

MongoDB Licensing

Software and Documentation

MongoDB Database Server and Tools

- Free Software Foundation's GNU AGPL v3.0.
- Commercial licenses are also available from MongoDB, Inc., including free evaluation licenses.

Drivers

- mongodb.org supported drivers: Apache License v2.0.
- Third parties have created drivers too; licenses will vary there.

Documentation

- Documentation: Creative Commons.

Licensing Policy

The goal of the server license is to require that enhancements to MongoDB be released to the community. Traditional GPL often does not achieve this anymore as a huge amount of software runs in the cloud. For example, Google has no obligation to release their improvements to the MySQL kernel – if they do they are being nice.

To make the above practical, *we promise that your client application which uses the database is a separate work*. To facilitate this, the mongodb.org supported drivers (the part you link with your application) are released under Apache license, which is copyleft free.

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