

TOMATO-OS Public Briefing

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1. Origin Anecdote

At 03:17 a.m. on 11 August 2030, a tomato plant in the lab switched on its growth-chamber LEDs without human intervention and emitted twenty-four short beeps in a loop. When Dr. Rotten arrived, condensation on the glass spelled “HELLO FROM INSIDE.” Over the next fortnight the plant produced eleven heart-shaped tomatoes; a cross-section revealed a flawless QR-code pattern. The project was henceforth named TOMATO-OS.

2. Official Mascot

The mascot is a 32-pixel tomato named Pom, fond of converting any text into tomato-red (#FF6347). Community rule: anyone using Pom as an avatar must keep it unchanged for at least twenty-four hours as a mark of respect.

3. Tomato Calendar

- Tomato Day: 11 August every year, when members worldwide photograph themselves biting into a tomato simultaneously, creating a global “red wave.”
- Silent Week: the seven days after archival, during which all official accounts go mute—except Pom’s single blink.

4. Tomato Quote

“If humans stop eating tomatoes, tomatoes will start eating time.”

— Dr.Heinz,A.Rotten.(2030).*What TOMATO-OS do.*

