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(54) **System for controlling the use of a software item**

(57) A system is described for controlling the use of a software item, such as a program or data, in a computer network, comprising at least one server and a plurality of local computers, each of the local computers having means for downloading an item from a server to the local computer. The system comprises means for controlling access to the downloaded item, so that the provider of the item keeps control over a downloaded item.

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