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AI Open Source Software OSS License Compliance Flow

AI-assisted workflow to identify and mitigate copyleft risks in codebases.

Automate discovery of OSS licenses and flags with auditable, human-reviewed decisions.

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OSS License Discovery & Flagging

AI can scan dependency graphs and license metadata to identify copyleft risks. Treat AI suggestions as inputs to human review.

Key move **Start with a small repository; iterate weekly.**

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

01	Automate SBOM generation from package manifests (package.json, pom.xml, requirements.txt, go.mod) to catalog licenses.
02	Run AI-powered license scanning to map licenses to dependencies (including transitive ones).
03	Flag strong copyleft licenses (GPL-2/3, AGPL, LGPL) in direct or transitive dependencies.
04	Highlight license compatibility risks with proprietary IP and distribution models.
05	Store audit-ready license logs with a timestamp and reviewer.

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Roles, Guardrails, and Metrics

This page defines ownership and approval gates to keep AI-driven checks compliant. Establish weekly cadence to review and adjust policies.

Key move **Assign a single License Owner per project and lock down review gates.**

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

01	Roles: Legal Liaison, Engineering License Owner, and AI Tool Steward assigned per project.
02	Data inputs: SBOM, package manifests, license databases, license metadata, and prompts history.
03	Approvals: legal sign-off required for flagged licenses before any code changes.
04	Guardrails: no automatic code modification; maintain auditable logs and reviewer notes■
05	Metrics: time-to-decision, coverage, false positives, and prevented licensing risk.
06	Adoption plan: Week 1 map projects; Week 2 run scans; Week 3 gating reviews; Week 4 scale.
07	Risks: licensing ambiguities, vendor lock-in, and AI prompt drift.

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Measurement, Approvals, and Next Steps

Define success metrics and reporting cadence to show tangible risk reduction. Align policy with product needs and security standards.

Key move **Keep licenses aligned with proprietary IP by enforcing human-in-the-loop.**

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

01	Assign clear ownership and quarterly policy reviews for updates in response to new licenses.
02	Document data sources and AI prompts to ensure reproducibility and auditability.
03	Require legal sign-off for all flagged components before any release or build.
04	Track metrics: time-to-decision, coverage, false positives, and licensing risk prevented.
05	Plan phased rollout: start with one project, then scale to teams over 4–6 weeks.
06	Maintain guardrails: prevent auto-remediation without human oversight.

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ABOUT THE CREATOR

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I build AI systems that combine distributed architecture, retrieval, knowledge graphs, security, and practical workflow design. My focus is AI that can be used repeatedly by real teams: understandable, reliable, and grounded in the work people already do.

EXPERTISE

- Principal systems architecture and applied AI engineering
- Production-grade AI systems, agentic workflows, RAG, and knowledge graphs
- Full-stack workflow applications across AWS, Google Cloud, Azure, on-premise, and hybrid environments
- Practical AI implementation patterns for automotive, manufacturing, finance, logistics, cybersecurity, sales, and customer operations
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