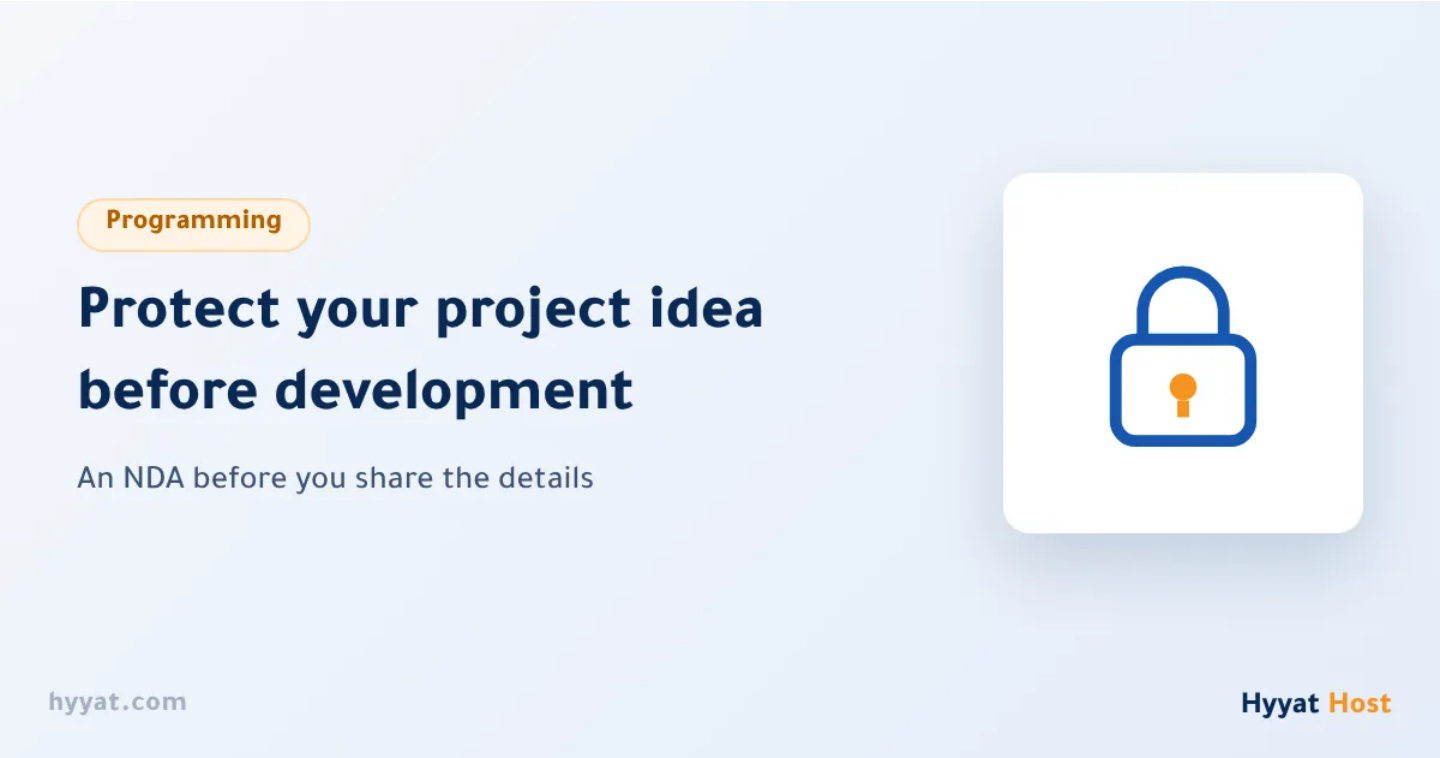
How to Protect Your Project Idea Before Development: NDAs and Your Rights

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In short To protect your project idea: **sign a non-disclosure agreement** before you explain the details, **share your idea in stages**, **keep every agreement in writing** in tickets or messages, and make sure **the code becomes yours** after payment. At Hyyat Host we sign an NDA on request, and our template is available to download.



The fear of having an idea stolen makes many project owners hesitate to explain it to any developer. Yet a developer cannot price a project without knowing its details. The answer is not hiding your idea, but protecting it with a few simple steps.

What is a non-disclosure agreement (NDA)?

A written agreement in which the other party commits not to disclose your project information or use it for anything other than the agreed purpose. It usually covers the idea, technical details, customer data and business plans.

When should you sign it?

Before you explain the details, not after. You can first describe the project in general terms, such as "a booking platform for a certain industry", then sign the agreement, then send the full explanation.

Practical steps to protect your idea

1. **Describe the idea in general first** just enough to know whether the provider suits your project.
2. **Sign a non-disclosure agreement** before sending details and files.
3. **Keep everything in writing** in tickets or messages, not only calls, so you have a record of what was agreed.
4. **Document the requirements** in a clear requirements document that becomes yours.
5. **Confirm ownership** that the code becomes yours after full payment, and that project accounts are in your name.

What an NDA does not protect

- **The general idea itself** may occur to someone else. Real advantage comes from execution and customer service, not the idea alone.
- **What is already public,** or what the other party had before you shared it.
- If your project needs stronger legal protection, such as a trademark or a patent, consult a legal professional.

Note: this guide is general information, not legal advice.

How we protect your idea at Hyyat Host

- **We sign a non-disclosure agreement** before you explain your idea in detail, if you ask. Download the NDA template (PDF).
- **We keep your idea, details** and your customers' data confidential.
- **Team members and partners** working on your project are bound by the same confidentiality, under our full responsibility.
- **We do not show your project** in our portfolio if you ask in writing.
- **Custom software becomes yours** after full payment, and we do not resell it.

Details in our design and programming terms, in the sections on programming and ownership, and confidentiality and data.

Example: The owner of an education platform idea first sent a two-line general description, then signed the NDA, and only then sent the full explanation and sketches. She asked us not to show the project in our portfolio, and we respected that.

Summary

- Sign an NDA before sharing the details.
- Share in stages, and keep everything in writing.
- Make sure the code and accounts become yours.

Ready for your project? See our custom programming service.

Frequently asked questions

Does an NDA fully protect my idea?
It obliges the other party not to disclose your information or use it for anything other than the agreed purpose. It does not stop someone else from thinking of a similar idea on their own.

When do I sign the agreement?
Before you send the details and files. You can describe the project in general terms first.

Do you sign non-disclosure agreements?

Yes, we sign one before you explain your idea in detail if you ask, and the template is available to download from our site.

Will you show my project in your portfolio?
We may, unless you ask in writing that we do not.

Who owns the code after development?
Custom software becomes yours after full payment, and we do not resell it.

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