

# Pros and Cons of Open Source Software

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No matter which open source platform you prefer, your options for open source software are growing every day. New ideas for open source software are surfacing all the time. Yet despite the ongoing progress here, some users find themselves wondering how these applications compare to their closed source counterparts.

In this article, I'll explore commonly used open source applications and comparing them to their closed source cousins. I'll also look at stability, features, functionality and whether changing over to an open source alternative is a viable option for most people.

And even though I can only cover a fraction of the open source/closed source applications available today, I'll touch on the most common software titles.

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