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JeffM wrote:

Robert Latest wrote:

Do you know Eagle3D?
<http://www.matwei.de/doku.php?id=en:eagle3d:eagle3d>

To all who would use Cadsoft EAGLE: BEWARE.

Cadsoft's most-recently-implemented (DRM) strategy
has them viewing all of their users as thieves
—those using the fully paid version as well as cracked versions.

It seems that the Eagle program has a hardcoded-in list of all serial numbers that are known (to CadSoft) as having been cracked at some time. This serial number is stored within schematics and boards as well, and whenever Eagle opens a file it checks if it hasn't been created with a cracked version, and if so, refuses to open it.

What I didn't know was that this scheme applies to cut-and-pasted files as well (which of course it has to in order to work efficiently), and apparently (as can be inferred from the newsgroup post 1jjsj25b43ucaddcu7sm9n82i8sk98v2ut@xxxxxxxx) each file contains a list of all serial numbers of programs that ever had to do with it or portions of it.

Now I've never been bitten by any of this because I've never used stuff from cracked versions, but what puzzles me is CadSofts refusal to manually unlock the files for a paying customer. They've always struck me as very helpful and supportive.

The lesson from this is: When you get Eagle stuff from other people (even if they have a license), run it through the scripting ULP and rebuild the schematic in your own copy of Eagle.

--Daniel

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