

Software development legal checklist

This page gives a simple overview of the 'waterfall' software development process and highlights some key legal and commercial issues that should be included in a properly drafted Software Development Agreement. Not addressing these properly from the outset can have serious consequences both legally and commercially.

General points to consider	1. Ownership of software	5. Project plan	9. Change control/scope creep
	2. Escrow/access to source code	6. Jurisdiction	10. Limitation of liability
	3. 'Open source' issues	7. Third party content	11. Original work/©/IPR infringement
	4. Pricing, payment on milestones	8. Data protection issues	



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