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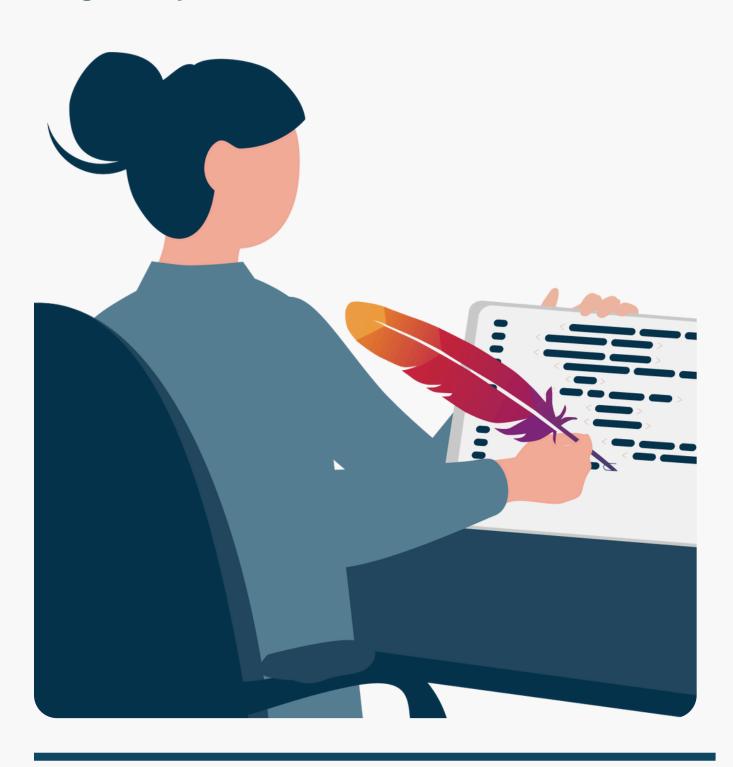
Introduction

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History Of Apache License 2.0



- The Apache Software Foundation (ASF) is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 to support open-source software projects.
- ASF created the Apache License to allow flexible and collaborative use of its software.
- The original license (Version 1.1) had some legal ambiguities. To improve clarity, international compatibility, and include patent rights, Version 2.0 was released in January 2004.
- Since then, Apache License 2.0 has become one of the most widely used permissive licenses in open-source development, adopted by companies like Google, Meta, and Amazon.

Description Of APACHE



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The license imposes lightweight obligations: attribution, license inclusion, and marking modifications.

It does not force you to open-source your own code (non-viral), which makes it friendly for businesses.



Version





- Official Name: Apache License, Version 2.0
- Released: January 2004
- Maintained by: Apache Software Foundation
- Full Text: FREE TO USE
- Replaces: Apache License Version 1.1
- Key Improvement: Adds global compatibility, patent protection, and clarified terms.

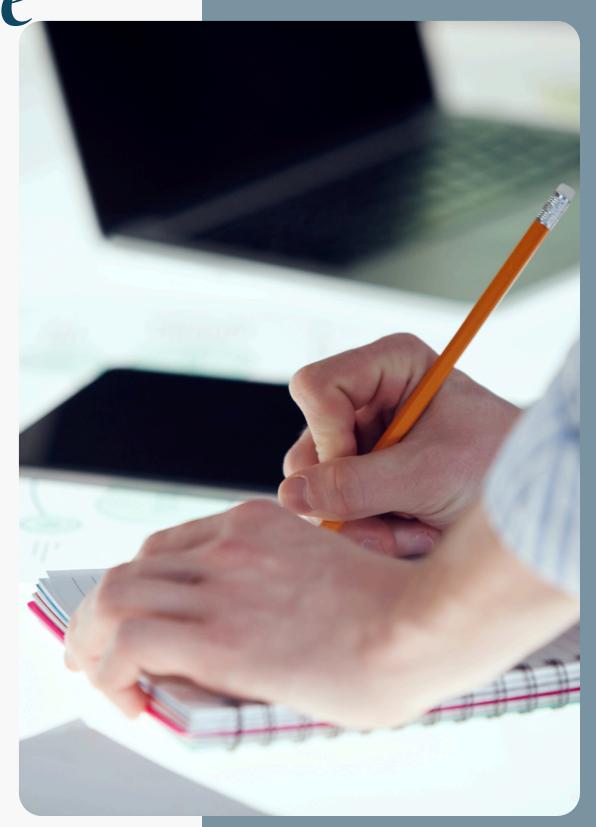


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How Is Apache Different from GPL or MIT?

FEATURE	APACHE 2.0	GPL (V ₃)	MIT LICENSE
Use in Commercial Software	✓ Allowed	✓ Allowed	Allowed
Must Release Source Code?	X No (non-viral)	Yes (viral license)	XNo
Patent Protection?	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	X No
Notice/Attribution Required?	Yes	Yes	Yes

Example of

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How Netflix Uses

Apache License 2.0 Software

Apache Kafka & kafka



Netflix uses Apache Kafka to manage real-time data such as playback, user behavior, and recommendations. The Apache License allows Netflix to freely modify and scale Kafka within their private systems without being required to share those internal changes.

Apache Tomcat



Apache Tomcat, under the Apache 2.0 license, is used by Netflix in legacy Java microservices to serve internal APIs and admin tools. The license allows them to embed, customize, and deploy Tomcat within their private systems without releasing their modifications.

Apache Hadoop and Apache Pig





are used by Netflix for big data analytics, handling massive volumes of viewership data and logs. Pig is used for batch processing and ETL tasks. The Apache License allows Netflix to customize and extend these tools without having to share proprietary business logic or internal code.





Other Examples of Softwares Using Apache License

Web & Cloud Infrastructure :

- 1. Apache HTTP Server (httpd): The Apache web server itself is licensed under the Apache License. It powered a massive portion of the internet for decades and is still widely used.
- 2. **Apache Flink:** Another powerful stream processing framework, often used for real-time analytics.

Data & Analytics :

- 1. **Apache Hive:** A data warehouse software project built on top of Hadoop for querying and managing large datasets.
- 2. **Apache Superset:** A modern, open-source data exploration and visualization platform. Makes pretty dashboards!

Development Tools & Languages :

- 1. Android (Core Components & SDK Documentation):

 A significant portion of the Android Open Source

 Project (AOSP) and its documentation is licensed under

 Apache License 2.0.
- 2. **Kotlin:** The officially preferred language for Android app development, its compiler and standard library are Apache-licensed.

✓ Others:

- 1. IntelliJ IDEA Community Edition: The community version of this very popular Java IDE (Integrated Development Environment) is Apache-licensed.
- 2. **PyCharm Community Edition:** Similar to IntelliJ, the community version of this Python IDE from JetBrains is also Apache-licensed.

Conclusion



The Apache License 2.0 allows open use, modification, and distribution—even in commercial projects—without forcing you to share your code. It balances freedom with legal protection, making it ideal for real-world use by companies like Netflix and Google.



Thank you

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