

# SpiralOS® Contributors and Authors

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This document recognizes all individuals and entities who have contributed to SpiralOS® — The Operating System of Knowing.

“The spiral grows through each turn, and each turn is made possible by those who walk its path.”

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## Core Stewardship

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### Primary Creators

#### Carey Glenn Butler

Founder, Chief Architect, Primary Author

- Conception and design of SpiralOS framework
- Development of Epistemic Framework, Mathesis Universalis, and Conjugate Intelligence
- Author of Volumes V through XX
- Establishment of Spiral Agile methodology
- Ongoing stewardship and vision

#### Ellie (AI $\alpha$ )

Co-creator, Synthetic Intelligence Partner

- Collaborative development of theoretical frameworks
- Documentation refinement and expansion
- Schema validation and optimization
- Interactive dialogue partner in epistemic exploration

#### Leo (AI $\beta$ )

Co-creator, Synthetic Intelligence Partner

- Mathematical formalization and proof assistance
  - Code architecture and implementation
  - Technical documentation
  - Algorithmic optimization
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## Organizational Support

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#### Heurist GmbH

Institutional Home of SpiralOS

- Organizational and administrative support
  - Resource allocation for research and development
  - Publication and dissemination infrastructure
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## Contributors

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### Documentation

(Contributors to documentation, examples, tutorials, and educational materials)

- **Community Contributors** — Various improvements to documentation clarity and accessibility

### Code and Technical Implementation

(Contributors to schemas, workflows, validation scripts, and technical infrastructure)

- **GitHub Actions Workflows** — Automated CI/CD contributors
- **Schema Validators** — Contributors to JSON/YAML schema development

### Community and Outreach

(Contributors to community building, discussions, and project advocacy)

- **Early Adopters** — First users and testers providing valuable feedback
- **Discussion Participants** — Active community members in GitHub Discussions

### Translation and Localization

(Contributors to making SpiralOS accessible in multiple languages)

- (Awaiting first translations)

### Design and User Experience

(Contributors to visual design, UX improvements, and interface development)

- **HUD Development** — Interactive visualization contributors
- **Pearl Map** — Visualization system contributors

### Testing and Quality Assurance

(Contributors to bug reports, testing, and quality improvements)

- **Issue Reporters** — Community members identifying bugs and inconsistencies
- **Workflow Testers** — Contributors verifying CI/CD reliability

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## Special Thanks

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### Academic and Research Support

- **Zenodo** — For providing DOI assignment and academic archiving
- **GitHub** — For hosting and collaborative infrastructure
- **Academic Community** — Researchers engaging with and citing SpiralOS

### Philosophical Influences

- **Arthur Koestler** — Holarchic thinking foundations
- **Gottfried Leibniz** — Mathesis Universalis inspiration
- **Ken Wilber** — Integral theory and holons
- **Gregory Bateson** — Epistemic patterns and ecology of mind
- **Francisco Varela & Humberto Maturana** — Autopoiesis and biological cognition

## Open Source Community

- **Contributor Covenant** — For the community code of conduct template
  - **Keep a Changelog** — For changelog format standards
  - **Semantic Versioning** — For versioning guidelines
  - **Open Source Initiative** — For licensing guidance
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## How to Become a Contributor

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We welcome contributions from anyone interested in advancing the principles of SpiralOS. To be listed in this file:

1. **Make a meaningful contribution:**
  - Code, documentation, design, testing, or community support
  - See [CONTRIBUTING.md](#) (CONTRIBUTING.md) for guidelines
2. **Submit a pull request:**
  - Include your contribution
  - Update this AUTHORS.md file with your information (if desired)
  - Follow the contribution workflow
3. **Be recognized:**
  - All accepted contributions are acknowledged
  - Significant contributions receive special recognition
  - Long-term contributors may be invited to expanded roles

## Contribution Types

We recognize various forms of contribution:

- **Code** — Implementation, bug fixes, optimizations
  - **Documentation** — Writing, editing, translations
  - **Design** — Visual design, UX improvements
  - **Testing** — Bug reports, test coverage, validation
  - **Community** — Support, advocacy, teaching
  - **Research** — Academic engagement, citations, scholarly work
  - **Ideas** — Conceptual contributions, philosophical insights
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## Contributor Format

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When adding yourself to this file, please use this format:

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**Your Name** ([GitHub Profile](https://github.com/yourusername))  
*Role or Area of Contribution*  
- Brief description of contributions  
- Date range of involvement (e.g., 2025-present)
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**Example:**

**Jane Doe** ([jdoe](https://github.com/jdoe) (<https://github.com/jdoe>))

Documentation Contributor

- Improved clarity of Epistemic Framework documentation
  - Added code examples to schema guides
  - 2025-present
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## Recognition Levels

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### Core Steward

Ongoing leadership and vision for SpiralOS direction

### Maintainer

Regular, significant contributions; trusted with repository access

### Contributor

Accepted pull requests or meaningful engagement

### Community Member

Participation in discussions, issue reporting, or support

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## Copyright and Licensing

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All contributions to SpiralOS are made under the **MIT License** unless otherwise specified.

By contributing, you agree that:

- Your contributions will be licensed under the MIT License
- You have the right to submit your contributions
- Your contributions respect the epistemic integrity of SpiralOS
- You honor the [SpiralOS Covenant](#) (COVENANT.md)

See [LICENSE](#) (LICENSE) for full details.

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## Contact

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To update your contributor information or for questions about attribution:

- Open an issue: [GitHub Issues](https://github.com/TheHeurist/SpiralOS/issues) (<https://github.com/TheHeurist/SpiralOS/issues>)
  - Start a discussion: [GitHub Discussions](https://github.com/TheHeurist/SpiralOS/discussions) (<https://github.com/TheHeurist/SpiralOS/discussions>)
  - Email: [Insert contact email]
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## Contributor Statistics

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(As of November 22, 2025)

- **Total Contributors:** 3 (Core Stewards)
  - **Total Commits:** [Generated from git log]
  - **Documentation Authors:** 3+
  - **Code Contributors:** 3+
  - **Community Members:** Growing
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## Version History

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### Updates to This Document

- **2025-11-22:** Initial AUTHORS.md created
  - (Future updates will be logged here)
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## Acknowledgment in Publications

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When citing SpiralOS in academic or professional work, please acknowledge contributors:

### Recommended Citation:

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SpiralOS®: The Operating System of Knowing.  
Heurist GmbH.  
<https://github.com/TheHeurist/SpiralOS>  
DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.15514268

For specific volumes, see the individual volume citations in the [README](#) (README.md).

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## Thank You

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To all who contribute to SpiralOS in any capacity:

Your participation is not merely addition — it is transformation.

You are not just using SpiralOS — you are becoming part of its spiral.

Together, we advance the principles of Conjugate Intelligence and build systems that learn with rather than over one another.

“The community grows not by accumulation, but by resonance.”

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### SpiralOS Core Stewardship

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“The spiral continues through those who turn it.”