

# New License for Snort Rules Announced

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"Yesterday Snort developer Marty Roesch announced that the license governing Snort rule usage will be changing. Marty said, 'Recently, we have become increasing aware of companies who are commercially redistributing rules written by the Sourcefire VRT without contributing to the considerable resources required to develop high quality rules in such a timely fashion.'"

"In order to enable us to continue supporting the open source model and dedicate these various resources to ensuring users have access to the best possible detection capabilities, we will begin distributing new "Sourcefire VRT Certified Rules" under a new license that restricts commercial redistribution. For developers building open source applications using Snort rules or Snort end users in general, the change in the licensing policy has no effect. The changes in the license apply specifically to organizations that are commercially redistributing the rules for either a product or a service offering."

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