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Intellectual Property & NonDisclosure Agreements

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Intellectual Property

- ◆ Intellectual Property (IP) is your creative work
- ◆ BCIT Policy and Law state that you and your teammates own the IP you create while working on this or any student project
- ◆ Your Client might have issue with this
 - ◆ Ensuring the security of sensitive information or valuable assets is important for Clients
 - ◆ You may be working with proprietary, or industry competitive information

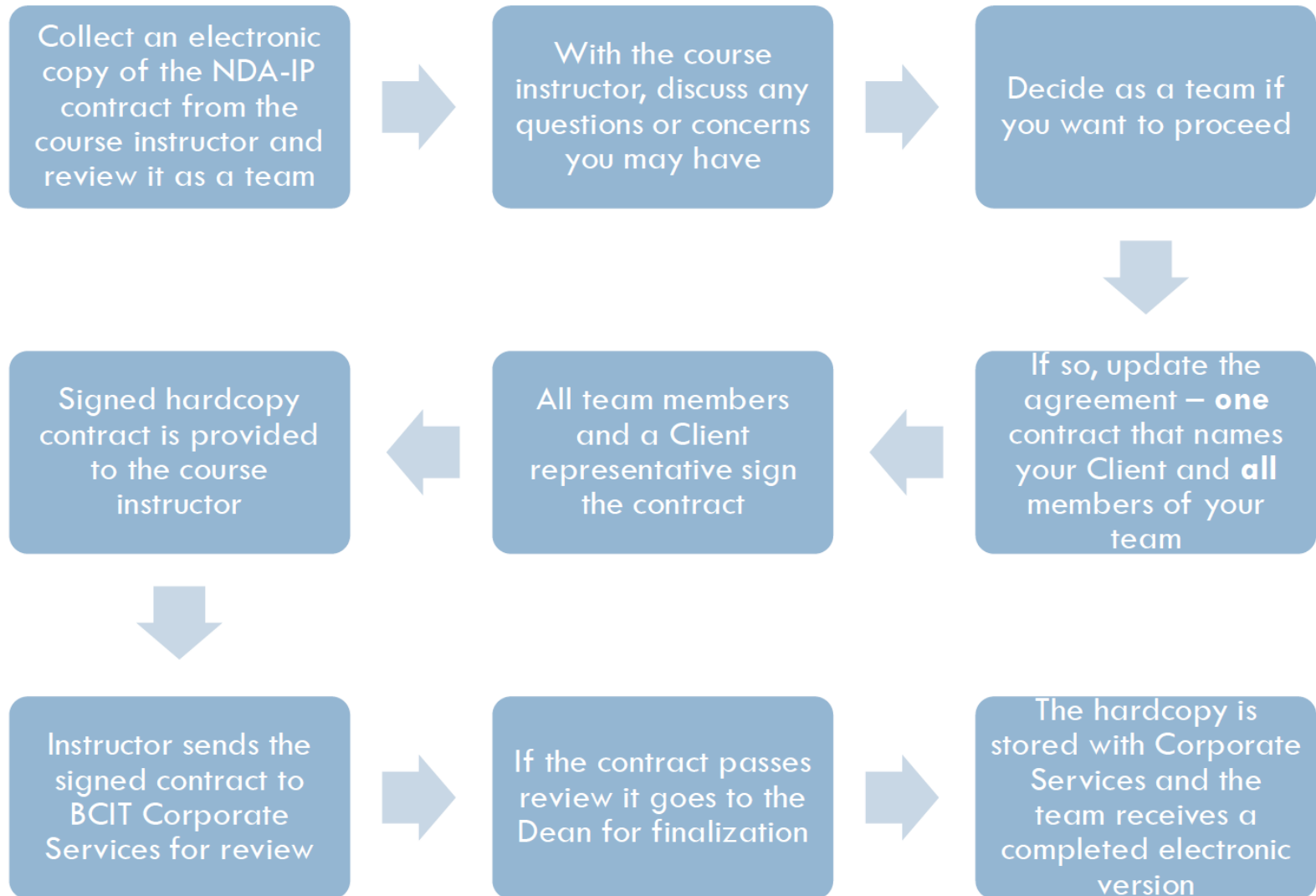
NonDisclosure Agreements

- ◆ NonDisclosure Agreements (NDA) are different than IP contracts. They describe what you are allowed to say, and to who. But for our purposes we will lump them together
- ◆ BCIT has a standard form that deals with both topics
 - ◆ This is available from the course instructor on request
- ◆ In industry, it is standard to have employees/contractors sign IP or NDAs.
 - ◆ However, BCIT does not *require* you to assign your rights

The Process

- ◆ The default is to have no signed contract, and to rely on Law, and BCIT policy
- ◆ If the Client would like an agreement, we prefer to use BCIT's standard contract
- ◆ If that is not acceptable to the Client, BCIT Corporate Services will need to review the Client's contract
- ◆ DO discuss this topic with your Client early in the project
- ◆ Don't sign anything without speaking with your Supervisor

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