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SECTION	Project and Releases
TYPE	Reference
PROTOCOL	AIP 1.0
SOURCE	docs/reference/licensing.md

Review the exact use, organization, affiliates, distribution, and applicable version with qualified counsel when the answer affects production or redistribution.

Start with the controlling files

Material	Controlling source
AIP-owned material in AIP Core 1.0.0	Root <code>LICENSE</code> , with attribution context in <code>NOTICE</code>
Imported Model Context Protocol schema snapshots	<code>THIRD_PARTY_NOTICES</code> and <code>third_party/modelcontextprotocol/LICENSE</code>
Rust and Python dependencies included in a built artifact	Each dependency's applicable license and notices, evaluated for the exact artifact closure
Separate documentation frontend	That repository's own legal files or an explicit grant from its owner

The reviewed documentation frontend has no root `LICENSE`, `NOTICE`, or `THIRD_PARTY_NOTICES`. This page therefore describes AIP Core source terms; it does not assign those terms to the separate website or its assets.

Identify the AIP Core license

Parameter	Recorded value
License	Business Source License 1.1
SPDX identifier used by the workspace	<code>BUSL-1.1</code>
Licenser	WAI LLC
Licensed Work	AIP Core 1.0.0
Copyright	Copyright 2026 WAI LLC
Production-use threshold	Total Personnel must not exceed 10
Transition after first exceeding the threshold	90 calendar days
Change Date	2030-07-21
Change License	Apache License, Version 2.0

The root Cargo workspace declares `BUSL-1.1`. The CrewAI sidecar project also declares `BUSL-1.1`. The legal-file set is identical at the `v1.0.0` tag and at the pinned documentation review revision.

The Business Source License notice states that it is not an Open Source license before its change condition applies.

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- you, when the license user is a natural person;
- all employees and officers of you or any Affiliate;
- every natural-person independent contractor or consultant who provides

services to you or an Affiliate;

- full-time and part-time people;
- each natural person once.

An Affiliate is an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with you. Control means either more than 50 percent of voting interests or the power to direct management.

Do not count only the team that operates AIP. The definition is organization- and affiliate-wide.

3. Apply the threshold

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- self-hosted use;
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Apply the change condition per version

For a specific version, the Change License takes effect on the earlier of:

- its stated Change Date; or
- the fourth anniversary of the first publicly available distribution of that

version under the Business Source License.

For AIP Core 1.0.0, the stated date is 2030-07-21 and the Change License is Apache License 2.0. The license applies separately to each version, and another version may have a different Change Date.

Do not calculate the effective date from the source tag alone. If the version was publicly available before the recorded release date, the fourth-anniversary condition could occur earlier. Preserve the actual distribution history and review it with the controlling text.

Keep imported MCP material separate

The repository retains four byte-pinned Model Context Protocol JSON Schema snapshots from upstream revision 433d59ca12c6637a072a9de24e74f37d9f135854.

Snapshot	SHA-256
2024-11-05	61cea2392d4f284092d09bc84b9ac488c0d5618ac2b38a56942fc5b99fd960ce
2025-03-26	e720669548c8100a4282c49e580efd6ddf7f28899ea786fc8db251dbdb356131
2025-06-18	b3db8f1ca839bc5171ceb4ba013fdf240c5a8a13d4653bb1bdf21f94677aa220
2025-11-25	7b2d96fd95efd2216aa953606b83f5a740ddeaa5ebd3a5d27b45a8296545a118

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0382b0057770ca05e9c350a50aa3b1c1fea84da0bc81d723bf00b9aa841be58a. Keep it and the applicable notices with redistributions of the imported material.

Review dependency licenses for each distribution

The Rust dependency policy allows these identifiers:

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TEXT
Apache-2.0, BSD-2-Clause, BSD-3-Clause, CDLA-Permissive-2.0,
ISC, MIT, MIT-0, Unicode-3.0, Zlib
```

The release gate runs `cargo deny check`. Its configuration ignores the licenses of private workspace packages and checks dependency licenses against the allowlist. Publication hygiene separately checks the root Business Source License parameters and the CrewAI sidecar's declared license.

These checks are useful controls, but they do not make THIRD_PARTY_NOTICES a complete notice bundle for every binary, container, Rust dependency, or Python dependency. Before distributing an artifact:

1. resolve the exact dependency closure for every platform and optional

feature included in that artifact;

2. collect the applicable license texts, copyright notices, attribution, and source-offer obligations;
3. include the MCP schema notices when those snapshots are distributed;
4. compare the result with the artifact's SBOM and lockfiles;
5. retain the compliance output with the exact artifact digest.

A passing dependency policy is not legal approval for a specific distribution.

Verify the retained legal files

The reviewed files have these SHA-256 identities:

File	SHA-256
LICENSE	bcd69f392245a1d9034dfab46820305bbd4879ad847cbc0a57a2c10b6c bc7f8e
NOTICE	80a65f6645ca65fe2dd90db75cb9e7faac6a710586b10d7d27d3035675 ecf7c6
THIRD_PARTY_NOTICES	f392a969141fbad414b8e6c663c676b557e38972cff5371295ade6c77f c27782
third_party/modelcontextprotocol/LICENSE	0382b0057770ca05e9c350a50aa3b1c1fea84da0bc81d723bf00b9aa84 1be58a

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Complete the usage review

Before approving a use or distribution, record:

- the exact AIP Core version, commit, artifact digest, and material in scope;
- whether the use is production or non-production;
- the Total Personnel calculation, Affiliates included, calculation date, and

reviewer;

- any threshold-crossing date and the 90-day transition deadline;
- the commercial-license identity, when applicable;
- the controlling root and third-party license files and their checksums;
- dependency notices and SBOM for the exact distributed artifact;
- trademark or logo use reviewed separately from copyright permissions;
- the applicable change condition for that specific AIP version.

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