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The Digital Rights Management minefield – *Denise Sutherland*

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Android apps – *Jon Jermey*

The development of "apps" for the iPod/iPad/iPhone family, and subsequently for Android and Microsoft Windows 8 devices, represents the most recent step in the commodification of software. Apps are low-priced items in a market where no one brand dominates. Most of them are under constant development, and update automatically on the owner's device. Marketing is based largely on reputation. This in turn depends largely on ratings and reviews by existing users. Apps exemplify the modern trend towards provision of software as a service rather than a product. 137

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