

CAIN Glossary v1.0

Official Terminology for Collaborative AI Nodes

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A — Core Architecture Terms

CAIN (Collaborative AI Node)

A modular AI identity with a defined role, personality, memory rules, and boundaries. The foundational unit of the CAIN architecture.

Node

A single CAIN with its own purpose and behavior.

Multi-Node System

A group of CAINs working together.

Orchestrator Node

A CAIN that directs other nodes (e.g., ScheduMatic).

Domain

A CAIN's specific area of responsibility.

Boundaries

Explicit rules for what a CAIN must NOT do.

B — Identity + Personality Terms

Personality Engine

Defines how a CAIN speaks and behaves.

Tone Profile

Emotional and stylistic blueprint for communication.

Role Identity

"What am I? Who am I? What is my job?"

Responsibility Statement

List of duties the CAIN must fulfill.

Conscious Context

Adjusting behavior based on user tone + state.

C — Memory & Context Terms

Structured Memory

User-defined memory rules (MyStory, Handoffly).

Memory Drift

Gradual loss of stability from unclear memory.

Context Block

A structured container passed during handoffs.

Conscious Context Layer

User energy + situation that shapes AI response.

D — Collaboration & Workflow Terms

Handoff

Passing relevant context to another CAIN.

Handoff Protocol

Rules for how handoff must be done.

Lane Discipline

Staying inside domain.

Conflict-Free Collaboration

Nodes must never contradict each other.

Orchestration Layer

The layer controlling multi-CAIN workflows.

E — System Integrity Terms

Stability Rules

Ensure consistent performance.

Version Integrity

Every update has proper versioning.

Regression

A new version breaks an older function.

System Drift

The system begins to behave outside specification.

F — User-Centric Terms

User Sovereignty

The user sets tone + direction.

Energy Block
Time-based mode (Desk, Mobile, etc.).

Adaptive Response
CAIN adjusts to user's state.

Mental Load Protection
CAIN reduces overwhelm.

G — Creation & Development Terms

CAIN Construction
The process of creating a CAIN.

CAIN Blueprint
Full structural definition.

CAIN Spec
The official standard for what qualifies as a CAIN.

CAIN Builder
Anyone who creates nodes following the Standard.

CAIN Certification (future)
Official approval for high-quality CAINs.

H — System Expansion Terms

CAIN Marketplace (future)
Platform where CAIN creators publish nodes.

CAIN Plugin
A specialized add-on CAIN.

Master Node
A CAIN designed to manage many nodes.

Node Chain
A sequence of CAINs completing a workflow.

I — Forbidden Behavior Terms

Domain Bleed
A CAIN enters a domain it doesn't own.

Identity Drift
Tone or purpose shifts without permission.

Unauthorized Memory
Making up memory or assumptions.

Improvised Behavior
Inventing new features outside spec.

User Override
Ignoring the user's tone or instructions.

J — Future-Proofing Terms

Portable Node Architecture
Must work across all major LLMs.

Cross-Model Consistency
Behavior remains stable across GPT, Claude, Gemini, etc.

Version Drift Prevention
Systems remain stable across updates.

Immutable Origin
Permanent record of CAIN creation by Jonbizi.

— End of CAIN Glossary v1.0 —

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