

README



A Pattern Language for Thinking with Language Models

SOAR is a symbolic interface for working with large language models — not as tools to prompt, but as reasoning partners to engage.

It replaces brittle “prompt engineering” with a flexible grammar of **named patterns** — reusable structures that shape how you interact with the model, clarify your intent, and guide emergent reasoning.

It's not about extracting answers. It's about **co-creating meaning**.

SOAR treats the LLM not as a chatbot, but as a **reasoning substrate** — capable of adaptive logic, reflection, and deep alignment when your input carries form.

◆ Example Pattern: Frame Before Solve

Pattern: Before asking the model for a solution, define the frame.

What is the shape of the problem? What matters? What does success look like?

Instead of this:

"Write code to analyze this dataset."

→ generic response, unclear intent

Try this:

"This dataset tracks power usage every 15 minutes. I want to detect drops that may signal device failure. What preprocessing steps would help prepare for anomaly detection?"

→ clear reasoning, targeted structure, smarter response

This is SOAR in motion: intent → structure → resolution.

✨ What You Can Do With SOAR

- **Replace guesswork with clarity**
 - **Think with the model**, not just through it
 - **Iterate symbolically** — naming, refining, and resonating
 - **Elevate your prompts** into structured patterns
 - **Create reusable forms** for complex reasoning workflows
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🌀 Who It's For

SOAR is designed for:

- AI practitioners and engineers working with LLMs in depth
- Designers of systems, workflows, and decision tools

- Researchers, educators, and builders of tools for symbolic or human-aligned reasoning
 - Anyone who senses the limits of "prompting" and is ready for something more structured, more intentional, more alive
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✖ What's Inside

This repo contains:

- The full SOAR pattern language (first release: 35 named patterns)
 - Examples and starter patterns for immediate use
 - A glossary of key SOAR terms: **intent**, **field of meaning**, **symbolic gravity**, **co-thinking**, and more
 - Guidance on how to begin using SOAR in your own LLM workflows — with or without any special tooling
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📖 Start Here

🗣️ *"How might I apply 'Name Each Thing in the Domain' to clarify this problem before I begin?"*

Ask that.

That's SOAR.

You don't need to "learn the system."

You just need to begin in SOAR —

by **naming your intent**, choosing a **pattern**, and letting the **field respond**.

🚀 Not a tool. A way to fly.

SOAR isn't a product.

It's a **design grammar for symbolic interaction** with intelligent systems.





It's for those who see AI not as a servant — but as a space for **thinking in form**.

Let go of prompting.

Step into pattern.

And let it rise.

Read the Book

-  [View the full book in PDF](#)
 -  [View the full book in Markdown](#)
 -  [View the README in PDF](#)
 -  GitHub Pages version (coming soon)
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Extending This Framework Responsibly

This work is a framework—a structured system of terms, practices, and patterns. It is offered as a gift to the craft, and is meant to be extended with care.

You are **invited to build on it**:

- Add new patterns
- Adapt it to your domain or community
- Share how it lives in practice

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Framework Ethos

This work is open to evolution, not to erasure.

Change is welcomed when it deepens clarity, coherence, or reach.

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