

Open Source Licenses – Complete Comparison

License	Commercial Use	Closed Source	Must Share Changes	Short Description
No License	✗	✗	✗	Full rights reserved
MIT	✓	✓	✗	Very permissive, attribution required
Apache 2.0	✓	✓	✗	MIT + patent protection
BSD 2-Clause	✓	✓	✗	Simple permissive license
BSD 3-Clause	✓	✓	✗	No endorsement clause
GPL v2.0	✗	✗	✓	Strong copyleft
GPL v3.0	✗	✗	✓	Copyleft + patent protection
LGPL v2.1	✓	✓ (link)	Partial	Weak copyleft for libraries
AGPL v3.0	✗	✗	✓	Copyleft incl. SaaS
MPL 2.0	✓	✓	File-level	Hybrid license
EPL 2.0	✓	✓	Partial	Enterprise-friendly
Boost 1.0	✓	✓	✗	Very permissive
CC0	✓	✓	✗	Public domain
Unlicense	✓	✓	✗	Public domain

Quick Comparison Table

License	Commercial	Closed Source	Best Use
MIT	✓	✓	Most projects
Apache 2.0	✓	✓	Corporate
GPL	✗	✗	Free software
LGPL	✓	✓	Libraries
AGPL	✗	✗	Web apps
CC0	✓	✓	Public domain

GitHub Alternatives (Names Only)

- GitLab
- Bitbucket
- Gitea
- Codeberg
- SourceForge
- AWS CodeCommit
- Azure DevOps Repos