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### Open Source GPL

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- Distribution of linked code mandates viral copyleft: any derivative work must be made available under the GPL terms
- Software provided *as-is*
- Help only available on public forums or lists, *as-is*
- No high-availability options or other enterprise grade add-ons

### Enterprise Edition

- Core Esper technology plus manageability and interoperability for operational efficiency
- No viral copyleft GPL effect
- Support provided through private channels (phone, email, web) with guaranteed response time
- Indemnification

### OEM licenses for ISVs

- Right for redistribution
- No viral copyleft GPL effect
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