

☐ MinIO goes into maintenance mode

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MinIO has just announced that the open source project is now in maintenance-only mode: no new features, no regular PR review, only best-effort community support.

If your data lake, AI workloads or internal S3-compatible storage rely on MinIO, this is no longer a theoretical risk: it is an operational one. Over the next months you'll likely have to choose between:

- Freezing your stack on an aging fork
- Paying for the vendor's proprietary alternative
- Or planning a controlled migration to another object store (Ceph, cloud S3, ...)

The least worse version of Minio to use now is : [RELEASE.2025-04-22T22-12-26Z](#) (still includes UI)

<- 6 months ago I warned about this exact scenario in a post on AGPL and "open-core bait & switch" risks.

-> <https://lnkd.in/emvdxYYd>

[link] The Hacker News discussion for more context:

-> <https://lnkd.in/eXArW4Yx>

If you're running MinIO in production and want a second pair of eyes:

[check] I've helped large organisations (telco, banking, geospatial) design and operate multi-PB

S3-compatible storage and MinIO/Ceph data lakes.

[target] In a focused 60-minute session we can:

Map your current MinIO usage and risk level

Identify realistic migration paths and trade-offs

Estimate costs, timelines and low-risk next steps

[date] You can book a 1-hour migration clinic here: <https://lnkd.in/ejCtFbbX>

<https://www.linkedin.com/>

<https://pepitedata.com/minio-community-edition-end-agpl/>

Update 2026-09-29. This post is now part of [Object Storage for Data Platforms at Scale](#), the field guide to running object storage at scale.

Related posts

- [Object Storage for Data Platforms at Scale](#)
- [MinIO's Community Edition: the end?](#)
- [MinIO tiering: data loss and fault tolerance issues](#)
- [Stop using MinIO as a NoSQL database](#)
- [MinIO site replication: sync mode will not save your RPO](#)

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