

Open Source Software Licensing

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Software License

- Copyright on written code
- Nothing to do with patents

Classic Licensing

- You own the source code
 - Sell the right to use the binary
- or
- Sell source code

Open Source

- Give away (parts of) your copyright
- Offer your source-code alongside the binary

BSD License

- Very liberal
- Allows closed source offsprings
- Header (with your name) must stay
- For reference implementations, scientists

GNU Public License

- Restrictive
- Viral
- Forces distribution of source code
- For hobbyists, business (dual license)

Benefits & Drawbacks

- lose income from licenses
- danger of losing control
- + improve security, stability
- + gain free manpower
- + give reliability to customers
- + spread your ideas
- + help less fortunate