## [**https://github.com/minio/minio/issues/21609**](https://github.com/minio/minio/issues/21609)

## **AGPL license shows every time I load the web console**

The AGPL banner appears only because you’re using MinIO Community Edition (CE), which is open-source under AGPL v3.

To avoid this, you have two main options:

1️. Use MinIO Enterprise Edition (EE)

Paid version of MinIO.

Includes all enterprise features:

Multi-cluster management

Advanced monitoring

Active Directory/LDAP integration

WORM (Write Once Read Many)

Tiering, replication, and observability tools

License key removes AGPL banner automatically.

Pros:

Fully supported

No legal obligations of AGPL

Access to enterprise features

Cons:

Paid subscription

Needs license renewal

2️. Don’t use CE for public-facing services

If you must use Community Edition, AGPL rules require:

You inform users of AGPL license.

You provide source code if you modify MinIO.

If your MinIO server is only for internal use in your company, AGPL banner is not a legal problem, but it will still appear in the UI. There’s no way to remove it legally unless you switch to Enterprise Edition.

Conclusion

Option Banner License Compliance - Cost

MinIO CE (Community) - Always shows Must follow AGPL - Free

MinIO EE (Enterprise) Removed - Proprietary license - Paid