

# Open weights is not open source.

# Openness is five things, not one word.

On **29 May 2026** the G7 Digital and Technology Ministers agreed shared language for this, developed with the Open Source Initiative. Openness is a spectrum across five elements — weights, deployment code, training code, training data, and the restrictions in the licence. **Most releases ship two of them.**

Released

Released, with documented exceptions

Not released

| G7 TIER | MODEL WEIGHTS | DEPLOYMENT CODE | TRAINING CODE | TRAINING DATA | LICENCE & USE RESTRICTIONS |
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## Open Source AI with Open Data

Every element released, including the full corpus. **Research releases hold this line** — AI2’s OLMo 2, EleutherAI’s Pythia.

OPEN SOURCE LICENCE

## Open Source AI

Full pipeline. Where data cannot be shared legally or technically, **Data Information** stands in its place — provenance and where to obtain it. **Almost nothing ships here.**

OPEN SOURCE LICENCE

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**The reproducibility line.** Above it, someone else can rebuild the model and check what it was trained on. Below it, you get the product without the factory. Calling anything under this line “open source” is where the argument starts.

## Open Weights AI

Weights and deployment code under an open source licence. **DeepSeek-R1** (MIT), **Qwen3** and **gpt-oss** (Apache 2.0).

OPEN SOURCE LICENCE

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**The permission line.** Above it, you use, modify and redistribute without asking. Below it, the licence decides — acceptable-use policies, and thresholds that send you back to the vendor for a deal.

## Weights Available AI

Downloadable, not free to use. **Meta’s Llama** ships under a community licence with an acceptable-use policy and a 700m monthly-active-user threshold. RAIL-licensed releases sit here too.

USE RESTRICTIONS

## Closed / API only

Outside the G7 typology, shown for contrast. Access is a contract, not a download.

TERMS OF SERVICE

Two boundaries.

One word doing the work of both.

### WHAT THE TIER ACTUALLY DECIDES

|                                    |                                       |                                                            |
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| 01                                 | 02                                    | 03                                                         |
| Can we see what it was trained on? | Can we rebuild it without the vendor? | Can we run it at our scale, in our sector, without asking? |
| TRAINING DATA / DATA INFORMATION   | TRAINING CODE                         | LICENCE & USE RESTRICTIONS                                 |

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