Fox ML Infrastructure – Copyright Notice Requirements

All files in the FoxML Core repository must include copyright notices.

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1. Copyright Notice Format

1.1 Standard Copyright Header

All source code files should include:

```
# Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC
# All rights reserved.
```

Or for multi-line format:

```
"""
Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC
All rights reserved.

[File description]
"""
```

1.2 License Reference

Files should also reference the license:

```
# Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC
# All rights reserved.
# Licensed under AGPL-3.0 or Commercial License (see LICENSE and COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md)
```

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2. File Types Requiring Copyright Notices

2.1 Required Files

Copyright notices are required for:

- [OK] Python source files (`.py`)
- [OK] Configuration files (`.yaml`, `.yml`, `.json`)
- [OK] Documentation files (`.md`)
- [OK] Shell scripts (`.sh`)
- [OK] C++ source files (`.cpp`, `.h`, `.hpp`)
- [OK] Any other source code files

2.2 Optional Files

Copyright notices are recommended for:

- Build scripts
- Test files
- Example files
- Documentation templates

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3. Copyright Notice Placement

3.1 Source Code Files

Place copyright notices at the top of the file:

```python
# Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC
# All rights reserved.

import os
import sys
# ... rest of code
```

3.2 Documentation Files

Place copyright notices at the bottom of the file:

```markdown
# Document Title

[Document content]

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**Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC**
**All rights reserved.**
```

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4. Removing or Altering Copyright Notices

4.1 Prohibited

You MAY NOT:

- ☒ Remove copyright notices from any files
- ☒ Alter copyright notices
- ☒ Replace copyright notices with your own
- ☒ Claim authorship of the software

Removing or altering copyright notices is a license violation.

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 4 (Restrictions) and `LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md` Section 7.

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5. Third-Party Code

5.1 Third-Party Components

Third-party code retains its own copyright notices:

- Third-party libraries maintain their own copyright
- Third-party code is governed by its own license
- Do not remove third-party copyright notices

See `LEGAL/CREDITS.md` for third-party attributions.

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6. Enforcement

6.1 License Violation

Removing or altering copyright notices:

- Constitutes a license violation
- May result in license termination
- May result in legal action

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

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7. Questions

7.1 Copyright Questions

If you have questions about copyright notices:

- Email: jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com
- Subject: Copyright Notice Inquiry
- See `LEGAL/COMPLIANCE_FAQ.md` for common questions

Summary

Key Points:

1. **All files must include copyright notices**
2. **Copyright notices must not be removed or altered**
3. **Standard format: "Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC"**
4. **Removing copyright notices is a license violation**

This ensures proper attribution and protects intellectual property rights.

Related Documents

- `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` – Commercial license terms (Section 4: Restrictions)
- `LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md` – Enforcement procedures
- `LEGAL/COMPLIANCE_FAQ.md` – Frequently asked questions
- `LICENSE` – AGPL-3.0 license text

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