

**Abstract**

**A Study on the Legal System on the Computer Software**

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Computer programs include both source and object code, referring to a series of instructions and commands used directly or indirectly in the apparatus having an information processing capacity, such as computer, etc., for the purpose of obtaining a certain result. As a result of the Korea-US trade negotiation in 1986, computer programs were listed as a protectable subject matter of copyright, apart from a possible protection by patent law. An investigation of legal measures for the protection of software reveals a number of important insights into the scope and nature of copyright. The rapid development of computer technology has created important legal problems in the field of copyright law. Copyright law can properly protect computer program expressions but does not protect ideas, no matter how valuable they are. This article aims to offer a better understanding of the legal basis related to current copyright law amendment to protect computer software

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