

Protegiendo sus ingresos, con esquemas  
de licenciamiento aplicadas al desarrollo  
de Software

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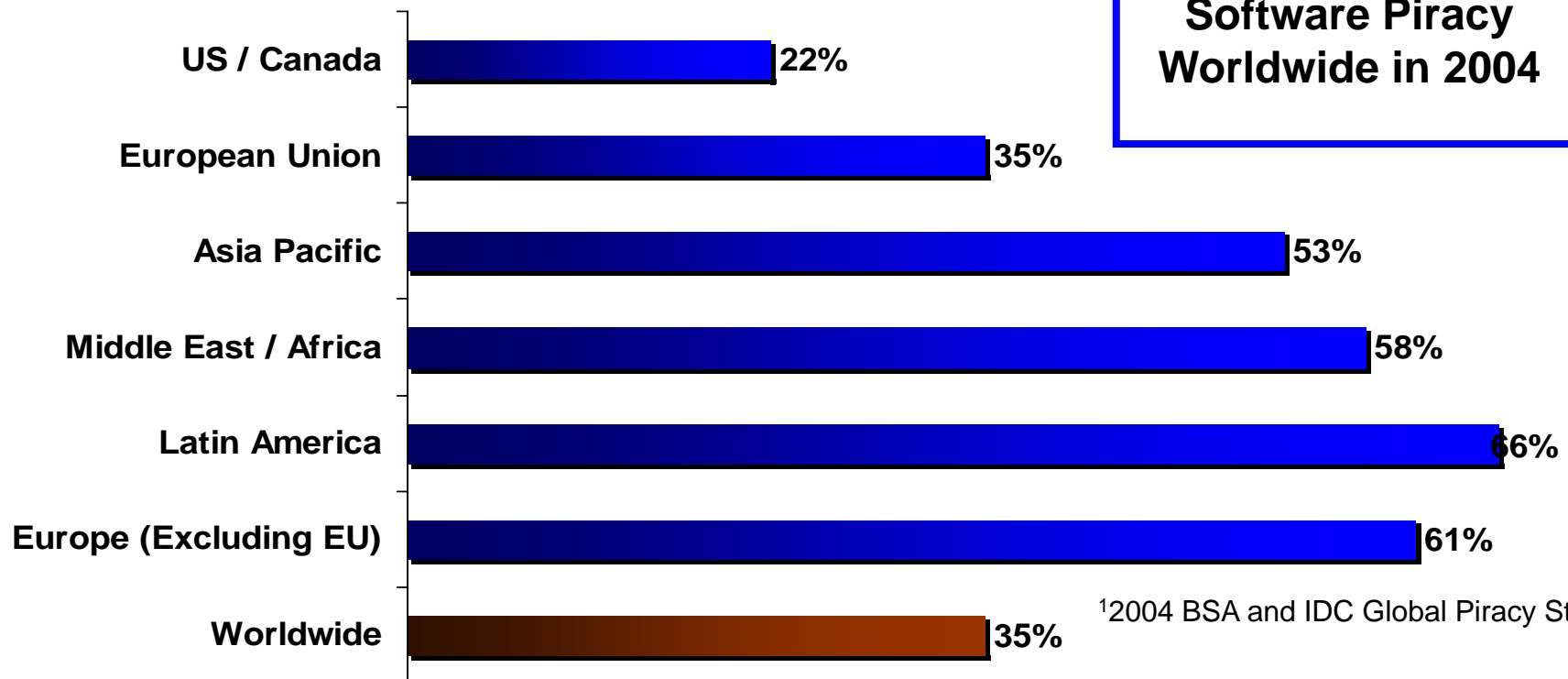
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# Agenda

- Software Piracy
- Who Pirates & Why?
- Anti-Piracy Solutions
- Traditional Implementations and Hacks
- Implementing the Latest Technologies
- Other Considerations
- Summary and Questions

## Software Piracy Problem

Piracy Rate by Region<sup>1</sup>



Down from 36% in 2003 but losses increased by \$4 billion

## Software Piracy Problem – Revenue

### Example:

- XYZ Corp. sells application ABC for \$2,500/seat
- Expected number of applications sold/year – 2,000
- Expected revenue from sales – \$5,000,000
- Piracy rate in the US – 22%
- Revenue loss to piracy - \$1,100,000

*If the XYZ Corporation sells its application outside the US, losses could be much higher*

# Who Pirates/Why?

## ➤ Casual Copiers

- Buy one copy and copy to other machines
- Give to friends for copying

## ➤ Crackers

- Do it for the thrill of the challenge
- Notoriety in the “community”

## ➤ Hackers

- Hack software for a profit

*High speed internet connections make it easy to download pirated software*

# Anti-Piracy Solutions

- Software Based
  - Locked to a node on a user's computer
  - Typically low-cost high volume software
  - License management
  - Keeping the honest people honest
  - Lower security than hardware

# Anti-Piracy Solutions

- Hardware Based
  - Physical security – universal serial bus (USB) or parallel port
  - License is stored in a key for security and portability
  - License models can be incorporated
    - Entire application
    - Modules
    - Features
  - High value software applications
    - Applications that are susceptible to hacks
  - End-user considerations

# Traditional Implementations

- APIs
  - Query tables - calls are made to check the presence of a key
  - Code obfuscation to protect against reverse engineering
  - Shared secret challenge response
- Wrappers
  - Protect .exe's and dll's
  - Quick time to market
  - Low level of application security



## Common Mistakes and Vulnerabilities

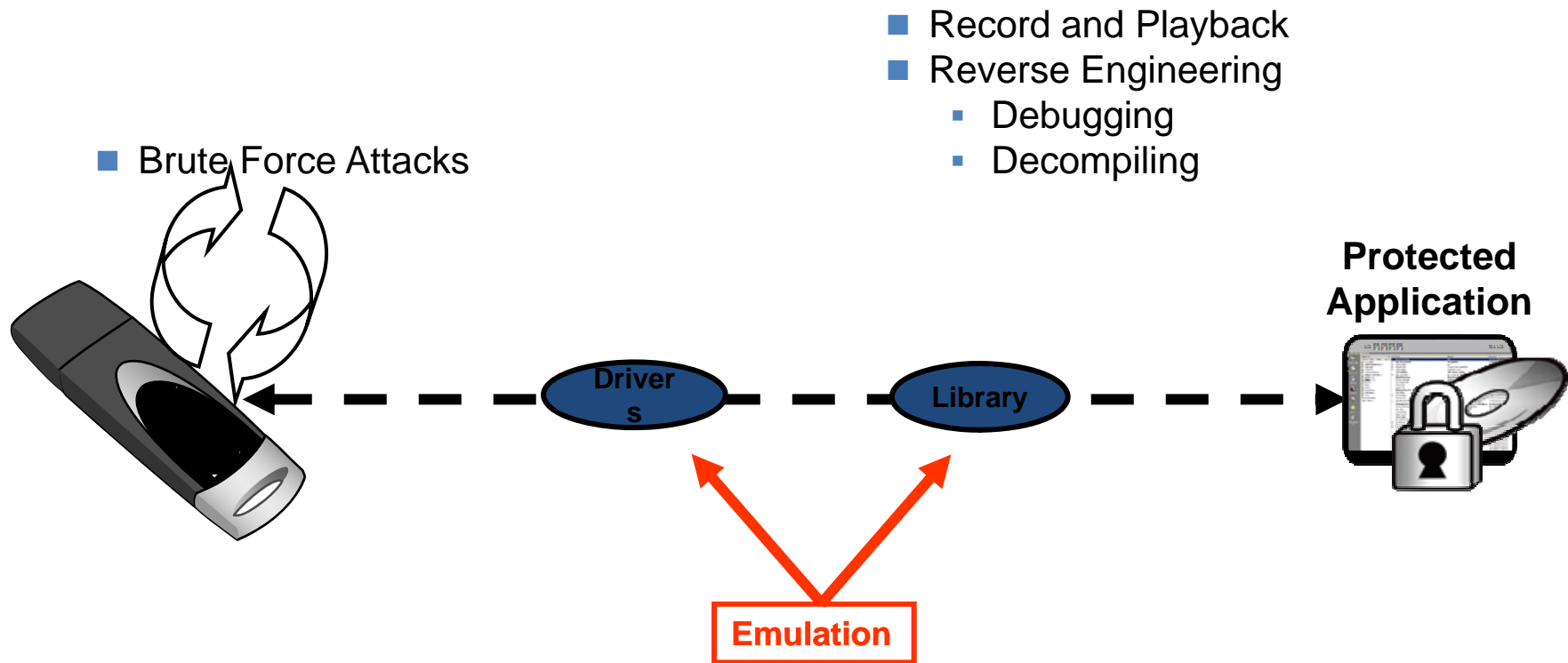
- Small query tables
- Only few calls made to the key
- Application only checks for presence of a license
- Shared secrets are stored in the software application and can be hacked
- Wrappers
  - Used as only level of protection
  - Generic implementation – not unique

## Types of Hacking Techniques

- Record and Playback
- Driver and Library Emulation
- Brute Force Attacks
- Reverse Engineering
  - Debugging
  - Decompiling

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# Points of Attack

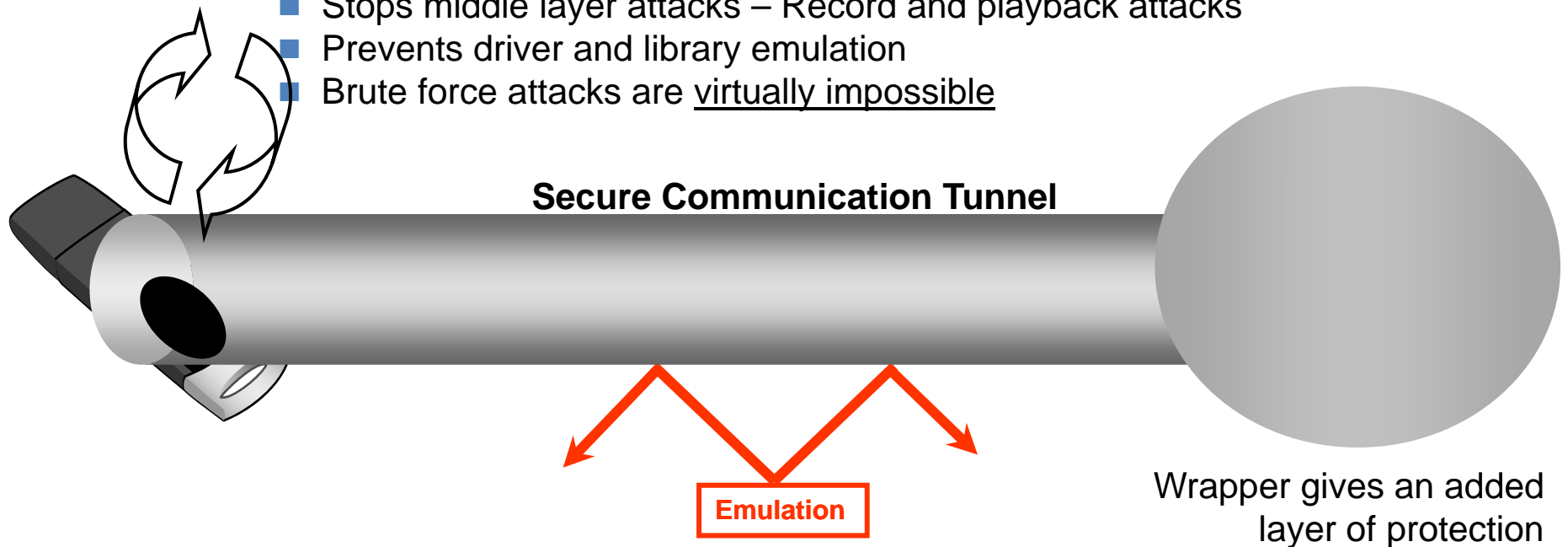


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# Implementing the Latest Technologies

## Public Key Cryptography

- Secures communications between application and key
- Public key cryptography generates keys for AES encryption
- Secret is never revealed
- Brute Force Attacks
  - Stops middle layer attacks – Record and playback attacks
  - Prevents driver and library emulation
  - Brute force attacks are virtually impossible



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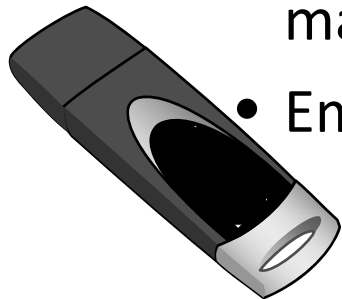
## ➤ Wrappers

- Multi-layer wrapper
- Debugger protection
- Code Compression
- Protection against decompiling
- Security Enhancement

# Implementing the Latest Technologies

## Internal Authentication

- Internal checks to ensure that firmware is bound to token
- Prevents cloning of the keys at every level of the manufacturing process
- Emulation/Cloning of a key is virtually impossible



## Other Considerations...

- Ease and Speed of Implementation
- License Models
  - Trial/Demo
  - Subscriptions
  - Pay Per Use
- Secure Distribution Channels
- Securely Update Field Deployments

# Ease of Use – High Level API Implementation For Demo

## Low-level APIs

Determine memory to allocate for dates

Create Conversion Formula  
(Date in a Hex Format)

Store dates in memory and determine calls

Programmatically enforce demo period and time tampering

## License High-Level APIs

Developer enters date in dd/mm/yy Format.

**DONE**

High Level APIs make the calls to low level APIs, automatically converting, adding security elements, and storing the routine in memory

Complex Multi-Step Process



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## Summary

- Revenue loss due to piracy continues to increase
- Broadband making the cracking community much more effective and downloading easier
- Advancements in hacker technologies require periodic anti-piracy updates
- Public key cryptography, strong encryption and internal authentication offer the most secure implementation
- Ease and speed of implementation should be considered:
  - Reduction in development costs
  - Time to market

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