# Software development contract

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Schedule: Specification of Work on the Project

## This agreement is dated [date]

and made between:

ABC Limited, a company incorporated in the Commonwealth of Australia [under Australian Company Number [number] and] whose registered office is at [
], ("");

and

Brainy Geek, whose private address is: [ ], (" ").

#### It is now agreed as follows:

### 1. Definitions

"Confidential Information" means all information about ABC Client, including

any information which may give a commercially

competitive advantage to

information about staff, their performance and

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information about the Intellectual Property, know-

how and all aspects

information created or arising from this

agreement;

information, comment or implication published on

"Intellectual Property"

means intellectual property of every sort, whether or not registered or registrable in any country, including intellectual property of kinds coming into existence after today; and including, among others, patents, trademarks, unregistered marks, designs, copyrights, software, domain names, discoveries, know-

"New IP" means any Intellectual Property:

written, discovered or arising from a Project or

from the activity

including not only new developments but also

improvements to and

whether or not created by Brainy Geek;

whether after specific consideration or by

accident;

even if created by a partner, employee or sub-

contractor of Brainy Geek outside

"Project" means a particular piece of work undertaken by

Brainy Geek for ABC

"Work" means work on a Project, done from time to time

## 2. Interpretation

In this agreement:

- 2.1. A reference to one gender shall include any or all genders and a reference to the singular may be interpreted
- 2.2. A reference to a person includes a human individual, a corporate entity and any organisation
- 2.3. In connection with any benefit given by this agreement, a reference to a party includes ,
- 2.4. A reference to a person includes reference to that person's successors, legal representatives, permitted assigns and any person to whom rights and obligations are transferred or pass as a

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2.5.	A reference to a paragraph or schedule (if any) is to a paragraph or schedule to this agreement unless the context otherwise . ( ) .
2.6.	The headings to the paragraphs and schedules (if any) to this agreement are inserted .
2.7.	Any agreement by any party not to do or omit to do something includes an obligation not to allow some .
2.8.	A reference to the knowledge, information, belief or awareness of any person shall be deemed to include the knowledge, information,
2.9.	The words "without limitation" shall  " " " " " .
2.10.	This agreement is made only in the English language. If there is any conflict in meaning between the English language version of this agreement
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Rela	tionship of parties
3.1.	Nothing in this agreement shall create a partnership, ,
3.2.	Neither party shall have, nor represent that he ,

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## 4. Preliminary warranties

Brainy Geek confirms that:

- 4.1. he is not aware of anything within
- 4.2. neither he nor any of his employees, agents or
- 4.3. he does not now perform or intend to perform, during the term of this agreement, consulting or other services for,

## 5. Work under this contract

- 5.1. This is an "umbrella" agreement so that every Project provided by ABC
- 5.2. If any variation to this agreement is required in respect of any Project, that
- 5.3. Any such variation as mentioned above shall
- 5.4. ABC Client has no
- 5.5. Following completion of any Project, ABC Client shall have [30]

5.6.	If ABC C	Client rejects Work, Brain	ny Geek ,	[ 21 ]
5.7.	Details o	of the first Project are att	ached	
New	Intelle	ectual Property		
6.1.	In comp	leting this project,		
6.2.		purpose of copyright law	in any country or jurisdic	ction,
6.3.	-	Geek agrees that he will r	tellectual property right re	elating to
	6.3.2	represent that he is the o	; owner of	
		publish any words or tak denigrate ,	e any action whatever, v	which tend to
6.4.	,	sake of good order, Braii ,	ny Geek now assigns to	
6.5.			hatever is necessary fror	n time to

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# 7. Payment

7.1. Within [seven] days of completing a

[ ].

- 7.2. Each invoice must specify the Project
- 7.3. Each invoice shall specify the bank name, bank
- 7.4. No expense or extra cost
- 7.5. Payment shall be made by ABC Client within [ 14 ]
- 7.6. Within [28] days of receipt of an invoice, ABC Client may

## 8. Hardware, Client IP and Brainy Geek's equipment

- 8.1. In this paragraph "Hardware" means any tangible thing
- 8.2. Brainy Geek is responsible for any loss, theft, unauthorised
- 8.3. While on ABC Client's premises, Brainy Geek will comply with all relevant .

8.4.	So far as Brainy Geek we equipment, cable, mach phones		_		_		ıy
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8.5.	In any event, ABC Clien	nt may, in its	s absolut	e discre	etion, /		
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9.1.	access any information	in any med	lium, in		,		
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9.2.	modify, copy, or		;				
9.3.	copy nor install data						
9.4.	download any of ;		,				
9.5.	collect or use		,	,		;	

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9.6. collect or use any information

# 10. Use of sub-contractors

Brain	y Geek may perform any or all -
10.1.	Brainy Geek must first obtain the written consent of ABC Client to
OR	
	Brainy Geek must first obtain the written consent
10.3.	; Brainy Geek remains liable for
10.4.	Brainy Geek agrees that he will indemnify ABC Client fully
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	10.4.1 if Brainy Geek engages employees or sub-contractors to work on a Project, he shall ensure that every such
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	10.4.2 A permitted sub-
10.5.	ABC Client will have neither obligation nor ,
OR	
10.6.	So far as any Work is ,
OR	

### 10.7. Brainy Geek shall not sub-

## 11. No competition

11.1. Brainy Geek agrees that he will not within three years of the termination date by any means and neither for himself nor for any other

- 11.2. Brainy Geek agrees that he will not within three years of the termination date neither for the itself
- 11.3. Brainy Geek agrees that he will not within three years of the termination date by any means and neither for

11.4. Brainy Geek agrees that the provisions

## 12. Confidential Information

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# 13. Warranties concerning Work by Brainy Geek

Brainy Geek warrants as follows:

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Indemnity by Brainy Geek		
14.1.		
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14.1.2 his breach of this agreement;		
14.1.3 ,		
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## 15. Insurance

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15.1.2 \$ [ 1 , 000 , 000 ];

15.1.3 \$ [ 1,000, 000 ];

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15.2.

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## 16. Taxation

16.1.

16.2.

16.3.

# 17. Termination of this agreement

17.1. This agreement takes effect immediately.

17.2. [28]

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17.5. [ ]

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## 18. Miscellaneous matters

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Signed by [personal name] on behalf of [ABC Client] as its representative who
personally accepts liability for the proper authorisation by [ABC Client] to enter into
this agreement.

Signed by Brainy Geek personally

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## **Explanatory Notes**

#### Software development contract

## Paragraph specific Notes:

Notes referring to specific paragraphs

#### 1. Definitions

You should first decide on the contents of the document, then return to check what definitions are needed and whether they really

The definition relating to the subject matter of the agreement requires particular care on your part. The better you can define it,

As for words chosen - that is for you. We have used "Brainy Geek" for the contractor. You can change to some derivation of their real name or use a legal " " ".

By all means use the search/replace function in your word processor to change them. However, if you do change the defined word, make sure

You should first decide on the contents of the document, then return to check what definitions are needed and whether they really

### 2. Interpretation

Leave these items in place unless there is a good reason to edit or remove. Each of these items has been carefully considered in the context of this agreement and has been included for a purpose.

### 3. Relationship of parties

We have no comment

#### 4. Preliminary warranties

These warranties set the scene

#### 5. Work under this contract

Sets up the "umbrella" for

## 6. New Intellectual Property

New IP is a defined term. This is a most important provision, particularly if you are dealing with a contractor based abroad. International law on who owns newly created intellectual property is complicate and muddled. Copyright law in most jurisdictions assumes

## 7. Payment

This is a suitable system. We have no

### 8. Hardware, Client IP and Writer's Equipment

This paragraph covers everything that you might provide to your contractor. It includes hardware of any sort,

You grant a licence to use your stuff. The paragraph then

### 9. Security of ABC Client's systems

Tough provisions to protect your organisation.

#### 10. Use of sub-contractors

When you contract for any work, you cannot know whether your contractor has employees or self employed people: sub-contractors. It is therefore important to provide for the possibility that he may be using self employed people and not employees. If

### 11. No competition

Basic provisions to prevent competition (similar to what you

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### 12. Confidential Information

A full provision to cover this important subject.

## 13. Warranties concerning Work by Brainy Geek

This is a

## 14. Indemnity by Brainy Geek

This paragraph is cleverly worded to protect all your people as individuals as

### 15. Insurance

No matter how strong is Brainy Geek financially, you cannot

#### 16. Taxation

A basis of taxation can change at the whim of a government.

## 17. Termination of this agreement

Termination of the agreement is not the same as

### 18. Miscellaneous matters

A number of special points. We have identified each of these as

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## **End of notes**