Justification Statement:
This is a position paper that advocates a broader defintion for digital rights management (DRM). More specifically, we argue that DRM and similar approaches can be applied to protecting the personal privacy of individuals, rather than focusing on protecting the financial interests of a limited number of content creators. We first present this argument in a legal context, demonstrating how privacy concerns are already embedded in copyright law for both published and unpublished works. We then investigate various methods of limiting the distribution of information, analysing each within the requirements for developing a web-based system that allows users to control distribution of their own personal content. The new paradigm here is the idea that individuals should be able to control the publication of their own content, allowing them to limit distribution both in terms of the group of people who can access it and in terms of the amount of time the content is available. We set this in the context of the web and focus on DRM technology as a promising approach to this problem.

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If the paper is accepted, Carrie Gates will be able to attend. Tara Whalen will hopefully also be able to attend.