Intellectual Property: Elusive Opportunities and Emerging Threats in a Rapidly Evolving Landscape

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What is Intellectual Property (IP)?

Products of the mind that enjoy certain property rights

- Patents
- Copyrights
- Trademarks
- Industrial designs
- Trade secrets.

According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), investment in knowledge creation has more than doubled in the past 15 years, rising to $1.1 trillion in 2009.
Threats to IP

- Inadvertent infringement
- Theft
- Piracy
- Counterfeiting

According to the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition, counterfeiting is a $600-billion-a-year problem.
Protecting IP

Legal protections:

- Patents
- Copyrights
- Trademarks
- Industrial designs
- Trade secrets
- International protection available through various treaties, agreements and registration mechanisms
Protecting IP

Risk management:

• Keep IP out of the wrong hands
  – Control access
  – Conduct due diligence of potential partners
• Use DRM and other protection mechanisms
• Record copyrights and trademarks with U.S. Customs and Border Protection
• Be relentless in attacking IP piracy
Monetizing Information

Challenge: Making a profit from information online when many consumers expect it to be free.

- Internet-based publishing, broadcasting and search portals
  - 2,300 companies; $34 billion annual revenue
- Competition from free online information, often pirated
  - Need to diligently protect information and combat piracy
  - The Pirates Bay a recent high-profile example
- Varied and innovative business and revenue models
  - Subscriptions, advertising, sponsorship, “pay-per-view,” “cost-per-click,” etc.
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