

| License Name | Short Description |
|--|---|
| No license | Code is not open source. Others cannot legally use, modify, or share it. |
| Apache License 2.0 | Permissive license with patent protection. Allows commercial use with attribution. |
| GNU General Public License v3.0 (GPL-3.0) | Strong copyleft. All modified versions must remain open source. |
| MIT License | Very permissive and simple. Allows use, modification, and distribution with credit. |
| BSD 2-Clause "Simplified" | Permissive license like MIT with a non-endorsement clause. |
| BSD 3-Clause "New" or "Revised" | Similar to BSD 2-Clause, but prevents using author's name for promotion. |
| Boost Software License 1.0 | Very permissive, designed for libraries. Minimal restrictions. |
| Creative Commons Zero v1.0 (CC0) | Places the work in the public domain. No rights reserved. |
| Eclipse Public License 2.0 (EPL-2.0) | Weak copyleft. Modifications must be shared, but larger projects can stay closed. |
| GNU Affero General Public License v3.0 (AGPL-3.0) | Requires sharing source even for software used over a network. |
| GNU General Public License v2.0 (GPL-2.0) | Strong copyleft. Derivative works must remain open source. |
| GNU Lesser General Public License v2.1 (LGPL-2.1) | Weak copyleft. Closed-source apps can link to it. |
| Mozilla Public License 2.0 (MPL-2.0) | File-level copyleft. Only modified files must be open. |
| The Unlicense | Public-domain style license. Anyone can use the code freely. |

License Name And Its description

Comparatively Table of the License

| License | Type | Can use commercially? | Must open source changes? | Patent protection | Best for |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| No license | None | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Private code |
| MIT | Permissive | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Simple open sharing |
| Apache 2.0 | Permissive | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Business-friendly projects |
| BSD 2-Clause | Permissive | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Academic / libraries |
| BSD 3-Clause | Permissive | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Corporate safe use |
| Boost 1.0 | Permissive | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | C++ libraries |
| CC0 | Public domain | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Give up all rights |
| Unlicense | Public domain | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Free use, no limits |
| GPL v2 / v3 | Strong copyleft | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Always-open projects |
| AGPL v3 | Strong copyleft | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (even web use) | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Web services |
| LGPL v2.1 | Weak copyleft | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partial | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Libraries |
| MPL 2.0 | Weak copyleft | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> File-level | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Mixed-source projects |
| EPL 2.0 | Weak copyleft | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Partial | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Enterprise tools |

Alternative of the Github

- GitLab
- Bitbucket
- SourceForge
- Gitea
- Gogs
- Azure DevOps
- Codeberg
- Phabricator

| Platform | Best For | Key Features | Free Private Repos | Self-Hosting |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| GitLab | DevOps & CI/CD | Built-in CI/CD, issue tracking, security scans | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Bitbucket | Teams using Jira | Jira integration, pipelines | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No (cloud only) |
| SourceForge | Large open-source hosting | Project hosting, file releases | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Gitea | Self-hosted | Lightweight, fast, open source | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Gogs | Simple self-hosted | Very fast, minimal | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Azure DevOps | Microsoft ecosystem | Boards, repos, pipelines | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Codeberg | Non-profit, open source | Based on Gitea, privacy focused | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Phabricator | Large engineering teams | Code review, task mgmt | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |