

Term	Lawyers' interpretation	Computer engineers' interpretation
Contract	A formal agreement written in natural language and enforceable in court.	A piece of executable code that enables or disables the execution of operations when certain conditions hold.
Contract formation	A formal agreement written in natural language and enforceable in court.	A piece of executable code that enables or disables the execution of operations when certain conditions hold.
Contract conclusion	The act of reaching an agreement between two parties which are left legally bound.	Corresponds to contract signature. Contract conclusion is used as synonymous of contract termination.
Code	A collection of laws of a country, related to a particular subject, e.g. the French civil code.	A digital representation of information, e.g. the digital representation of a contract that is automatically executed.
Codification	The process of systematically organising laws, e.g. into codes, sections, subsections and articles.	The translation of a law (e.g. of an article) written in a natural language to an equivalent written in a programming language.
Contract coding	No equivalent term.	The translation of a contract written in a natural language to an equivalent written in a programming language.
Contract deployment	—	The installation of the executable code that represents the contract in an execution environment to have it ready for execution.
Contract execution	The act of signing a contract after mutual agreement.	The act of launching (running, executing) the executable code that represents the contract.
Contract transaction	Action is the closes term.	An operation (e.g. pay, cancel, deliver, etc.) to be executed to fulfill a contract.
Contract enforcement	A legal dictation to force an individual that has breached a contract to restore the damage.	The automatic execution of all the operations included in the terms of the contract to fulfil the contract.
Operation enforcement	No equivalent term???	The digital contract intrusively allows, initiates and prevents the execution of operations related, respectively, to rights, obligations and prohibitions.
Operation monitoring	Collection of documentary evidence of contract actions.	The digital contract automatically and non-intrusively observes and records the operations (e.g. pay) executed by the signatories for post-mortem examination.
Contract performance	The fulfillment of the terms of the contract.	A measure of the efficiency of a contract in terms of execution speed and amount of resources consumed (memory, disk, network.)
Contract termination	The end of the performance of a contract.	A contract terminates (completes) when it stops its execution because it has been fulfilled (no pending obligations).