

# ELN vendor: “The Open Source stuff just works better”

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## chem-bla-ics

Simon Coles is CTO of [Amphora Research Systems](#) (a company I do not know) and in the business of [Electronic Lab Notebooks](#). I know nothing about their products but would like to propagate the [statements he just made on Open Source](#) in reply to a [question on LinkedIn](#) (btw, [my LinkedIn account](#)):

*We use a lot of Open Source components in our products, and I know we're not alone.*

He also gives why they do so, quoting from the full arguments in his blog:

- *The Open Source stuff just works better*
- *Support is better*
- *Licensing issues go away*
- *It is dramatically cheaper for our customers to deploy*
- *We have much more latitude in deployment options*

I am not sure if this involves open source cheminformatics, but asked about that... the whole article is worth reading.