CatsAI Model License

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This licence covers the CatsAI model files only. The sample code and the third-party files in a kit keep their own licences (see `LICENSE` and `NOTICE` in the kit).

In short: trying the model is free, on any machine. Using it for actual work needs a paid licence for each machine it is installed on.

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1. Definitions

- **Model**: the model weight files that the `NOTICE` file of a CatsAI kit lists as covered by this licence, and every Derivative Model.
- **Derivative Model**: any model made from the Model, for example by fine-tuning, quantising, converting to another format, merging, or training another model on the Model's outputs in order to reproduce it.
- **Machine**: any physical or virtual machine on which the Model is installed or run, such as a personal computer, a workstation or a server. Each physical machine and each virtual machine counts as one Machine.
- **Evaluation**: trying the Model in order to decide whether and how to use it. This includes testing, measuring, and developing and testing software that uses the Model, as long as neither the Model nor its output is used for actual work.
- **Business Use**: any use of the Model or its output in the actual work of a company or other organisation, in its operations, products or services, including internal use, whether or not money is charged for it.
- **Machine Licence**: a paid licence from CatsAI that allows Business Use of the Model on one Machine.
- **You**: the person or organisation using the Model.

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2. Free use

You may, free of charge:

1. use the Model for Evaluation on any Machine;
2. use the Model on any Machine for personal, educational or academic research purposes that are not Business Use.

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3. Business use

Business Use of the Model requires a Machine Licence for every Machine on which the Model is installed or run. It makes no difference what kind of Machine it is: a development computer that is used for actual work needs a Machine Licence in the same way as a server. Fees and terms of the Machine Licence are agreed with CatsAI separately: https://catsai.agency/contact

If you build the Model into a product or service that runs on your customers' machines, each of those Machines needs a Machine Licence, bought either by you or by your customer.

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4. Copies and Derivative Models

You may copy and redistribute the Model, and make and redistribute Derivative Models, on these conditions:

1. you pass on this licence and the kit's `LICENSE` and `NOTICE` files unchanged, and say what you changed;
2. everyone who receives the Model or a Derivative Model from you is bound by this licence, including section 3;
3. you do not charge for the Model itself, and you do not grant anyone the right to Business Use. Only CatsAI grants Machine Licences.

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5. Other parts of the kit

The Model is built on third-party work that is named in `NOTICE` and is used under its own licence. Nothing in this licence limits rights you have under those licences to the original third-party work. CatsAI claims no rights in the text, audio or other output you produce with the Model.

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6. No warranty

The Model is provided "as is", without warranty of any kind, express or implied, including fitness for a particular purpose and non-infringement. The Model can make mistakes; You are responsible for checking its output and for how You use it.

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7. Limitation of liability

To the extent the law allows, CatsAI is not liable for any damage arising from the use of the Model or the inability to use it. Where liability cannot be excluded, it is limited to the Machine Licence fees You paid to CatsAI for the Model in the twelve months before the damage occurred.

8. Termination

Your rights under this licence end automatically if You break its terms. You must then stop using the Model and delete your copies. If You put things right within 30 days of learning of the breach, including paying for any use that needed a Machine Licence, your rights are restored.

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9. General

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