

# 10 important Open Source distribution criteria

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Open source doesn't just mean access to the source code. The distribution terms of open-source software must comply with the following criteria:

## 1. Free Redistribution

The license shall not restrict any party from selling or giving away the software as a component of an aggregate software distribution containing programs from several different sources. The license shall not require a royalty or other fee for such sale.

## 2. Source Code

The program must include source code, and must allow distribution in source code as well as compiled form. Where some form of a product is not distributed with source code, there must be a well-publicized means of obtaining the source code for no more than a reasonable reproduction cost preferably, downloading via the Internet without charge.

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**Source URL:** <http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/42704>

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