

Many computer users are reluctant to purchase software on-line due to security issues. The possibility of piracy of the software and, more importantly to the user, personal information inhibits many users from taking advantage of this method of transaction. Some on-line services include security features for such information, but generally lack an ability
5 for the user or the service to audit the security of the transmission. In addition, on-line services generally do not allow the service to keep users informed of new products and releases, unless the users release personal information to the service.