

Recommended Engineering Practices

DO NOT

- Remove or in any way disturb existing licensing or copyright information.
- Rename open source modules or components.
- Copy/paste open source code into proprietary or third party source code or vice versa without proper approval. Follow your company's policy.
- Commit open source or third party code source into an internal product source tree without prior approval. Follow your company's policy.
- Merge or mix source code incoming under different licenses without prior approval. These instances are reviewed on a case-by-case basis due to the implications with respect to license compatibility and the arguments that could be made with respect to what is considered a derivative work. Follow your company's policy.
- Discuss compliance practices with individuals outside of your company.

DO

- Request approval to use open source software before you commit the code into the product repo.
- Request approval before you link proprietary code to an open source library or vice versa. Follow your company's policy.
- Update the changelog for every file you modify to reflect the date of change, the author, and a short 1 line description of the change applied.
- Document the interfaces between any code you are writing as it helps understand the interactions and clarify compliance concerns.
- Save the web page documenting the license of the source code package you downloaded, and save a mint copy of the package in a backup location.
- Verify that the license of the open source software you are about to upgrade is the same as the current version you are using . License changes can occur between versions.
- Verify that the license in the source code package matches that described on the project web site. In the event of discrepancy, contact the project for clarification.