

# Fox ML Infrastructure — License Enforcement & Compliance

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**Enforcement Alignment:** This document describes enforcement procedures that align with remedies set forth in `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md`. This document does not introduce new rights, penalties, fines, damages, or obligations beyond those defined in `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md`.

This document outlines license enforcement procedures, compliance requirements, and what to expect if you use FoxML Core in production or for commercial purposes.

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## 1. Overview

**FoxML Core is dual-licensed:** - **AGPL-3.0** — For non-commercial academic and personal research use - **Commercial License** — Required for any organizational, commercial, or production use

**If you use this software in production, you MUST have a commercial license.**

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## 2. Production Use Requirements

### 2.1 What Requires a Commercial License

**You MUST purchase a commercial license if you:**

- Use FoxML Core in any business, organization, or institution
- Deploy the software internally for operational purposes
- Use it for trading, investment analysis, or financial decision-making
- Integrate it into proprietary systems or workflows
- Use it in any revenue-generating activity
- Modify it for internal commercial use
- Deploy it in production environments
- Use it to provide services to third parties

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` and `LEGAL/CLA.md` for detailed terms.

### 2.2 Production Use Notification

**If you are using FoxML Core in production, you must:**

1. **Purchase a commercial license** — Contact [jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com)
2. **Complete the compliance form** — See `LEGAL/PRODUCTION_USE_NOTIFICATION.md`
3. **Maintain license compliance** — Ensure all use is covered by your license

**Failure to obtain a commercial license for production use is a violation of the AGPL-3.0 license terms.**

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## 3. Fork Notification Requirements

### 3.1 Internal Forks

**If you fork this repository internally:**

- You must have a commercial license
- Internal forks are permitted under commercial license terms
- You must maintain copyright notices and license headers
- You may not redistribute or publish your fork

### 3.2 Public Forks

**If you create a public fork:**

- You must comply with AGPL-3.0 requirements
- You must maintain all copyright notices
- You must include the original LICENSE file
- You must disclose all modifications if deployed over a network
- **Commercial use of public forks still requires a commercial license**

See `DUAL_LICENSE.md` for details on dual licensing.

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## 4. SaaS / Hosted Service Restrictions

### 4.1 Prohibited Use

**You MAY NOT:**

- Host FoxML Core as a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) without explicit written permission
- Provide it as a Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) without a commercial license
- Offer hosted access to third parties without a commercial license
- Create multi-tenant hosted environments without a commercial license

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

### 4.2 SaaS Licensing

**If you want to offer FoxML Core as a hosted service:**

- Contact [jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com) for custom licensing terms
  - SaaS deployments require separate commercial agreements
  - Pricing is based on usage, scale, and deployment model
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## 5. Compliance Verification

### 5.1 Audit Rights

**Fox ML Infrastructure LLC reserves the right to:**

- Audit license compliance (see LEGAL/CLA.md Section 13)
- Verify production use and deployment
- Request compliance documentation
- Terminate licenses for non-compliance

**Audits are conducted with 30 days' written notice and are limited to compliance verification.**

## 5.2 Self-Reporting

**If you discover non-compliance:**

- Contact jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com immediately (within 24 hours of discovery)
- Self-reporting within 30 days of the violation may result in reduced penalties (typically limited to payment of retroactive licensing fees plus a compliance fee of up to 25% of the retroactive fees, rather than full enforcement actions)
- **Retroactive payment required:** If you have used the Software commercially without a license, you must pay retroactive licensing fees for the entire period of unauthorized commercial use, calculated from the date commercial use began
- We will work with you to achieve compliance
- Retroactive licensing is available for the period of non-compliance, subject to payment of applicable fees (including retroactive fees) and execution of a commercial license agreement
- **No free trial:** There is no grace period or “free trial” for commercial use. Payment is required from the first day of commercial use

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## 6. Enforcement Procedures

### 6.1 Violation Detection

**Violations may be detected through:**

- Public code audits
- GitHub fork analysis
- Compliance audits
- Self-reporting
- Third-party reports

### 6.2 Enforcement Steps

**If a violation is detected:**

1. **Initial contact** — We will contact you in writing (via email) to discuss compliance within 10 business days of detection
2. **Remediation period** — You will have 30 days from the date of initial contact to achieve compliance (or such longer period as we may agree in writing)
3. **License purchase** — You may purchase a commercial license retroactively for the period of non-compliance, subject to payment of applicable fees
4. **Termination** — Continued non-compliance after the remediation period, or material violations (such as willful infringement, unauthorized distribution, or SaaS hosting without permission), may result in immediate license termination and enforcement action

**We prefer to resolve violations through licensing rather than legal action.**

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## **7. Common Violations**

### **7.1 Typical Violations**

**Common license violations include:**

- Using FoxML Core in production without a commercial license
- Hosting as SaaS without permission
- Removing copyright notices
- Redistributing without proper licensing
- Using in high-risk environments without authorization

### **7.2 How to Avoid Violations**

**To ensure compliance:**

- Purchase a commercial license before production use
  - Read and understand the license terms
  - Contact us with questions about your use case
  - Maintain copyright notices in all files
  - Do not redistribute or host as SaaS without permission
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## **8. Legal Consequences**

### **8.1 AGPL Violations**

**Violating AGPL-3.0 terms may result in:**

- Loss of license rights
- Requirement to cease use
- Potential copyright infringement claims
- Legal action for willful violations

### **8.2 Commercial License Violations**

**Violating commercial license terms may result in:**

- Immediate license termination
  - Loss of access to updates and support
  - Potential breach of contract claims
  - Legal action for material breaches
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## 9. Getting Help

### 9.1 Questions About Compliance

If you have questions about compliance:

- Email: jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com
- Subject: License Compliance Inquiry
- Include: Your use case, deployment model, and organization size

### 9.2 Purchasing a License

To purchase a commercial license:

- See LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md for pricing
  - Email: jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com
  - Subject: Commercial License Request
  - Include: Organization name, size, and use case
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## 10. Summary

**Key Points:**

1. **Production use requires a commercial license**
2. **SaaS hosting requires explicit permission**
3. **Forks must maintain copyright notices**
4. **Compliance audits may be conducted**
5. **Self-reporting is encouraged**
6. **We prefer licensing over legal action**

This document is designed to help you understand compliance requirements and avoid violations. If you have questions, contact us.

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### Related Documents

- COMMERCIAL\_LICENSE.md — Commercial license terms
  - LEGAL/CLA.md — Commercial License Agreement
  - DUAL\_LICENSE.md — Dual licensing overview
  - LEGAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS.md — Pricing and licensing process
  - LEGAL/PRODUCTION\_USE\_NOTIFICATION.md — Production use notification form
  - LEGAL/COMPLIANCE\_FAQ.md — Frequently asked compliance questions
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