

Development vs acquisition of software

- **Decision to acquire or develop the software:** government institutions should seek advice from RISA about the acquiring or developing the software.
The below criteria should be based on in order to take a decision between acquisition and development:
- **Government institution can go for development in case:**
 - Requirements are very specific and cannot be found on the market;
 - Commercial solutions have prohibitive prices;
 - Commercial solutions' vendors do not supply source codes;
 - The support is critical and it is not to be provided by a vendors; and
 - The institution should have and ensure the development and software maintenance capabilities are available in house or locally by Rwandan companies.
- **Government institution can go for acquisition in case:**
 - The software is readily and cheaply available on the market;
 - The delivery time is critically short; or
 - The software reliability is very critical.

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