EntityWorks

Statement of Custodial Intent

Status: Foundational custodial statement

Relationship to Governance: This statement is issued in alignment with the Governing Position of Record and operates within the institutional posture established there.

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1. Custodial Orientation

EntityWorks understands its role as custodial rather than proprietary.

The concepts, terms, and frameworks defined by EntityWorks function as shared reference structures within a broader informational environment. Custodianship, in this context, concerns the care, stability, and continuity of those structures over time.

This orientation reflects the view that language operating at an infrastructure level acquires significance beyond its point of origin and therefore requires disciplined stewardship once introduced into common use.

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2. Object of Custody

The primary objects of custody exercised by EntityWorks are:

- defined terms and their semantic scope,

- conceptual boundaries between adjacent ideas,

- internal coherence across related frameworks,

- continuity of meaning across publication, revision, and extension.

Custody is exercised over the **integrity of reference**, rather than over interpretations, applications, or effects derived from that reference.

These objects of custody are maintained through persistent publication, versioned reference material, and documented continuity across revisions. Definitions and frameworks are treated as durable reference artefacts, with changes recorded in a manner that preserves interpretability of earlier versions and prevents silent semantic drift.

3. Custodial Practice

EntityWorks exercises custodianship through ongoing attentiveness to clarity and coherence.

This practice includes:

- maintaining precision in published definitions,

- addressing ambiguity where it arises through clarification rather than expansion,

- preserving continuity of meaning across time and context,

- resisting dilution of concepts through imprecise reuse.

Custodial practice includes the maintenance of interpretive precedent. Published definitions and frameworks are evaluated in relation to prior material to preserve continuity of meaning. Where clarification or extension is required, it is undertaken with explicit reference to existing structures rather than replacement or overwrite.

Custodial practice is conservative in the technical sense: it prioritises stability of meaning and resistance to unnecessary mutation in the reference layer.

4. Temporal Responsibility

EntityWorks recognises that reference language, once established, acquires temporal weight.

Terms introduced to describe AI-mediated interpretive conditions are likely to persist across technological change, institutional uptake, and shifting cultural contexts. Custodial intent therefore extends beyond immediate relevance and considers the long-term interpretability of concepts under conditions not yet fully known.

This includes attentiveness to how present definitions may be relied upon, cited, or operationalised by future actors, as well as responsibility for the continued legibility of previously published material.

5. Institutional Restraint as Custodial Discipline

Custodianship is exercised through restraint.

EntityWorks maintains separation between the act of defining conditions and the actions taken in response to them. This separation preserves the reliability of the reference layer by preventing collapse between interpretation and outcome.

Restraint functions here as a custodial discipline: it maintains trust in shared language by ensuring that reference remains legible, neutral, and durable across differing interests and applications.

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6. Seriousness of Stewarded Conditions

The conditions described by EntityWorks participate in contemporary systems of decision-making, risk assessment, and institutional judgement.

Custodial intent reflects recognition that imprecision, drift, or conceptual instability in this domain carries consequences beyond academic or descriptive concern. The stewardship of language in this space therefore carries material significance.

EntityWorks approaches this responsibility through care in definition and continuity, rather than through advocacy or direction.

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7. Continuity of Custody

Custodianship exercised by EntityWorks is institutionally continuous.

Responsibility for the integrity of reference language resides with the organisation rather than with individual contributors or authors. Custody is preserved across publication cycles, personnel changes, and organisational evolution through durable records, publicly accessible archives, and continuity of reference practice.

Previously published material remains within scope of custody unless explicitly superseded or deprecated. Where evolution occurs, continuity of meaning is preserved through documented lineage rather than replacement.

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8. Closing Statement

EntityWorks holds its conceptual work as a custodial responsibility.

It maintains, clarifies, and preserves reference language where shared understanding depends on stability over time. This custodial intent supports the continued usefulness, reliability, and legitimacy of the interpretive frameworks EntityWorks provides.

End of Statement of Custodial Intent