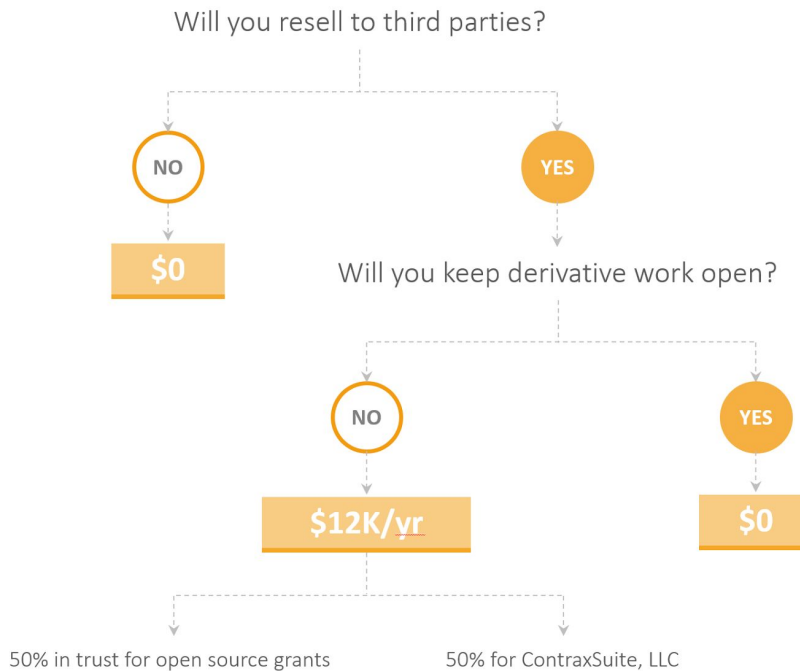


# LexPredict ContraxSuite

## In Plain English

ContraxSuite is currently available under a dual-license model that can be summarized by the diagram below.



## Licensing Roadmap

- ContraxSuite will initially be released under an GNU Affero GPL (AGPL) license.
- Many organizations cannot use AGPL software. Contact us. You can be released from the requirements of the AGPL license if you agree to the terms outlined in the diagram above.
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## Why Dual-License?

Dual-license models have been common in the open source world for over twenty years. Most notably, projects like MySQL (now of Oracle) have navigated the pros and cons of community development under dual-license. As many commentators and researchers have noted, dual-license may disincentivize contribution relative to single-license open source models.

So why do it? Yes, we are releasing our source code into a crowded, increasingly competitive space full of Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) providers. Yes, legal technology is a space that has little to no history or culture of open source. And no, we don't want to maintain a crippled "Community" and commercial "Enterprise" edition.

Most importantly, we understand that many law firms and legal departments don't know how to work with open source licenses. For example:

- Procurement and supplier processes are often confused by open source models.
- Audit and infosec assessment procedures are often unprepared for open source models.
- Legal departments are not comfortable with common law ambiguity around concepts like "derivative work," "distribute," or "network user" in the context of software.

So, the primary purpose of our dual-license model is to encourage traditional enterprises usage of open source project within the confines of their existing legal and procurement processes.

As stated in the Licensing Roadmap section above, our goal is to re-evaluate the current model in 12 months. But even if we switch to a single-license Apache or MIT model in 2018, the traditional procurement and insurance issues above will remain.

So, let's all hope for a world where traditional law firms and legal departments are more comfortable with open source, but improve and innovate in today's reality in the meantime.

## Open Source Grants

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