Terms and Conditions for Software License Agreements, Appliances and Services of Exasol

Exasol’s quotes and offers for software licenses (subscription), Appliances and/or the provision of services are subject to the following Terms and Conditions (“T&C”) in addition to the provisions and service descriptions in the quote. When and insofar as provisions in the quote deviate from those in the T&C, such provisions in the quote shall take precedence over the T&C. Upon acceptance of the offer in the quote (“Agreement”) by the customer (“Customer”; Exasol and Customer individually “Party” and collectively the “Parties”) or upon inclusion as an annex to an agreement, these T&C become part of the Agreement.

For Exasol’s quotes for Software evaluation the present T&C do not apply. For Software evaluation, the special Terms and Conditions for Software Evaluation (PoC) apply exclusively.

In these T&C, the term “Exasol” refers to the Exasol company mentioned in the quote (Exasol AG, Exasol Europa Vertriebs GmbH or Exasol Schweiz AG).


1.1. Application of the Contractual Terms and Conditions

For Agreements with Exasol as well as for pre-contractual obligations, these T&C shall apply exclusively. Customer’s general terms and conditions (or similar) shall not apply, even if they are attached to requests for an offer, orders, declarations of acceptance, etc., and regardless of whether or not Exasol expressly objects to them in any individual case. They shall only apply insofar as they have been explicitly accepted by Exasol in writing. The services specified in these T&C form only part of the Agreement if the provisions of the respective services is explicitly agreed upon between the Parties. Special individual agreements or other written agreements between Exasol and the Customer shall be reserved and shall take precedence over these T&C.

1.2. Confidentiality and Data Protection

1.2.1. The Parties hereby agree to treat all information, including but not limited to software, documents, presentations, etc. as confidential, of which they became aware or received from the other Party prior to the conclusion of or during the term of the contract which are protected by law, which evidently contain business or company secrets or are marked as confidential, notwithstanding the expiration of the contract, unless such information is publicly known in the absence of a breach of this confidentiality obligation (“Confidential Information”). The Parties hereby agree to store and secure all Confidential Information in a manner as to prevent any unauthorized access by third parties.

1.2.2. The Parties will make Confidential Information available only to those employees (including employees of their affiliates) and other third parties who require access to perform their job-related duties (“need to know”). The receiving Party shall instruct these persons regarding the confidentiality of the objects and documents in question and have written agreements in place which ensure the observance of this confidentiality obligation. Access to third parties shall not be permitted except with the express written consent of the disclosing Party.

1.2.3. Exasol processes the necessary customer data relevant for business transactions with due consideration of the applicable data protection regulations.

1.3. Remuneration, Terms of Payment

1.3.1. The license fee for any Software, the purchase price for any Appliance, and the fee for any Services will be set forth in the Agreement. Unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement, payment obligations are due in full immediately after Customer’s receipt of invoice and are payable within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. If Customer delays acceptance without cause, the subscription fee, the purchase price for the Appliance and support service fees (e.g. for operational tasks or individual consulting service) are due and payable even though the Software/service was not provided. Unless otherwise agreed, subscription fees, and fees for permanent services are payable in advance at the beginning of the agreed accounting period (e.g. yearly, quarterly etc.). In the case of Services, Exasol shall be entitled to demand a down payment up to 50 % of the ordered service from the Customer. Exasol is entitled to issue partial invoices for services at any time after performance. All payment obligations are to be fulfilled per wire transfer.

1.3.2. Exasol’s price quotations are exclusive of any statutory value added tax (VAT). Unless expressly agreed otherwise, prices quoted for services are to be understood plus any travel costs and expenses incurred.

1.3.3. Only claims which are undisputed by Exasol or have become final and legally binding may be offset from Customer. Except for claims in connection with Section 354a HGB of the German Commercial Code / Art. 166 OR of the Swiss Code of Obligations, Customer may not assign, delegate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this contract without the prior written consent of Exasol. Customer shall only have a right of retention or the right to claim non-performance of the contract within this contractual relationship.

1.4. Limitation of Liability and Exclusion

1.4.1. In case German law applies: Exasol is only liable for compensation and reimbursement for expenses (including, without limitation, lost profits, lost expenses, etc.) irrespective of the legal basis (e.g. pre-contractual, contractual and similar obligations, product liability, violation of duty or tort) to the following extent:

a) Liability based on intent or guarantees given by Exasol shall be without limitation.
b) In the event of gross negligence, Exasol shall be liable for typical, and upon the conclusion of the contract foreseeable damage.

c) In case of a breach of cardinal duties (such as default) that endangers the purpose of the contract and which does not constitute gross negligence, Exasol shall be held liable only for such damage which is typical for this kind of business and was foreseeable upon the execution of the Agreement, but to the maximum amount of 50 % of the yearly subscription fee per claim and 100 % of the yearly subscription fee for all claims from and in connection with the contract overall.

In case Swiss law applies: Exasol is only liable for compensation to the following extent:

a) The liability for direct and immediate damages arising from or in connection with these T&C or the improper performance of the contract is limited in total to the remuneration paid by Customer.

b) All claims of Customer for compensation for damage that has not occurred to the subject matter of the contract itself, such as compensation for loss of production, loss of use, loss of business or customers, loss of profit, loss of goodwill or of a business matter, claims of third parties or compensation for indirect and consequential damage, irrespective of the legal grounds (contractual, or non-contractual) on which such damage is based, are waived and excluded, insofar as mandatory provisions under product liability law do not conflict with this.

c) This/These limitation and exclusion of liability shall not apply in the event of gross negligence or intent on the part of Exasol. Therefore, any liability for damages caused by slight or medium negligence is hereby excluded.

1.4.2. Exasol is entitled to claim contributory and self-inflicted negligence of Customer. In particular, Customer has the responsibility to backup data taking into account the value and relevance of the data for Customer’s business and the responsibility for blocking of malware in accordance with the latest technical standards.

1.4.3. In case of injuries to life, body, and health, of claims pursuant to Swiss tort law and of claims of any other mandatory legal provisions (i.a. possible mandatory claims under the German Product Liability Act), the statutory provisions shall apply without restrictions.

1.5. Reselling / End User Terms

If an end user rents the Software through a license agreement (“License”) with an authorized Exasol partner company (“Reseller”), these T&C shall apply in addition to the License, unless expressly provided otherwise in the License. If the end user purchases Exasol services, the following provisions shall apply in addition to the Service Agreement between the end user and the Reseller (“Service Agreement”). Unless expressly agreed otherwise, Exasol is (only) a subcontractor of the Reseller with respect to software maintenance and the provision of other services and there is no contractual relationship between Exasol and the end user. For the subcontracting relationship between Reseller and Exasol, these T&C shall apply mutatis mutandis, unless expressly agreed otherwise.

2. Supplementary Terms and Conditions for Software Rental (Subscription)

2.1. Definition of Software

“Software” means a software stack consisting of the Exasol Database Software and clients and drivers provided by Exasol as well as any modification, error correction, patch, bug fix etc. that Exasol makes available to the contractual partner in any form whatsoever. The Software, the product life cycle including end-of-life dates, its technical limitations and additional specifications are further described in certain documentation created and maintained by Exasol accessible at https://docs.exasol.com.

2.2. Extent of Use

2.2.1. With payment of the subscription fee Customer is granted a non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-sublicensable right to use the Software for one installation and to use Exasol Clients and Drivers. This right of use is limited in time pursuant to the agreed term in the Agreement and limited according to the parameters stated in the Agreement (raw data volume/DB RAM etc.). If only the parameters of an already existing license are extended, the use of this extension is limited to the already existing installation. Splitting the Software into more than one installation requires Exasol’s prior written consent. Unless otherwise agreed in the Agreement, the license can be used for commercial purposes. If and in as far as Customer is granted a Non-production License (i.e. Test, Development, Acceptance, Devops, Hot and Cold Standby License), then the commercial use of the Software is not permitted; the Software may then only be used for development, test, acceptance, or standby use purposes.

2.2.2. The Software shall not be rented, subleased or otherwise distributed in tangible or intangible form. The use by and for third parties (e.g. by outsourcing or application service providing) without prior consent of Exasol is not permitted. For drivers, Exasol may define deactivating license conditions, which shall take precedence over these T&C. The Software may be used by companies affiliated with the Customer pursuant to Section 15 et seq. of the German Stock Corporation Act (“Aktiengesetz”, hereinafter “AktG”) / pursuant to Swiss law (no third parties within the meaning of these T&C). Customer is obliged to contractually oblige the affiliated companies using the Software to comply with these T&C. Customer shall be liable to Exasol for violations of these T&C by its affiliated companies.

2.2.3. Without consent of Exasol, the Customer is not allowed to change, edit or copy the provided Software to an extent that is not in accordance with the designated use of Section 69d of the German Copyright Act (hereinafter “UrhG”) in case German law applies / in accordance with the legitimate use in case Swiss law applies. A decompilation is only permitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 69e UrhG (German law), respectively Art. 21 URG (Swiss law).
2.2.4. Software, code or related materials from third parties, including, without limitation, “open source” or “freeware” software that is distributed, provided with, or otherwise made use of by the Software (“Third Party Components”) may be licensed under additional or other license terms that accompany such Third Party Components, and Customer acknowledges and agrees that these accompanying license terms govern their use. Third Party Components and respective license terms are available in the installation package of the Software. Nothing in this Agreement limits Customer’s rights under, or grants Customer rights that supersede, the license terms that accompany any Third Party Components. If required by any license for a particular Third Party Component, Exasol makes the source code of such Third Party Component, and any of Exasol’s modifications to such Third Party Component, as required, available by written request to Exasol at the Exasol address provided in the Agreement.

2.2.5. In case of a breach of Sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 by the Customer, insofar that the Software was given to a non-authorized third party, Customer shall pay Exasol a contractual penalty in the amount of half the total amount the third party would have had to pay if the third party had licensed the Software directly from Exasol according to the then-current price list but at least to the amount of half of the contractual yearly subscription fee. The right to claim further damages is reserved.

2.2.6. Software Verification and Audit: At Exasol’s request, Customer will furnish Exasol with a certification signed by Customer’s authorized representative verifying that the Software is being used in accordance with the Agreement. Upon at least ten (10) days’ prior written notice, Exasol may audit Customer’s and/or its affiliates’ use of the Software to ensure compliance with the Agreement. Any such audits will be conducted during regular business hours at Customer’s (or its affiliates’ or service providers’) facilities (as the case may be), will not unreasonably interfere with Customer’s (or its affiliates’ or service providers’) business and will comply with Customer’s (or its affiliates’ or service providers’) reasonable security procedures. Customer will (and will ensure that its affiliates and service providers will) provide Exasol with reasonable access to all relevant records and facilities reasonably necessary to conduct the audit. If an audit reveals that Customer (or any affiliate of Customer) has exceeded the licensed capacity or the scope of Customer’s license grant during the period audited, then Exasol will invoice Customer, and Customer will promptly pay Exasol any underpaid fees based on Exasol’s price list in effect at the time the audit is completed. If the license fees payable for the excess usage exceed 10% of the license fees already paid by the Customer for the corresponding period, then Customer will also pay Exasol’s reasonable costs of conducting the audit.

2.3. Delivery
2.3.1. The delivery of the Software to Customer will be executed by mailing of the license key which authorizes the use of the downloadable Software or by installation by Exasol on Customer’s system in case installation service was agreed upon.
2.3.2. The Software is only provided in machine code (binary license), not in source code.
2.3.3. The user documentation for the Software is available for download by Customer on the homepage of Exasol in English language.

2.4. Material Defects
2.4.1. The Software’s characteristics and functions are conclusively described in the user documentation and the Agreement. The statements contained there are to be understood as specifications and not as a guarantee or warranty. A guarantee or warranty is only granted if it is clearly stated as such by written declaration by authorized representatives of Exasol.
2.4.2. The Software is fit for the contractually stipulated use; in case of a missing agreement regarding the contractual use, the Software is suitable for standard use. It meets the criteria of software of this kind and has the quality that is customary for this kind of software; however, it is agreed that it is not entirely error-free, which the Customer acknowledges. A functional impairment of the Software is fit for the contractually stipulated use; in case of a missing agreement regarding the contractual use, the Software is suitable for standard use. It meets the criteria of software of this kind and has the quality that is customary for this kind of software.

2.4.3. The Software’s characteristics and functions are conclusively described in the user documentation and the Agreement. The statements contained there are to be understood as specifications and not as a guarantee or warranty. A guarantee or warranty is only granted if it is clearly stated as such by written declaration by authorized representatives of Exasol.
2.4.4. Customer is obliged to immediately report defects after their discovery/occurrence and provide relevant information known to Customer that could help Exasol to identify the cause of the defect in question. In the event of a defect, Exasol may, at its own discretion, either rectify the defect or supply a replacement (Software which does not have the defect). Permissible rectification shall be deemed to be, at Exasol’s option, the elimination of the defect as well as circumvention of the defect (i.a. by providing the possibility to work around the effects of the defect). When remedying defects, at least three attempts at rectification or replacement delivery shall be accepted. An equivalent new program version or the equivalent previous program version without the defect shall be accepted by Customer as remedy as far as reasonable. If a new version of the Software is provided in exchange for an older version, the older version shall be destroyed or upon request handed over to Exasol.
2.4.5. In case of a subscription license (cf. also Section 2.7 below) the obligation for maintenance as part of the statutory warranty rights does not include the adjustments of the Software to changed operation conditions or technical and functional developments such as modification of the IT environment, in particular modification of the hardware, operating system, adjustments according to the functional scope of competing products or achieving compatibility with new data formats. Compensation, regardless of fault, for defects that already existed when the contract was signed is excluded (only relevant in case German law applies).
2.4.6. For defects in third party products (hardware and software; not applicable for appliance hardware) Exasol will assign to Customer, to the extent legally possible, those claims to which Exasol itself is entitled against the third party providers. Exasol’s liability for
defects due to defective third party products is limited to a reduction of the fee paid and respectively the rescission of the contract. Section 1.4 of these T&C remains unaffected thereby.

2.4.7. With the exception of compensation claims pursuant to German law and claims in tort pursuant to Art. 41 following of the Swiss Code of Obligations, warranty claims shall become statute-barred 12 months after delivery, unless the defect was fraudulently concealed or deceived about it. In the case that a license server is provided or the installation is performed by Exasol, the warranty period starts with actual delivery at the place of delivery; in the case of an Internet download (after sending the license key), the warranty period starts after the log-in credentials for the download have been unlocked.

2.5. **Defects of Title**
Exasol will indemnify Customer against third party claims which may be brought against Customer in connection with the contractual use of the Software. Customer will immediately inform Exasol of any third party claims asserted (in particular, inform Exasol of measures to be taken for legal prosecution and legal defense) and give Exasol the opportunity to initiate proceedings against the third party/parties. Further, Exasol will either provide Customer at its discretion with a license, deliver a suitable substitute or modify the Software so that third party rights are not violated.

2.6. **Initial Sizing – Performance Influencing Factors**
Recommendations – if any – regarding initial sizing of the license and hardware were made to Exasol’s best knowledge and based on the conditions and influencing performance factors at the moment the recommendation was made. Customer acknowledges that the Software is a complex data base, whose performance values depend on various factors (e.g. hardware environment, other environmental conditions, data model and query structure, data volume, etc.). Every change of such a factor may affect the performance values, thus Exasol cannot and doesn’t provide any guarantee for specific performance of the Software, in particular if respective factors were subsequently changed. If Customer wishes advice and assistance regarding the performance related to current system conditions, Exasol offers Performance Service or Professional Services.

2.7. **Maintenance (Instandhaltung), Duration, Termination**
2.7.1. Within the scope of software subscription, software maintenance is generally part of the software subscription agreement, without a separate service agreement being concluded. The details of the maintenance are specified in the Service Description. Maintenance is a mandatory part of the software subscription agreement and can only be terminated together with the software subscription agreement. Otherwise, the services are determined according to the booked support level.
2.7.2. Section 3.2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the term and termination of agreements for software subscription and maintenance.
2.7.3. After termination of the subscription agreement, any right to use the Software shall expire and the Customer has to return the license server – if received –, as well as other data mediums or backup copies created. In addition, Customer has to uninstall the Software and to delete irreversibly any parts of the Software remaining in the IT system. Upon request of Exasol, Customer has to confirm compliance with the aforementioned duties in written form.

2.8. **Special Terms and Conditions for Appliances**
2.8.1. Definition: An Appliance is a configured system consisting of the Software installed on a server cluster of the manufacturer Dell (“Hardware”).
2.8.2. Delivery: Instead of Section 2.3.1 the following provision shall apply: The delivery of the Appliance to Customer will be executed according to a separate agreement of the Parties. As soon as Exasol knows the possible delivery date of the hardware manufacturer, Exasol will communicate with Customer.
2.8.3. Shipment and retention of title: Unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement, the Hardware/Appliance will be shipped at the expense and risk of Customer. The risk will be transferred to the Customer as soon as the Hardware/Appliance is handed over to the carrier. Exasol retains ownership of the Hardware until full payment of the agreed purchase price.
2.8.4. Hardware defects: Exasol assigns to Customer all claims and rights due to defects in the Hardware as well as any additional warranty claims against the manufacturer who supplied the Hardware. So far as the Customer has claims against the manufacturer or a third party based on own rights (e.g. based on incorrect advice of the manufacturer), the Customer is obliged to primarily enforce these rights. Apart from that, Customer has no claims and rights against Exasol due to defects in the Hardware, unless (i) Exasol has fraudulent concealed a defect, (ii) Exasol, their legal representatives or agents have breached their duties either intentionally or through gross negligence, and (iii) in case of injury to life, body or health or tort claims pursuant to Swiss law.

3. **Supplementary Terms and Conditions for Services**
3.1. **Service Description**
If the subject of the Agreement is
- the provision of services of the support level Silver, Gold or Platinum;
- supplementary services like Installation Service, Administration Service, Professional Services or Performance Service;
- Training like Team Training, Online-Training, Individual Training and/or an Exasol Certification;
- ExaCloud Hosting Service and/or
- Appliance Hardware Support
the Service Description available at [https://www.exasol.com/terms-and-conditions/](https://www.exasol.com/terms-and-conditions/) shall apply.
3.2. **Service Contract: Duration, Termination**

3.2.1. Unless otherwise agreed, the term for any permanent services begins with the fixed date specified in the quote. Non-activation of license keys will not toll or extend the term. Any permanent service automatically renews only if stated in the quote. If there is an unlimited term for the permanent service, the Agreement may be terminated with a three (3) months’ notice period. If the quote provides for a fixed term, the Agreement may not be terminated before the expiration of that term except for cause.

3.2.2. The right of both Parties to terminate for cause remains unaffected.

3.2.3. The termination shall require the written form in order to become effective (e-mail is a sufficient form).

4. **Final Provisions**

4.1. **Miscellaneous**

4.1.1. Exasol is entitled to perform services due under the terms of the Agreement by employees of associated companies as defined in Section 15 et seq. AktG /as defined in Swiss law or, in case of trainings, by employees of certified Exasol training partners. However, in such case, Exasol remains responsible for the performance towards the Customer. If the services will be rendered by other subcontractors (not by an affiliated company), Customer will be informed beforehand.

4.1.2. Amendments and additions to the Agreement must be made in writing (electronic signature is sufficient), including amendments to or a waiver of this written form requirement shall be made in writing.

4.1.3. In the event that one or more provisions of the Agreement (including these T&C) should be or become invalid or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby. The invalid or unenforceable provision shall be deemed to be replaced with such legally permissible provision which comes as close as possible to the economic purpose of the invalid or unenforceable provision.

4.2. **Applicable Law and Jurisdiction**

4.2.1. If Exasol AG or Exasol Europa Vertriebs GmbH is the party to the Agreement, the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply without regard to the Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG). The place of performance and jurisdiction for any dispute in connection with this contract is Nuremberg, Germany.

4.2.2. If Exasol Schweiz AG is a party to the Agreement, the substantive law of Switzerland shall apply without regard to the Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG). The place of performance and jurisdiction for all proceedings arising out of or in connection with this contract shall be Zurich, Switzerland.