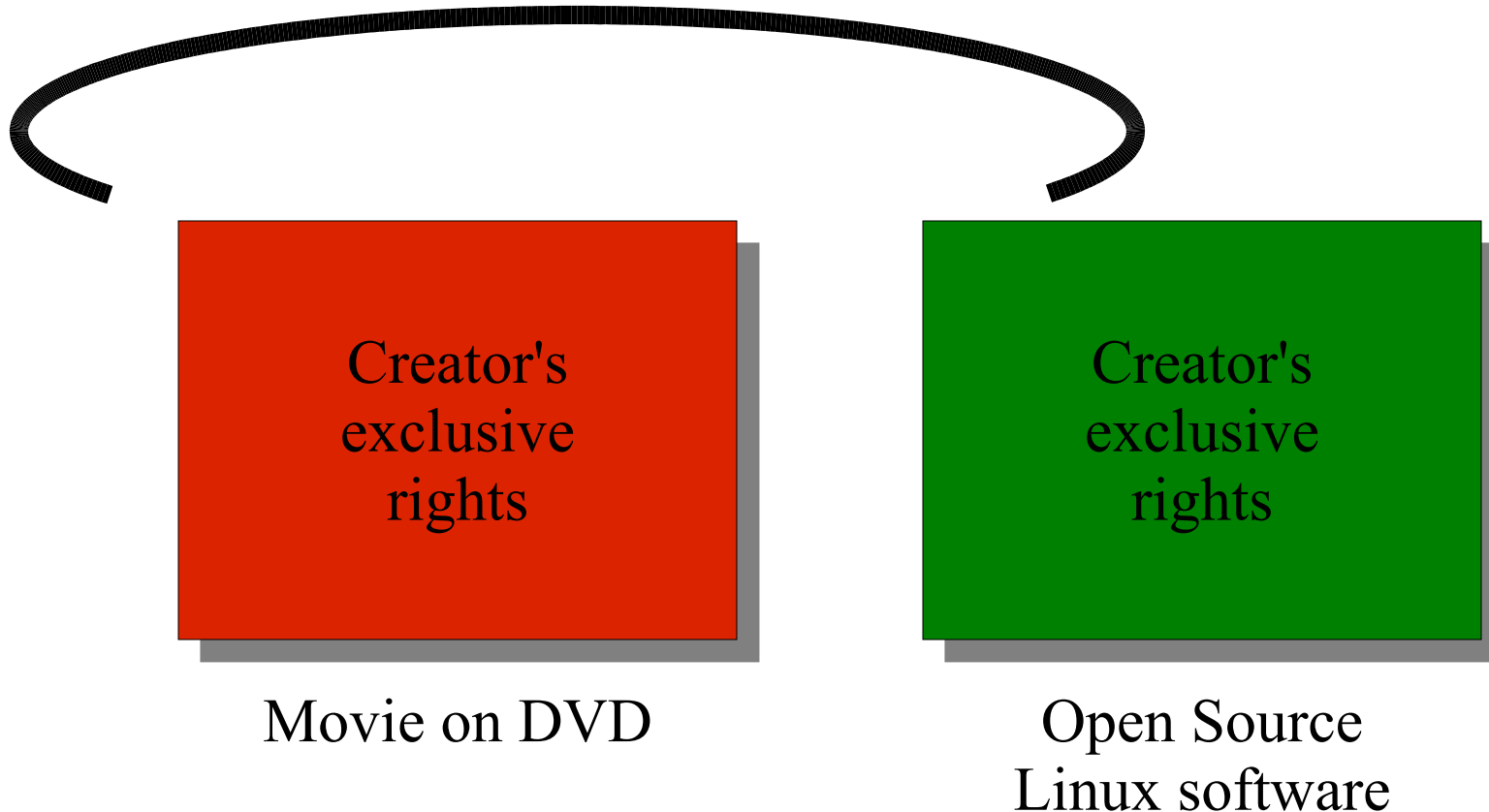
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Open Source
Linux software

Access control measure

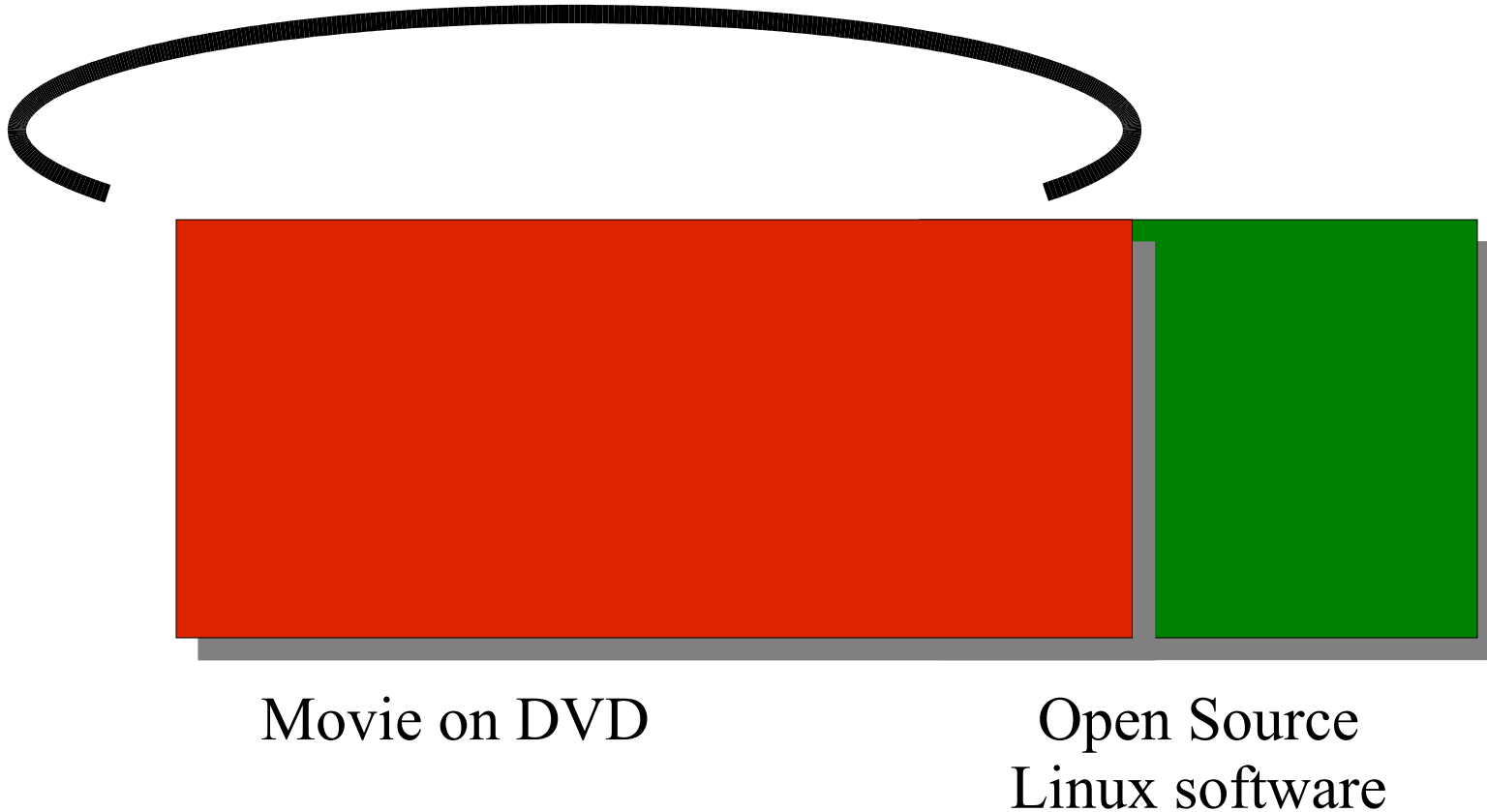
17.4.7(b) “any technology, device or component that, in the normal course of its operation, controls access to a protected work... or protects any copyright.”



Consequences

Extends the exclusive rights to prohibit writing/publishing other works.

- Linux DVD players, iTunes music players, etc
- Linux sharing files with Windows 2007?



Uncertainty

Selective enforcement discourages investment by small, innovative businesses and projects.

No clear line: “Am I copying a work” vs “could this tool possibly be used for infringement?”



Large company

Competitor

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Recommends stronger, not broader protections:

“clearly allow supply or use of a circumvention device or service for any use or exception allowed under the Act, including fair dealing and access to a legitimately acquired non-pirated product.”



see also: US Digital Media Consumer's Rights Act (proposed)