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Commercial software versus open source

Choose from workload, risk, operating capability and exit cost rather than ideology.

Personally accountable · clearly documented · vendor-transparent

From concern to an owned action plan

This guide is designed for small and medium-sized organisations that need practical decisions rather than generic fear or a product-first answer.

How to use it

Work through the actions with the people who own the affected business processes. Mark what is already evidenced, assign an owner to every gap and agree a realistic review date.

Decision principles

01	Start from business impact and responsibility.
02	Prefer written evidence over assumed status.
03	Keep alternatives and exit paths visible.
04	Test recovery and operating processes, not only settings.

Important

This publication provides technical orientation. It is not legal advice, a certification or a guarantee of security. Current law, contracts, manufacturer documentation and the organisation's specific risk context remain authoritative.

Practical action checklist

Use the right-hand side of a printed copy for owner, evidence and due date.

01	Define the business outcome and non-negotiable requirements.
02	Compare security maintenance and support accountability.
03	Measure internal operating effort as part of total cost.
04	Review integration, data portability and open standards.
05	Test performance and user workflow with a real pilot.
06	Identify supplier concentration and licence-change exposure.
07	Plan backup, recovery and an exit before committing.
08	Use mixed architectures when they are easier to operate well.
09	Record the reasons for the decision and review date.
10	Avoid replacing a known dependency with an unsupported one.

A sensible next step

BR-Systems can help establish the baseline, prioritise the gaps and implement or operate the agreed measures. A short initial consultation is enough to determine whether that would be useful.

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