

# Fear, Uncertainty, Doubt Against Copyleft

By *Roy Schestowitz*

Created 20/01/2020 - 12:42pm

Submitted by Roy Schestowitz on Monday 20th of January 2020 12:42:33 PM Filed under [Legal](#) [1]

- [Why Open Source Licenses With A Commons Clause May Become Less Common](#) [2]

The Commons Clause also is ambiguous in its prohibition against selling "hosting or consulting/support services related to the Software" for any product or service whose value derives entirely or substantially from the software's functionality. A plain reading of this provision suggests that a cloud service provider cannot host the licensed software for free and charge a fee for customer support or consulting relating to the software's functionality (e.g., how to use the software). The Commons Clause documentation refers to a discussion board suggesting that consulting may be permitted, but the language of the clause and the contents of that online discussion appear to suggest otherwise.

- [Manage Your OSS Security Using a Free Scanning Tool](#) [3] [Ed: "Enterprise License Optimization Blog" is Flexera marketing rubbish; it likes to talk all about "Open Source" (FUD), but its own stuff is 100% proprietary]

- [Sonatype: improving software with open source technology](#) [4]

- [Open source licence series - R3: The world needs audit licenses](#) [5] [Ed: Typical old nonsense of proprietary software firms, looking to portray a licensing question as pertaining only to FOSS]

The so-called "open core" model is hard to get right.

[As we know, the open-core model primarily involves offering a "core" or feature-limited

version of a software product as free and open-source software, while offering ?commercial? versions or add-ons as proprietary software.]

## [Legal](#)

---

**Source URL:** <http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/133085>

### **Links:**

[1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/106>

[2]

<http://www.mondaq.com/unitedstates/x/882516/Licensing+Syndication/Why+Open+Source+Licenses+With+A+Common>

[3] <https://www.flexerasoftware.com/blog/software-composition-analysis/2018/08/manage-your-oss-security-using-a-free-scanning-tool/>

[4] <https://www.businesschief.com/leadership/8493/Sonatype:-improving-software-with-open-source-technology>

[5] <https://www.computerweekly.com/blog/Open-Source-Insider/Open-source-licence-series-R3-The-world-needs-audit-licenses>