



Topic: 1.7.2 Ownership of Software and Data

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5 Three types of software licensing and four descriptions are shown in the table below. Put a tick (✓) in each row to match each description to the appropriate type of software licensing.

Description	Type of software		
	Open source	Shareware	Commercial
Software is purchased before it can be used			
Source code comes with the software			
Software is provided free on a trial basis			
The software can be modified by the user			

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3 A company needs new software to manage its accounts. It is evaluating two different options. One option is open source software and the other is commercial software.

(a) Explain what is meant by open source software.

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(b) Explain what is meant by commercial software.

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(c) The company has decided to purchase commercial software.

Identify **four** benefits to the company in choosing the commercial software option.

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