



Intellectual Property (IP) Protection Policy

Company: Classgrid (A Product of Classgrid, MSME Registered) •
MSME Registration: UDYAM-MH-01-0308803 • Category: Services
— Computer Programming Activities (NIC Code: 62011)



1. 1. Purpose of This Document

This document explains how Classgrid protects its intellectual property (IP) and why Classgrid, as a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) platform, does not require a patent. This policy is intended for students, faculty, partners, investors, and anyone who wishes to understand how Classgrid's IP is safeguarded.



2. 2. What Is Classgrid?

Classgrid is a cloud-based Education Operating System (Education ERP) designed for schools, colleges, coaching institutes, junior colleges, and engineering institutions. It provides a unified platform for managing academic, administrative, financial, and operational workflows.

Classgrid is a commercial SaaS product — not a research invention, hardware device, or algorithm that would typically require a patent.



3. 3. Why Classgrid Does Not Require a Patent

3.1 SaaS Products Are Rarely Patented

In the global software industry, Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) products are almost never patented. This is the industry standard followed by some of the world's most successful technology companies:

Company	Type	Patented Their Core Product?
Google Workspace	SaaS	⊗ No
Slack	SaaS	⊗ No
Zoho	SaaS	⊗ No
Tally (India)	Software	⊗ No
Razorpay (YC W15)	SaaS/Fintech	⊗ No
Notion	SaaS	⊗ No
Canva	SaaS	⊗ No

3.2 Software Patents Are Restrictive and Impractical

Indian Patent Law (The Patents Act, 1970): Section 3(k) explicitly states that "a mathematical or business method or a computer programme per se or algorithms" are not patentable in India. Classgrid's core functionality — managing attendance, fees, exams, communication — falls under business methods implemented through software, which is excluded from patentability under Indian law.

Global Trend: Even in the United States, the 2014 Supreme Court ruling in *Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank* significantly restricted software patents. Most SaaS companies globally do not pursue patents.

Open Source Dependencies: Like every modern software product, Classgrid is built using open-source technologies (Node.js, React, MongoDB, Redis, etc.). Patenting a product built on open-source components is neither practical nor ethical.

3.3 What Matters Is Execution, Not Patents

In the SaaS industry, competitive advantage comes from:

- Speed of execution and iteration
- Quality of user experience
- Depth of features and integrations
- Customer trust and retention

- Brand recognition



4. 4. How Classgrid Protects Its Intellectual Property



4.1 Copyright Protection (Automatic) 🟢 Active

Legal Basis: Indian Copyright Act, 1957 + Berne Convention

Under the Indian Copyright Act, 1957, and the Berne Convention (international), all original source code, documentation, UI designs, and content created by Classgrid are automatically protected by copyright from the moment of creation. No registration is required, though registration can be pursued for additional legal enforcement. What is protected: All source code, database schemas, API designs, UI/UX designs, documentation, blog content, email templates, and marketing materials. Duration: Lifetime of the author + 60 years (India) / 70 years (international).



4.2 Trade Secrets 🟢 Active

Legal Basis: Private repositories, encrypted credentials, NDAs

Classgrid's proprietary business logic, algorithms, database architectures, multi-tenant design patterns, and internal system configurations are protected as trade secrets. These are never publicly disclosed and are safeguarded through:

- Private GitHub repositories (not open-source)
- Environment variable encryption for all API keys and credentials
- Role-based access control within the development team
- Non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) with any future employees or contractors



4.3 Trademark Protection 🟢 Active

Legal Basis: Indian Trademarks Act, 1999

The name "Classgrid", the Classgrid logo, and associated brand assets are protected under trademark law. Formal trademark registration (TM → ®) can be pursued through the Indian Trademark Registry at any time.



4.4 MSME Registration 🟢 Active

Legal Basis: UDYAM-MH-01-0308803

Classgrid is registered as a Micro Enterprise with the Government of India under the MSME Development Act:

- Udyam Registration Number: UDYAM-

MH-01-0308803 • Classification: Micro Enterprise • Activity: Services — Computer Programming Activities • NIC Code: 62011 This registration provides official government recognition of Classgrid as a legitimate business entity.



4.5 Terms of Service and Legal Agreements

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Legal Basis: classgrid.in/terms

Classgrid's published legal documents protect both the company and its users: • Terms of Service — Governs usage of the platform • Privacy Policy — Governs data handling and GDPR/IT Act compliance • Acceptable Use Policy — Defines permitted and prohibited usage • Cookie Policy — Governs cookie and tracking behavior • Security Policy — Defines security practices and data protection measures All legal documents are publicly available at <https://classgrid.in>.



Patent

🔴 Not Applicable

Legal Basis: Section 3(k), The Patents Act, 1970

Indian Patent Law explicitly excludes "computer programmes per se" and business methods from patentability. This applies to all SaaS products globally.



5. 5. Summary for Students and Faculty

If you are a student or faculty member and someone asks "Is Classgrid patented?", here is the simple answer:

"Classgrid is a SaaS (Software-as-a-Service) product, similar to Google Workspace, Zoho, or Tally. SaaS products are not patented — this is the global industry standard. Classgrid's intellectual property is protected through copyright law (automatic), trade secrets (private codebase), trademark law (brand protection), and government MSME registration. Indian Patent Law (Section 3(k) of The Patents Act, 1970) explicitly excludes computer programs and business methods from patentability."

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Protection Method	Status	Legal Basis:
4.1 Copyright Protection (Automatic)	☑ Active	Indian Copyright Act, 1957 +
4.2 Trade Secrets	☑ Active	Private repositories, encrypt
4.3 Trademark Protection	☑ Active	Indian Trademarks Act, 1999
4.4 MSME Registration	☑ Active	UDYAM-MH-01-0308803
4.5 Terms of Service and Legal Agreements	☑ Active	classgrid.in/terms
Patent	⊗ No	Section 3(k), The Patents Ac

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For any questions regarding Classgrid's intellectual property, licensing, or legal matters, please contact:

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