

Gabe's Software Services' contract

Between Gabe's Software Services

And [customer name]

Summary:

We'll always do our best to fulfil your needs and meet your expectations, but it's important to have things written down so that we both know what's what, who should do what and when, and what will happen if something goes wrong. In this contract you won't find any complicated legal terms or long passages of unreadable text. We've no desire to trick you into signing something that you might later regret. What we do want is what's best for both parties, now and in the future.

So in short;

You ([customer name]), located at [customer address] ("You") are hiring us ([company name]) ("We or Us") to:

- [Design and develop a web site

For the estimated total price of [total] as outlined in our previous correspondence.

Of course, it's a little more complicated, but we'll get to that.

What do both parties agree to?

You: You have the authority to enter into this contract on behalf of yourself, your company or your organisation. You'll give us the assets and information we tell you we need to complete the project. You'll do this when we ask and provide it in the formats we ask for. You'll review our work, provide feedback and approval in a timely manner too. Deadlines work two ways, so you'll also be bound by dates we set together. You also agree to stick to the payment schedule set out at the end of this contract.

Us: We have the experience and ability to do everything we've agreed with you and we'll do it all in a professional and timely manner. We'll endeavour to meet every deadline that's set and on top of that we'll maintain the confidentiality of everything you give us.

Getting down to the nitty gritty

Design

We create designs that adapt to the capabilities of many devices and screen sizes. We create them iteratively and use predominantly HTML and CSS so we won't waste time

mocking up every template as a static visual. We may use visuals to indicate a creative direction (colour, texture and typography.) We call that ‘atmosphere.’

You’ll have plenty of opportunities to review our work and provide feedback. We’ll either share a Dropbox, Google Drive folder or Github repository or development site with you and we’ll have regular, possibly daily contact by either phone, Skype, or Slack.

If—at any stage—you change your mind about what you want delivered or aren’t happy with the direction our work is taking, you’ll pay us in full for the time we’ve spent working until that point and may terminate this contract.

Text content

Unless agreed separately, we’re not responsible for inputting text or images into your content management system or creating every page on your website. We provide professional copywriting and editing services, so if you’d like us to create new content or input content for you, we’ll provide a separate estimate.

Graphics and photographs

You should supply graphic files in an editable, vector digital format. You should supply photographs in a high resolution digital format. If you choose to buy stock photographs, we can suggest stock libraries. If you’d like us to search for photographs for you, we can provide a separate estimate.

HTML, CSS and JavaScript

We deliver pages developed from HTML markup, CSS stylesheets for styling and unobtrusive JavaScript for behaviours.

Browser testing

Browser testing no longer means attempting to make a website look the same in browsers of different capabilities or on devices with different size screens. It does mean ensuring that a person’s experience of a design should be appropriate to the capabilities of a browser or device.

We test our work in current versions of major desktop browsers including those made by Apple (Safari), Google (Chrome), Microsoft (Edge), Mozilla Firefox and Opera. We won’t test in other older browsers unless we agreed separately. If you need an enhanced design for an older browser, we can provide a separate estimate for that.

Mobile browser testing

Testing using popular smaller screen devices is essential in ensuring that a person’s experience of a design is appropriate to the capabilities of the device they’re using. We test our designs in:

iOS: Safari and Google Chrome

Android: Google Chrome

We won't test in Opera Mini/Mobile, specific Android devices, or other mobile browsers unless we agreed separately. If you need us to test using these, we can provide a separate estimate.

Technical support

We're not a website hosting company so we don't offer support for website hosting, email or other services relating to hosting. You may already have professional hosting and you might even manage that hosting in-house; if you do, great. If you don't, we will recommend one of our preferred hosting providers. We can set up your site on a server, plus any statistics software such as Google Analytics and will provide a separate estimate for that. Then, the updates to, and management of that server will be up to you.

Search engine optimisation (SEO)

We don't guarantee improvements to your website's search engine ranking, but the pages that we develop are accessible to search engines.

Changes and revisions

We don't want to limit your ability to change your mind. The price at the beginning of this contract is based on the number of weeks that we estimate we'll need to accomplish everything you've told us you want to achieve, but we're happy to be flexible. If you want to change your mind or add anything new, that won't be a problem as we'll provide a separate estimate for those additional weeks.

Legal stuff

We'll carry out our work in accordance with good industry practice and at the standard expected from a suitably qualified person with relevant experience. That said, we can't guarantee that our work will be error-free and so we can't be liable to you or any third-party for damages, including lost profits, lost savings or other incidental, consequential or special damages, even if you've advised us of them.

Your liability to us will also be limited to the amount of fees payable under this contract and you won't be liable to us or any third-party for damages, including lost profits, lost savings or other incidental, consequential or special damages, even if we've advised you of them.

Finally, if any provision of this contract shall be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this contract and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Phew.

Intellectual property rights

Just to be clear, "Intellectual property rights" means all patents, rights to inventions, copyright (including rights in software) and related rights, trademarks, service marks, get up

and trade names, internet domain names, rights to goodwill or to sue for passing off, rights in designs, database rights, rights in confidential information (including know-how) and any other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications (or rights to apply) for, and renewals or extensions of, such rights and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection which subsist or shall subsist now or in the future in any part of the world.

Blimey.

First, you guarantee that all elements of text, images or other artwork you provide are either owned by your good selves, or that you've permission to use them. When you provide text, images or other artwork to us, you agree to protect us from any claim by a third party that we're using their intellectual property.

We guarantee that all elements of the work we deliver to you are either owned by us or we've obtained permission to provide them to you. When we provide text, images or other artwork to you, we agree to protect you from any claim by a third party that you're using their intellectual property. Provided you've paid for the work and that this contract hasn't been terminated, we'll assign all intellectual property rights to you as follows:

You'll own the website we design for you plus the visual elements that we create for it. We'll give you source files and finished files and you should keep them somewhere safe as we're not required to keep a copy. You own all intellectual property rights of text, images, site specification and data you provided, unless someone else owns them.

We'll own any intellectual property rights we've developed prior to, or developed separately from this project and not paid for by you. We'll own the unique combination of these elements that constitutes a complete design and we'll license its use to you, exclusively and in perpetuity for this project only, unless we agree otherwise.

Displaying our work

We love to show off our work, so we reserve the right to display all aspects of our creative work, including sketches, work-in-progress designs and the completed project on our portfolio and in articles on websites, in magazine articles and in books.

Payment schedule

We're sure you understand how important it is as a small business that you pay the invoices that we send you promptly. As we're also sure you'll want to stay friends, you agree to stick tight to the following payment schedule.

If you are not my first two customers (which I will offer to build your product for free using one of my default templates), then there will be an initial down payment. The price can range from 150 dollars or higher (depending on the scope of work and the week's estimates). Your down payment shows your willingness to work with me and incentivizes me to provide you with the best product according to my abilities.

After you make your down payment, then we will get to work! Please view “Meetings” document on how I will conduct business with my clients. Also, view our “Payment Contract” on how I conduct the final payment with my client.

I do not pay by the hour. Depending on the business and the value I bring to your business/endeavours, my payments are one-time concerning deadlines. We will agree on price x; depending on the scope and amount of work, we will arrange three deadlines. I must get the product done by the first deadline. If I don't get the product by the first deadline, my payment will drop by 10%. For each deadline I cannot make, my payment will drop by 10%.

For example, if we agree that you will pay me \$1,000 on August 12 for the product, and if the first deadline for the product is to be done by August 19, and if I don't meet that deadline, my payment will now be \$900. If the next deadline is August 26, and if I don't meet that, my payment will drop to \$800. If I don't meet the third deadline that we agree to, my payment will now be \$700. At that point, any further prolongment, will always result in me getting paid \$700.

The payment contracts are entirely malleable which can be initiated by [customer name]'s decision. However, changes to the payment contract (deadlines and the fixed payment) will cause a new payment contract to be formed with Gabe's Software's Services and [customer name] and resting any payments (Please the document 'Payment Contract' for more information).

We issue invoices electronically. Our payment terms are [number] days from the date of invoice by BACS or the SWIFT international payments system. All proposals are quoted in US dollars and payments will be made at the equivalent conversion rate at the date the transfer is made.

You agree to pay all charges associated with international transfers of funds. The appropriate bank account details will be printed on our electronic invoice. We reserve the right to charge interest on all overdue debts at the rate of [percentage] per month or part of a month.

Maintenance

After your payment, the full release of the product, and hand-over of owner-shop of the product to your hands, I will always provide 30-days of free maintenance. Problems with the website will fall under maintenance. Some examples of problems:

- Unable to send emails
- Site is not showing up on the given domain
- Button clicks to external sites are not working

I will examine if the problem falls under my jurisdiction, and proceed accordingly by fixing the problem or notifying the you that the problem lies out of my jurisdiction (for example, if there is a problem with the server provider after I deployed the site, that is lies out of my jurisdication) Adding features will NOT fall under maintenance. We will go under a new contract at that point if you would like me to provide new features to your site.

But where's all the horrible small print?

Just like a parking ticket, neither of us can transfer this contract to anyone else without the other's permission.

We both agree that we'll adhere to all relevant laws and regulations in relation to our activities under this contract and not cause the other to breach any relevant laws or regulations.

This contract stays in place and need not be renewed. If for some reason one part of this contract becomes invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts of it remain in place.

Although the language is simple, the intentions are serious and this contract is a legal document under exclusive jurisdiction of American courts.

Oh and don't forget those men with big dogs.

The dotted line

Please print this document, sign in it, send it to me at the following email: gtorion97freelancing@gmail.com. You can use an app such as Genius Scan to send me your signed document. I will provide you a copy of the document with my signature as well. I will also give a copy of the receipt of your down payment.

Signed by and on behalf of Gabe's Software Services

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Date of Signature [date]

Signed by and on behalf of [customer name]

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Date of Signature [date]

Down Payment Amount:

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