

# Fox ML Infrastructure [UNICODE] Commercial Use Guide

**Document Hierarchy:** This document is provided for guidance only. In case of any conflict, `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` is the authoritative and controlling document for all commercial licensing terms and obligations, and `LICENSE` (AGPL-3.0) controls for open-source licensing.

**Quick reference for commercial use requirements and licensing.**

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## 1. Do I Need a Commercial License?

[OK] **YES** [UNICODE] You need a commercial license if:

- You are a **business, organization, or institution**
- You use FoxML Core for **internal operations** (see `LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md` for definition of business/internal use)
- You use it for **trading, investment, or financial decision-making**
- You **deploy it in production**
- You **integrate it into proprietary systems**
- You use it in any **revenue-generating activity**
- You **modify it for commercial use**
- You use it to **provide services to third parties**

Any business or internal use by or for a commercial organization requires a commercial license, regardless of whether the use directly generates revenue.

[ERROR] **NO** [UNICODE] You do NOT need a commercial license if:

- You are using it for **non-commercial academic research** (see `LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md` for full definition) at a qualifying non-profit, tax-exempt educational institution
- You are using it for **personal study or learning** (individual in personal capacity, NOT for business, client work, or revenue generation)
- You are contributing to **open-source projects** (under AGPL-3.0) in a non-commercial context
- You are **not using it in production** or for commercial purposes

**IMPORTANT EXCLUSIONS:** - **Sole proprietors, freelancers, and independent contractors** [UNICODE] Even if claimed to be “personal,” any use in connection with business activity or client work requires a commercial license - **For-profit educational institutions** [UNICODE] Any use by for-profit universities, bootcamps, or training companies requires a commercial license - **Corporate research labs** [UNICODE] Research conducted by or for commercial organizations requires a commercial license, regardless of non-profit status - **“Experimental” or “non-revenue” business use** [UNICODE] Still requires a commercial license

**Note:** Academic research conducted for, funded by, sponsored by, or operationally integrated into a commercial organization requires a commercial license, even if performed by students or interns.

**NO FREE TRIAL FOR COMMERCIAL USE:** There is no grace period, evaluation period, or “free trial” for commercial use. Payment is required from the first day of commercial use. The

30-day evaluation period described in `LEGAL/SUPPORT_POLICY.md` is for non-commercial evaluation only.

See `LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md` for complete definitions and usage scenarios.

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## 2. What Does a Commercial License Provide?

### 2.1 Rights Granted

**With a commercial license, you can:**

- [OK] Use FoxML Core internally without AGPL disclosure obligations
- [OK] Modify the software for internal commercial use
- [OK] Deploy it in production environments
- [OK] Integrate it into proprietary systems and workflows
- [OK] Use it for trading, investment, and financial decision-making
- [OK] Maintain private internal forks or repositories
- [OK] Access private GitHub repositories with commercial code

### 2.2 Restrictions

**Even with a commercial license, you CANNOT:**

- [ERROR] Redistribute or sell the software as a standalone product
- [ERROR] Host it as SaaS/PaaS without explicit written permission
- [ERROR] Publish or disclose source code derived from the commercial version
- [ERROR] Remove or alter copyright notices
- [ERROR] Claim authorship of the software or its architecture
- [ERROR] Use it in high-risk environments without authorization

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 4 (Restrictions) for complete details.

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## 3. SaaS / Hosted Service Use

### 3.1 Prohibited Without Permission

**You MAY NOT host FoxML Core as SaaS/PaaS without:**

- Explicit written permission from Fox ML Infrastructure LLC
- A separate commercial agreement for hosted services
- Custom licensing terms for multi-tenant deployments

### 3.2 Getting Permission

**To offer FoxML Core as a hosted service:**

- Contact: jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com
- Subject: SaaS Licensing Inquiry
- Include: Deployment model, scale, and usage estimates

SaaS deployments require custom licensing agreements.

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## 4. Pricing

### 4.1 Paid Pilots (Non-Negotiable Entry Point)

All commercial licensing begins with a paid pilot:

- **Pilot (30 days):** \$15,000 [UNICODE] \$30,000 [UNICODE] 1 environment, limited scope, async support
- **Pilot+ (60[UNICODE]90 days):** \$35,000 [UNICODE] \$90,000 [UNICODE] 2 environments, onboarding calls, tighter success criteria

**Credit:** 50[UNICODE]100% of pilot fee applies toward first-year license if converted.

### 4.2 Annual License Fees

Licensing is scoped to the business unit/desk and the authorized users/environments operating the software, not the parent company's total headcount.

Commercial license pricing is based on the using team/desk size (number of users and environments), not total legal-entity headcount.

**Team/Desktop Tiers (Recommended):** - **Team** (1[UNICODE]5 users, 1 environment): \$75,000 / year - **Desk** (6[UNICODE]20 users, up to 2 environments): \$150,000 [UNICODE] \$300,000 / year - **Division** (21[UNICODE]75 users, up to 3 environments): \$350,000 [UNICODE] \$750,000 / year - **Enterprise** (76[UNICODE]250 users, multi-environment): \$800,000 [UNICODE] \$2,000,000 / year - **>250 users / multi-region / regulated bank rollout:** Custom \$2,000,000+ / year

**Alternative: Platform Fee + Per-Seat Model:** - Platform fee: \$50,000 [UNICODE] \$200,000 / year - Per-seat: \$5,000 [UNICODE] \$15,000 / user / year - Per-production environment: \$25,000 [UNICODE] \$100,000 / environment / year

See [LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md](#) for complete pricing information and optional add-ons.

### 4.3 Optional Enterprise Add-Ons

Enterprise add-ons are available with defined scope and boundaries:

- **Standard Support (Included):** Email/issues, best-effort, no SLA
- **Business Support:** +\$25,000 / year (response targets, limited hours)
- **Enterprise Support:** +\$75,000 [UNICODE] \$150,000 / year
- **Premium / 24[UNICODE]5 Support:** +\$200,000 [UNICODE] \$400,000 / year (only if we can staff it)
- **Onboarding / Integration Package:** \$25,000 [UNICODE] \$150,000 one-time
- **On-Prem / High-Security Deployment:** \$150,000 [UNICODE] \$500,000+ one-time (custom)
- **Additional User Seats:** \$5,000 [UNICODE] \$15,000 / seat / year

**Note:** Support add-ons are priced as a percentage of license (15[UNICODE]30% range), not as a separate giant contract.

See [LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md](#) for complete add-on details, scope definitions, and boundaries.

#### 4.3 What's Included

**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 custom development are available separately. See [LEGAL/SUPPORT\\_POLICY.md](#).

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### 5. How to Purchase

#### 5.1 Licensing Process

All commercial licensing begins with a paid pilot (non-negotiable).

To request a commercial license:

1. **Email:** jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com
2. **Subject:** Commercial License Request
3. **Include:**
  - Your full name
  - Organization name
  - Work email
  - Company website or LinkedIn
  - **Team/desk size** (number of users and environments, not total company headcount)
  - Primary use case (1[UNICODE]3 sentences)
  - Desired start timeline
  - Any special requirements (optional)
4. **Review:** We will review your information and reply with:
  - Appropriate pilot option (Pilot \$15k[UNICODE]\$30k or Pilot+ \$35k[UNICODE]\$90k)
  - Pricing confirmation
  - Stripe payment link
  - Commercial License Agreement (CLA) for signature

**Note:** Pilot fees are non-refundable but credited (50[UNICODE]100%) toward the first-year annual license upon conversion.

#### 5.2 After Purchase

**Once licensed:**

- You will receive access to private GitHub repositories
- You will receive a signed Commercial License Agreement
- You can begin using FoxML Core in production
- You must complete the production use notification (see [LEGAL/PRODUCTION\\_USE\\_NOTIFICATION.md](#))

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## 6. Production Use Notification

### 6.1 Notification Requirement

If you use FoxML Core in production, you must:

- Complete the production use notification form
- Maintain license compliance
- Report any changes in usage or deployment

See [LEGAL/PRODUCTION\\_USE\\_NOTIFICATION.md](#) for the notification form.

### 6.2 What to Report

You should report:

- Production deployment locations
- Number of users or systems
- Integration points with other systems
- Any SaaS or hosted service offerings

This helps us understand usage patterns and provide better support.

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## 7. Compliance

### 7.1 Maintaining Compliance

To maintain compliance:

- Keep your commercial license current (annual renewal)
- Do not exceed license scope (e.g., SaaS without permission)
- Maintain copyright notices in all files
- Do not redistribute or publish source code
- Report production use as required

### 7.2 Audit Rights

Fox ML Infrastructure LLC may audit compliance:

- With 30 days' written notice
  - Limited to compliance verification
  - Remote audit methods permitted
  - See [LEGAL/CLA.md](#) Section 13 for audit terms
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## **8. Common Questions**

### **8.1 Can I Use It for Trading?**

**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.

### **8.2 Can I Modify It?**

**Yes, with a commercial license.** You can modify FoxML Core for internal commercial use. You cannot redistribute or publish modifications.

See [COMMERCIAL\\_LICENSE.md](#) Section 2 (Grant of License).

### **8.3 Can I Host It as SaaS?**

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

Contact [jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com) for SaaS licensing inquiries.

### **8.4 What About Academic Use?**

**Academic use is permitted under AGPL-3.0** for non-commercial research. If your academic institution uses it for commercial purposes, a commercial license is required.

See [DUAL\\_LICENSE.md](#) for academic use details.

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## **9. Getting Help**

### **9.1 Licensing Questions**

For licensing questions:

- Email: [jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com)
- Subject: Commercial Use Inquiry
- Response time: Within 2 business days

### **9.2 Compliance Questions**

For compliance questions:

- See [LEGAL/COMPLIANCE\\_FAQ.md](#) for common questions
  - See [LEGAL/LICENSE\\_ENFORCEMENT.md](#) for enforcement procedures
  - Email: [jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com)
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## 10. Summary

### Quick Checklist:

- [OK] Determine if you need a commercial license (see Section 1)
- [OK] Review pricing (see Section 4)
- [OK] Request a license (see Section 5)
- [OK] Complete production use notification (see Section 6)
- [OK] Maintain compliance (see Section 7)

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

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### Related Documents

- COMMERCIAL\_LICENSE.md [UNICODE] Complete commercial license terms
  - LEGAL/CLA.md [UNICODE] Commercial License Agreement
  - LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md [UNICODE] Pricing and licensing process
  - DUAL\_LICENSE.md [UNICODE] Dual licensing overview
  - LEGAL/PRODUCTION\_USE\_NOTIFICATION.md [UNICODE] Production use notification form
  - LEGAL/COMPLIANCE\_FAQ.md [UNICODE] Frequently asked questions
  - LEGAL/LICENSE\_ENFORCEMENT.md [UNICODE] Enforcement procedures
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