

# MaxScale

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## MAXSCALE LICENSE EVOLUTION

GPLv2 (2013) → BSL (2016) → Commercial (2025) — the end of transparency



**BSL versions supported until 2032**  
Auto-convert to GPLv2 on schedule — no panic

**ProxySQL as alternative**  
Open-source R/W split, cache, failover, pooling

**MariaDB invented BSL then abandoned it — trust is hard to rebuild**

Plan your dependency — the change is real but the transition is gradual

## Context

MaxScale is a MySQL proxy that can be used to connect to MySQL databases.

**2013-2016** GPLv2 MaxScale is licensed under GPLv2, which is a copyleft license. This means that any software that uses MaxScale must also be licensed under GPLv2. This was a problem for MariaDB / MySQL users who wanted to use MaxScale in a commercial environment.

**2016** BSL MariaDB Corporation introduced MaxScale 2.0 with a Business Source License (BSL). BSL is a license that allows for commercial use but requires that the user must purchase a license from MariaDB. This was a significant change from the previous GPLv2 license.

**2025** MaxScale 25.01 is now licensed under a commercial license.

MaxScale 21.06 is the last version that was licensed under GPLv2.

## License

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**BSL 2.x and 24.x**

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## MaxScale 21.06 GPLv2

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## MaxScale 25.01+ 公告

自 25.01 版本起，MaxScale 的许可证将变更为 BSL。

### 背景

自 MariaDB plc 成立后，

1. **MaxScale** 自 MariaDB 成立后，Oracle 和 AWS 的 BSL 许可证。
2. **BSL** 许可证。BSL 许可证是商业友好的，与 GPLv2 许可证不同。
3. 自 2016 年起，BSL 许可证于 2025 年到期。Redis、MongoDB、Elasticsearch 和 MariaDB 均已采用 BSL 许可证。

## ProxySQL 公告

MaxScale 和 ProxySQL 的许可证将变更为 BSL。

ProxySQL 自 MaxScale 版本起，

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ProxySQL 自 MaxScale 版本起，

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- 公告 binlog 公告

MaxScale / ProxySQL 公告 MariaDB / MySQL 公告

## BSL 公告

