

Fox ML Infrastructure — Compliance FAQ

Frequently asked questions about license compliance, commercial use, and production deployment.

1. Licensing Basics

Q1.1: Do I need a commercial license?

A: You need a commercial license if you: - Are a business, organization, or institution - Use FoxML Core in production - Use it for trading, investment, or financial decision-making - Integrate it into proprietary systems - Use it in any revenue-generating activity

You do NOT need a commercial license for: - Non-commercial academic research - Personal study or learning - Open-source contributions (under AGPL-3.0)

See `LEGAL/COMMERCIAL_USE.md` for detailed guidance.

Q1.2: What's the difference between AGPL-3.0 and Commercial License?

A: - **AGPL-3.0:** Free for non-commercial use, but requires public disclosure of modifications if deployed over a network - **Commercial License:** Allows internal commercial use without AGPL disclosure obligations, includes access to private repositories

See `DUAL_LICENSE.md` for complete dual licensing information.

Q1.3: Can I use it for free?

A: Yes, for non-commercial academic research and personal study under AGPL-3.0. Commercial use requires a paid license.

See `LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md` for pricing.

2. Production Use

Q2.1: What counts as “production use”?

A: Production use includes: - Deploying the software in live environments - Using it for operational business functions - Using it for trading or investment decisions - Using it to generate revenue or support revenue-generating activities - Using it internally within a business or organization

See `LEGAL/COMMERCIAL_USE.md` Section 1 for details.

Q2.2: Do I need to notify you if I use it in production?

A: Yes. If you use FoxML Core in production, you should complete the production use notification form. This helps us understand usage patterns and provide better support.

See `LEGAL/PRODUCTION_USE_NOTIFICATION.md` for the notification form.

Q2.3: Can I use it for trading?

A: Yes, with a commercial license. FoxML Core can be used for trading, investment analysis, and financial decision-making with a commercial license.

See `LEGAL/ACCEPTABLE_USE_POLICY.md` for acceptable use guidelines.

3. Modifications and Forks

Q3.1: Can I modify the code?

A: - With AGPL-3.0: Yes, but you must publicly disclose modifications if deployed over a network
- **With Commercial License:** Yes, for internal commercial use. You cannot redistribute or publish modifications.

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 2 (Grant of License).

Q3.2: Can I fork the repository?

A: - Public forks: Yes, but you must comply with AGPL-3.0 requirements and maintain copyright notices
- **Internal forks:** Yes, with a commercial license. Internal forks are permitted under commercial license terms.

See `LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md` Section 3 for fork requirements.

Q3.3: Can I remove copyright notices?

A: No. Copyright notices must be maintained in all files. Removing copyright notices is a license violation.

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 4 (Restrictions).

4. SaaS and Hosted Services

Q4.1: Can I host this as SaaS?

A: No, not without explicit written permission. SaaS hosting requires a separate commercial agreement and custom licensing terms.

Contact jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com for SaaS licensing inquiries.

Q4.2: What if I want to offer it as a hosted service?

A: You must: - Contact us for custom licensing terms - Obtain explicit written permission - Enter into a separate commercial agreement for hosted services

See `LEGAL/COMMERCIAL_USE.md` Section 3 for details.

Q4.3: Can I use it in a multi-tenant environment?

A: Multi-tenant hosted environments require explicit written permission and custom licensing terms. Contact us for details.

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 4 (Restrictions).

5. Redistribution and Publishing

Q5.1: Can I redistribute the software?

A: No. You cannot redistribute, sell, or provide FoxML Core to third parties without explicit written permission.

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 4 (Restrictions).

Q5.2: Can I publish my modifications?

A: - **With AGPL-3.0:** Yes, but you must comply with AGPL disclosure requirements - **With Commercial License:** No, you cannot publish source code derived from the commercial version

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 4 (Restrictions).

Q5.3: Can I include it in my product?

A: You cannot include FoxML Core as part of a standalone product for redistribution. Internal integration is permitted with a commercial license.

Contact us if you have specific integration questions.

6. Compliance and Audits

Q6.1: Will you audit my usage?

A: Fox ML Infrastructure LLC reserves the right to audit license compliance with 30 days' written notice. Audits are limited to compliance verification.

See `LEGAL/CLA.md` Section 13 (Audit Rights) for details.

Q6.2: What happens if I'm not compliant?

A: We will contact you to discuss compliance. You will have 30 days to achieve compliance. We prefer to resolve violations through licensing rather than legal action.

See `LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md` Section 6 for enforcement procedures.

Q6.3: Can I self-report non-compliance?

A: Yes. If you discover non-compliance, contact us immediately. Self-reporting may result in reduced penalties, and we will work with you to achieve compliance.

See `LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md` Section 5.2.

7. Academic and Research Use

Q7.1: Can universities use it for free?

A: Yes, for non-commercial academic research under AGPL-3.0. If the university uses it for commercial purposes, a commercial license is required.

See `DUAL_LICENSE.md` for academic use details.

Q7.2: What about student projects?

A: Student projects for academic purposes are permitted under AGPL-3.0. Commercial use by students (e.g., for startups) requires a commercial license.

See `LEGAL/COMMERCIAL_USE.md` Section 1.

Q7.3: Can I use it in published research?

A: Yes, you can reference and use FoxML Core in published research. You must maintain copyright notices and comply with license terms.

See `LEGAL/CREDITS.md` for attribution guidelines.

8. High-Risk Environments

Q8.1: Can I use it in medical systems?

A: No. FoxML Core may not be used in medical diagnosis, treatment, or life-critical medical systems without explicit written authorization.

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 4 (Restrictions) and `LEGAL/ACCEPTABLE_USE_POLICY.md` Section 2.3.

Q8.2: What about critical infrastructure?

A: FoxML Core may not be used in critical infrastructure systems where failure could cause significant harm without explicit written authorization.

See `LEGAL/ACCEPTABLE_USE_POLICY.md` Section 2.3 for high-risk environment restrictions.

Q8.3: Can I use it for trading systems?

A: Yes, with a commercial license. However, you are responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable exchange rules and regulations.

See `LEGAL/ACCEPTABLE_USE_POLICY.md` Section 2.4 for exchange rule compliance.

9. Pricing and Payment

Q9.1: How much does a commercial license cost?

A: Pricing is based on organization size. Tiers are based on total headcount of the legal entity (not just users of the Software): - 1–10 employees: \$150,000/year - 11–50 employees: \$350,000/year - 51–250 employees: \$750,000/year - 251–1000 employees: \$1,500,000–\$2,500,000/year (based on scope, starting at \$1,500,000) - 1000+ employees: \$5,000,000–\$12,000,000+ /year (custom enterprise quote)

See `LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md` for complete pricing information.

Q9.2: What's included in the license?

A: Commercial license includes: - Annual license for internal use - Access to private GitHub repositories - Updates and patches (as released) - Email support for licensing questions

Support and consulting are available separately. See `LEGAL/SUPPORT_POLICY.md`.

Q9.3: Can I get a discount?

A: Contact us to discuss pricing for your specific use case. Enterprise pricing may be available for large organizations or special use cases.

Email: jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com

10. Getting Help

Q10.1: Who do I contact for licensing questions?

A: - Email: jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com - Subject: Commercial Use Inquiry or License Compliance Inquiry - Response time: Within 2 business days

Q10.2: Where can I find more information?

A: - [LEGAL/COMMERCIAL_USE.md](#) — Commercial use guide - [LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md](#) — Enforcement procedures - [COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md](#) — Complete license terms - [LEGAL/CLA.md](#) — Commercial License Agreement - [DUAL_LICENSE.md](#) — Dual licensing overview

Q10.3: What if my question isn't answered here?

A: Contact us directly. We're happy to help clarify licensing questions and discuss your specific use case.

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Summary

Key Takeaways:

1. **Commercial use requires a paid license**
2. **Production use must be reported**
3. **SaaS hosting requires explicit permission**
4. **Modifications are allowed but cannot be redistributed**
5. **Copyright notices must be maintained**
6. **Compliance audits may be conducted**
7. **We prefer licensing over legal action**

If you have questions, contact us. We're here to help.

Related Documents

- [LEGAL/COMMERCIAL_USE.md](#) — Commercial use guide
- [LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md](#) — Enforcement procedures

- `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` — Complete license terms
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