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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 (at qualifying institutions, see LICENSE) - Personal study or learning (individual, non-commercial use) - Contributing to the Software in a personal/non-commercial context

See [LEGAL/COMMERCIAL_USE.md](#) for detailed guidance.

Q1.2: What's the difference between free use and Commercial License?

A: - **Free use:** Personal use and qualifying non-commercial academic research (see LICENSE for full definition) - **Commercial License:** Required for any organizational use, allows internal commercial use, includes access to private repositories

See [LICENSE](#) and [DUAL_LICENSE.md](#) for complete licensing information.

Q1.3: Can I use it for free?

A: Yes, for non-commercial academic research (at qualifying institutions) and personal study. Organizational use requires a paid license. See LICENSE for the complete definition of free use.

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 free use: Yes, for personal/non-commercial academic research use - **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 maintain copyright notices and comply with license terms - **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 free use:** Yes, for personal/non-commercial academic research use - **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 qualifying non-commercial academic research at tax-exempt institutions (see LICENSE for full definition). If the university uses it for organizational 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 at qualifying institutions are permitted as free use (see LICENSE). 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: All commercial licensing begins with a paid pilot (non-negotiable): - **Pilot (30 days):** \$15,000-\$30,000 – 1 environment, limited scope, async support - **Pilot+ (60-90 days):** \$35,000-\$90,000 – 2 environments, onboarding calls, tighter success criteria - **Credit:** 50-100% of pilot fee applies toward first-year license if converted

Annual license pricing is based on the using team/desk size (number of users and environments), not total company headcount. **Licensing is scoped to the business unit/desk, not the parent company's total headcount.**

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

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

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

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 custom development 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.

Email: jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com

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
 - **LEGAL/CLA.md** – Commercial License Agreement
 - **DUAL_LICENSE.md** – Dual licensing overview
 - **LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md** – Pricing information
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Subject: Compliance FAQ Inquiry