GOODWARE MANIFESTO

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Goodware is a community-driven initiative with an altruistic purpose: to leverage technology solely for the benefit of humanity and the planet. It stands as a counterpoint to malware and unethical software, embodying the vision of software created and used for the common good.

MISSION Develop and disseminate software that maximizes positive social impact. Goodware solutions aim to address real-world problems (from climate change to public health) in an open, transparent, and accountable manner. Every line of code and every Goodware application must serve the well-being of people and ecosystems.

CORE VALUES • Altruism & Social Good – The foremost priority is serving society. Profit may exist, but only as a means to sustain the mission. • Community & Collaboration – Built with the community and for the community. Anyone aligned with the mission can contribute. • Transparency & Trust – Source code, decision-making processes, and research findings are open. No hidden functionalities. • Ethical Integrity – Any use that causes harm or violates human rights is forbidden. Contributors must uphold high ethical standards. • Safety & Security – Developed with a safety-first mindset. User privacy and data protection are non-negotiable. • Excellence & Reliability – Commitment to technical quality: safe Rust, rigorous testing, audits. • Openness & Adaptability – Code is free to adapt as long as Goodware principles stay intact.

DECENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE • Community Council: representative group of contributors and users responsible for strategic decisions. • Full Transparency: minutes, votes, and rationales are public. • Immutable Mission: the above values cannot be altered, even unanimously. • Conditional Authority: if the council violates the manifesto, the community may replace it. • Governance Charter: codifies processes, quorums, and conflict-of-interest rules, always subordinate to the manifesto.

COMMITMENT We pledge to create software that serves, heals, and uplifts, never to exploit or harm. Anyone who uses or contributes to Goodware becomes a steward of these principles—ensuring technology remains in service of humanity's highest ideals, now and for future generations.