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Subject: Re: Timed demos

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Mhhhhh.... nope, again.

If the user erases the config file, put timer back and redo the config file from the original one, it's ok for him.

Yep, quite uncomfortable, but would defeat the purpose.

The only cheap way I see is to put in data files a small encrypted part containing last saving date and CRC of whole datafile.

BUT, then the user could not recover or modify by hand the datafile, ever, and that's not what I need.

I think that what we need is a way to detect the changing of PC time in a reliable and portable way.

Thinking about it.... a partial solution would be to insert an encrypted date in datafiles, with CRC \*ONLY\* on it.

So user could edit the data by hand, but not touch at the encrypted part.... But again, if he's smart enough he could copy just the encrypted part and insert it on other files.

No more hints ?

Max

Edit : I should explain better what I want to do :

1) Put the app free to download, but limited in functionality.

Just compiled with some missing part, impossible to crack, of course.

2) Offer the app for a monthly trial to registered users; the app gets username and expiring date hard-coded.

It's crackable, but limited to registered users.

3) Send the full-functional app without any protection, just the user's data hard-coded on it, upon purchase.

I don't want to limit user to run it on many computers nor to have some dongle around.... Just want that who pay can use it and copy it, just have it's name on all printouts.

So, points 1 and 3 are easy, I just need a reliable way for point 2.

Max

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