# Article information:

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# Article summary:

1. The allocation of intellectual property rights (IPR) in software development outsourcing contracts is influenced by project attributes and the bargaining power of contract parties. Clients tend to retain more IPR when software development is modularized, but share more IPR with vendors when the contract involves the use of proprietary software. Task complexity also affects IPR sharing, with greater complexity leading to more sharing with vendors.

2. The responsiveness of IPR allocation to project attributes varies depending on the type of intellectual assets involved. Vendors are more likely to obtain redeployment rights for know-how in novel software development projects, while clients are less likely to cede ownership of data and confidential information in software customization projects.

3. The findings are robust and controlled for various firm and transaction characteristics, addressing concerns of endogeneity bias. This empirical analysis contributes to property rights theory (PRT) and provides insights into how appropriate allocation of IPR can reduce opportunism and incentivize relation-specific investments in software development outsourcing contracts.

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