

OPENJS FOUNDATION
POLICY ON USE OF AI CODING ASSISTANTS

OpenJS Foundation recognizes the value that AI agents, assistants and other tools (collectively, “AI Assistants”) can bring to code development when properly used and documented. This policy provides a framework for acceptable use of AI Assistants for purposes of code development and submission. By making a submission to a project hosted by OpenJS Foundation, the submitter agrees to all of the terms of this policy, whether or not their project requires the sign-off on a Developers Certificate of Origin (DCO).

Foundational Principal: This policy is based upon the principle that every code submitter remains responsible for their submission, regardless of the manner or degree to which they employ AI Assistants.

Licensing and Legal Requirements: All AI-assisted submissions must comply with the licensing requirements of the project to which the submission is made.

Signed-off-by and Developer Certificate of Origin (DCO): AI Assistants must not add Signed-off-by tags. Only humans can certify a DCO.

Duty of Care: The human submitter is responsible for:

- Reviewing AI Assistant-generated code
- Ensuring compliance with licensing requirements
- Adding their own Signed-off-by tag to certify the DCO where a DCO is required
- Taking responsibility for the submission

Attribution: When AI Assistants contribute to code development, proper attribution is strongly recommended for transparency as well as to help track the evolving role of AI in the development process. Submissions should therefore include an appropriate Assisted-by AI tag, identifying the AI Assistants used.

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