



Learn about MindTouch Core & MindTouch Platform

Introducing MindTouch

MindTouch, Inc is an open source company that is committed to creating the best open source collaboration software. The guiding principle behind our product development are heavily influenced by an understanding of the **four freedoms that make software "free."**

About MindTouch Core

MindTouch Core is the free and open source (gratis and libre) core of MindTouch software, the most popular enterprise wiki and collaboration platform ranked in the top open source projects in the World and ranked #1 in collaboration by [Sourceforge.net](#). MindTouch Core is licensed under [GPL/LGPL v2](#) and is most suitable for do-it-yourself developers, technical enthusiasts and for use in non-critical environments - check out our [licenses](#) page for a complete list of all of the components and the licenses they fall under.

About MindTouch Platform

As many open-source projects mature (examples: Red Hat and mySQL), you see a divergence in the software: one geared towards the community and one geared towards companies. MindTouch has also taken the same path as these successful projects by creating and supporting two editions: MindTouch Core, the open source edition, and MindTouch Platform, the licensed edition.

While one could use MindTouch as a fully-featured enterprise wiki, its underlying architecture allow for much more powerful automation and integration capabilities. These capabilities are the primary differentiation points that we focus on when building MindTouch Platform. MindTouch Platform contains features commonly found in customer deployments, which require a higher level of support. Examples of this are the SQL adapters for mash-ups, LDAP connectivity, and CRM integration. Applications which are built on top of MindTouch that provide closer integration with the desktop, such as the [Desktop Suite](#), are also only available for MindTouch Platform.

Differences between MindTouch Platform and MindTouch Core

Functionally, **there are no differences in the core engine** of MindTouch (the wiki engine) between MindTouch Platform and MindTouch Core. MindTouch Core is used as the basis for the licensed edition.

Commercial editions include [access to certain extra modules](#); some of these modules have open source alternatives.

Benefits of MindTouch Platform

With MindTouch Platform, you get official support from MindTouch, access to our professional services team for custom solutions, and access to commercial-only modules, which are listed on the [MindTouch homepage](#).

Getting involved with MindTouch Core

Understandably, budgets are a big concern for many companies, and adoption open source software is seen as a low-cost alternative. Open source is free, much like a free puppy is free - you can either throw time or money at the attention necessary to extract the most value from MindTouch. If MindTouch Core serves your needs, then there are other ways to [contribute to the MindTouch project](#).

Oftentimes, we will be beta-testing future licensed applications with our community. Participants in these beta tests get access to the licensed modules upon release, so this is a great way to save money, remain involved, and help MindTouch develop great products.

Related forum posts

- [MindTouch Platform / MindTouch Core](#)
- [Source code in licensed edition](#)

