

# Modelling Social Networks as Authorised Domains with Decay

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We propose to model small-scale sharing using *acquaintance domains*.

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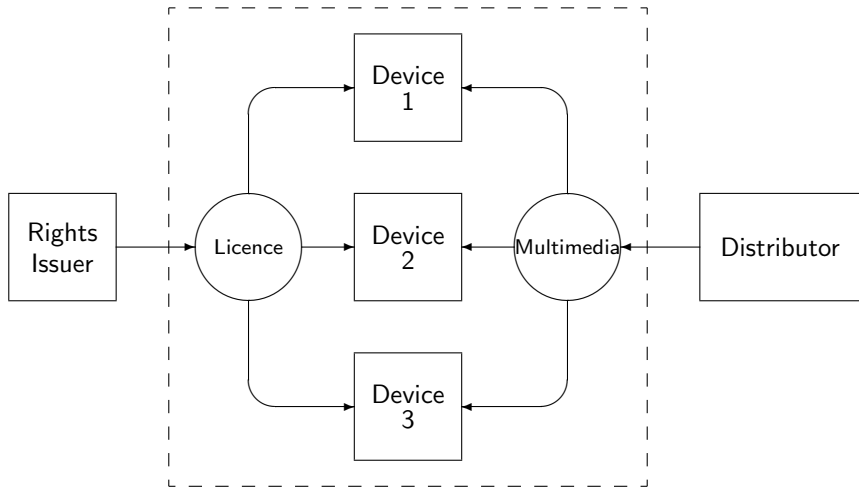
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- a member of a fuzzy set has a *degree of membership* between zero and one
- the degree of membership is computed using a *membership function*

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- Device with partial membership: access with sanctions

## Sanctions

- Warning
- Degradation
- Denial of premium content
- “Fade” (Macrovision)
- Watermarking
- Domain shrinkage
- Randomness

See Katzenbeisser, et al. *Graceful Infringement Reactions in DRM Systems* (2006).

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## Proximity Domains

A device may become acquainted by coming within Bluetooth range of a permanent member. Membership decreases with time unless contact is renewed.

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Our implementation is based on the OMA DRM specification.

- OMA DRM is a simple digital rights management system for mobile devices
- chosen because we had an OMA DRM implementation available
- other domain-sharing systems can be treated similarly

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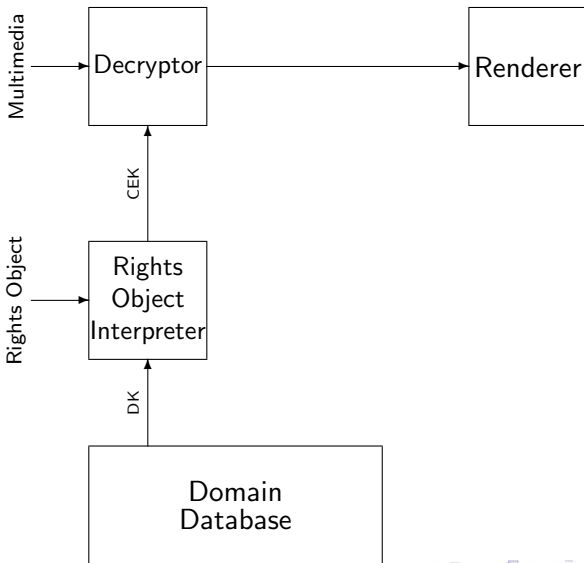
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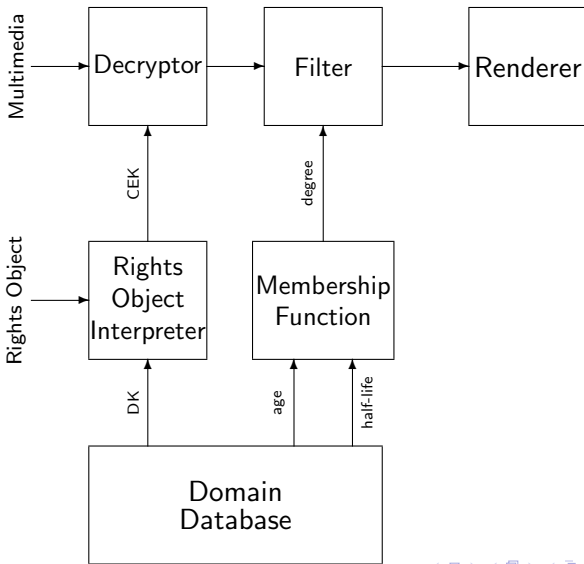
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We used down-sampling. An image is displayed at  $1024 \times 768$  upon joining, at  $512 \times 384$  after one half-life, and so on.

# No Half-Lives Elapsed



## One Half-Life Elapsed



## Two Half-Lives Elapsed



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