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First Assignment for Computer Law Course 2013

Your friend has developed a new computer program, which can pull data from the Internet and other sources, and compile and organize such data in an intuitive way for use on mobile devices. For example, you can type in “Townes van Zandt” and the program creates a brief summary biography and then downloads songs, lyrics, movie files from various sources and links them to the summary biography. Or, if you type in "Mono Lake," the program pulls photos, video and information on Mono Lake, including the news regarding arsenic-incorporating bacteria from outer space.



Your friend asks you: Aren't you a law student? How should I go about commercializing this product? Any legal stuff I should be worried about? How can I make the law work in my favor?

Assignment: *Please prepare a bullet point outline of 5-10 legal considerations to discuss with your friend. Remind yourself about the different types of intellectual property law regimes that exist and prepare a brief outline for each regime and how they are relevant for your friend's business plan.*

We will go over this in class – no worries if you don't have time to prepare. For more info, see www.prof-determann.info or email me at ldetermann@bakernet.com.