ai-free.io

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Principle

The ai-free label stands for creative and technical works that are produced without the use of generative artificial intelligence (“Generative AI”). Its purpose is to create transparency, strengthen trust in human-made work, and protect authentic human creativity and craftsmanship.

By using the label, creators voluntarily commit to complying with the principles and rules outlined in this Code of Conduct.

2. Definition of “AI-Free”

“AI-Free” means that no generative artificial intelligence systems were used to create, substantially generate, or materially alter the final work.

This applies to the following categories:

Literature & Texts

No use of Large Language Models or AI writing systems, including but not limited to:

- ChatGPT
- Claude
- Gemini
- Jasper
- Sudowrite
- or similar systems

This includes:

- generating text passages
- rewriting or paraphrasing substantial parts
- AI-assisted storytelling or ideation that directly influences the final wording

Allowed:

- spelling correction
- grammar checking
- formatting tools
- purely technical editing assistance
- Images & Illustrations

Images & Illustration

No use of generative image systems, including but not limited to:

- Midjourney
- Stable Diffusion
- DALL·E
- Adobe Firefly
- or similar systems

Not allowed:

- AI-generated imagery
- AI-generated textures or backgrounds
- AI inpainting or object generation
- AI-based image synthesis
- Music & Audio

Music & Audio

No use of AI-generated music, vocals, compositions, or synthetic voice systems, including but not limited to:

- Suno
- Udio
- AIVA
- Vocaloid AI systems
- AI voice cloning tools
- or similar systems

Not allowed:

- AI-generated melodies or harmonies
- AI-created instrumentals
- AI-generated lyrics
- synthetic singing voices
- cloned voices or deepfake vocals

Allowed:

- traditional audio mastering
- equalization
- compression
- noise reduction
- non-generative studio effects
- Software & Code

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Software & Code

No use of generative AI coding systems to create substantial portions of source code, including but not limited to:

- GitHub Copilot
- ChatGPT
- Claude Code
- Cursor AI
- Gemini Code Assist
- or similar systems

Not allowed:

- AI-generated code blocks
- AI-written algorithms
- AI-generated software architecture
- AI-assisted code completion that materially contributes to the final implementation

Allowed:

- syntax highlighting
- linting
- formatting tools
- static analysis
- debugging tools that do not generate original code
- Video

Video

No use of AI-generated video content or synthetic media, including:

- AI-generated scenes
- deepfake technology
- AI avatars
- text-to-video systems
- AI-generated animation sequences

Allowed:

- traditional editing
- color grading
- stabilization
- subtitle generation
- compression and rendering tools

3. Permitted Tools (Technical Aids)

The use of classical, non-generative tools is explicitly permitted.

This includes in particular:

- Image Editing
- Photoshop (without generative features)
- Lightroom
- Capture One
- Affinity Photo
- Audio Production
- Logic Pro
- Pro Tools
- Ableton Live
- Audacity
- Video Editing
- Premiere Pro
- DaVinci Resolve
- Final Cut Pro
- Software Development
- Visual Studio Code
- IntelliJ IDEA
- Sublime Text
- traditional IDEs and compilers
- General Technical Assistance
- autocorrection
- presets
- equalizers
- denoising
- compression
- automation scripts
- non-generative statistical optimizations

Provided that these tools do not generate new creative content autonomously.

4. Grey Areas & Boundaries

The distinction between technical assistance and generative AI can sometimes be unclear.

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Not Allowed

- Generative Fill in Photoshop
- AI-generated backgrounds
- AI-created code suggestions copied into production
- AI-generated melodies or lyrics
- AI voice cloning
- AI-created story structures or dialogue
- text-to-image, text-to-code, text-to-music, or text-to-video generation

Allowed

- technical restoration
- stabilization
- denoising
- color correction
- mastering
- formatting
- syntax checking
- spellchecking
- performance optimization tools that do not generate original creative output

The decisive criterion is whether the tool merely enhances existing human-created material or independently generates new expressive content.

5. Self-Commitment & Transparency

By using the label, creators confirm in good faith that their submitted work complies with this Code of Conduct.

The responsibility for truthful representation lies solely with the creator or rights holder using the label.

False, misleading, or deceptive use of the label may result in:

- revocation of the label
- removal from the ai-free community
- public disassociation from the project

The label may only be used in connection with genuinely AI-free works.

6. Verification & Community Trust

ai-free.io operates on a principle of transparency and community trust.
Random spot checks may be conducted where appropriate.
Community members may anonymously report suspected misuse of the label.
ai-free.io reserves the right to request reasonable clarification regarding workflows or production methods where concerns arise.

The goal is not surveillance or policing, but the preservation of trust and integrity within the creative community.

7. Intellectual Property & Rights

All copyrights, moral rights, trademarks, and related intellectual property rights remain exclusively with the original creators and rights holders.

The ai-free label does not transfer ownership, licensing rights, or legal authorship.

Creators are solely responsible for ensuring that:

- they possess all necessary rights to the work,
- their work does not infringe third-party rights,
- and their use of the label complies with applicable laws and regulations.

8. Disclaimer of Liability

ai-free.io provides the label as a voluntary transparency initiative and does not guarantee or certify legal compliance, copyright ownership, or absolute absence of AI involvement.

ai-free.io shall not be liable for:

- false claims made by users,
- misuse of the label,
- third-party disputes,
- or damages arising from reliance on label usage.

Use of the label is at the creator's own responsibility.

9. Future Adaptation

As AI technologies evolve rapidly, this Code of Conduct may be updated or expanded over time to reflect new technological, legal, and ethical developments.

Continued use of the label constitutes acceptance of the most current version of the Code of Conduct.