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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/Desk 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