

AI Agent Capabilities Periodic Table v1.0

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Cap ID	Category	Capability Name	Definition	Key Functions	Enabled Outcomes	Illustrative Metrics/Indicators	Relevant Agent Archetypes	
Perception & Knowledge								
PK.OB	Perception & Knowledge	Environmental Sensing	The ability to receive and interpret input from the agent's operational environment across multiple modalities.	Processing natural language text, voice, and multimodal inputs Analyzing visual data (images, documents, diagrams) Ingesting structured/unstructured data streams Real-time external detection and pattern recognition	Contextually aware responses, environmental state awareness, timely reaction to changes	Intent recognition accuracy (%) Supported modalities (text/voice/image/video) Input processing latency (ms) Pattern detection success rate (%)	All Archetypes (T1-T4)	
PK.KB		Knowledge Access	The ability to connect to, retrieve from, and update internal/external knowledge sources with semantic understanding.	Vector database semantic search and retrieval SQL/NoSQL database querying Knowledge graph traversal and reasoning Real-time information synthesis from multiple sources	Informed decision-making beyond pre-trained knowledge, factual accuracy, domain expertise	Query response time (ms) Retrieved relevance score (0-1) Knowledge source diversity (count) Update/write capability (V/M)	All Archetypes	
PK.CX		Context & Memory	The ability to comprehend and maintain relevant context across interactions and time with sophisticated memory management.	Multi-turn conversation context tracking Long-term episodic memory formation and retrieval Contextual entity resolution and relationship mapping Temporal context maintenance across sessions	Coherent long-term interactions, personalized responses, learning from experience	Context window size (tokens/turns) Long-term memory retention (days/weeks) Context relevance accuracy (%)	T2+ (Critical for workflow and cognitive)	
PK.MF		Multi-Modal Fusion	The ability to integrate and reason over information from multiple modalities with cross-modal understanding.	Combining textual descriptions with visual evidence Audio-visual-text correlation and reasoning Cross-modal semantic alignment Unified multimodal representation	Richer understanding of complex situations, enhanced situational awareness, nuanced insights	VQA (Visual Question Answering) performance Cross-modal consistency scores Multimodal reasoning benchmark results Supported modality combinations	Advanced Conversational, Workflow, Cognitive	
Cognition & Reasoning								
CG.PL	Cognition & Reasoning	Planning & Decomposition	The ability to break down complex goals into executable plans and sub-tasks with strategic foresight.	Hierarchical task decomposition Sequential and parallel planning strategies Resource allocation and constraint satisfaction Plan adaptation based on feedback	Systematic approach to complex problems, efficient resource utilization, structured execution	Plan coherence score (0-1) Task completion rate (%) Plan adaptation frequency Sub-task feasibility assessment	T2+ (Procedural workflow and above)	
CG.RS		Reasoning	The ability to apply logical inference and commonsense knowledge to draw sound conclusions.	Deductive, inductive, and abductive reasoning Causal relationship understanding Mathematical and symbolic reasoning Social and cultural context reasoning	Sound judgments, accurate inferences, human-like understanding	Query response time (ms) Logical reasoning benchmark scores Mathematical problem accuracy (%) Commonsense reasoning test performance	T2+ (Enhanced for T3 cognitive)	
CG.DC		Decision Making	The ability to make autonomous decisions and control execution flow under uncertainty.	Multicriteria decision analysis Risk assessment and uncertainty handling Dynamic control flow management Exception handling and recovery	Autonomous operation, robust execution, adaptive behavior	Decision accuracy under uncertainty (%) Response time to critical decisions (ms) Exception recovery success rate (%) Control flow complexity handling	T2+ (Critical for autonomous operation)	
CG.PS		Problem Solving	The ability to approach novel problems systematically and develop effective solution strategies.	Problem space analysis and representation Solution strategy generation and evaluation Analogical reasoning and transfer learning Cross-domain solution approaches	Effective handling of novel challenges, innovative solutions, strategic thinking	Novel problem solving success rate (%) Strategy effectiveness metrics Transfer learning performance Solution evolution quality score	T3+ (Cognitive and MAGS)	
CG.FP		Formal Planning	The ability to use formal planning languages like PDDL for domain modeling, problem specification, and automated plan generation.	PDDL or STRIPS domain and problem definition Automated planning algorithm integration Hierarchical task rework (HTN) planning Plan validation and verification	Formal planning capabilities, automated task decomposition, verifiable plan generation	PDDL problem complexity handling Plan generation time vs. problem size Plan optimality scores Plan validation success rate	T3+ (Advanced Planning), L4 (Complex MAGS)	
CG.PA		Plan Adaptation	The ability to adapt, version, and evolve plans based on changing conditions and feedback.	Dynamic plan modification and adaptation Plan versioning and rollback capabilities Change impact analysis and propagation Plan evolution tracking and management	Adaptive planning, resilient execution, plan evolution management	Adaptation response time to changes Plan version management effectiveness Change impact prediction accuracy	T3+ (Adaptive Agents), T4 (Dynamic MAGS)	
LA.MM		Learning & Adaptation	Memory Management	The ability to store, organize, and retrieve different types of memory with sophisticated recall mechanisms.	Short-term working memory management Long-term episodic memory formation Semantic knowledge structuring Memory importance scoring and retrieval	Experience-based improvement, personalization, consistent behavior	Memory capacity (items/turns) Retrieval accuracy by recency/importance Memory persistence across sessions Supported memory types (episodic/semantic/conceptual)	T1+ (Basic), T3+ (Advanced episodic)
LA.RL			Reinforcement Learning	The ability to learn optimal behaviors through environmental feedback and reward signals.	Model-free reinforcement learning Trial-and-error exploration strategies Reward signal processing and policy updates Human feedback integration (RLHF)	Performance optimization, autonomous strategy discovery, alignment with preferences	Learning curve improvement rate Sample efficiency (trials to proficiency) Transfer learning capability Feedback integration effectiveness	T3+ (Cognitive autonomous agents)
LA.OPT	Self-Optimization		The ability to modify behavior and strategies based on experience and changing conditions.	Performance self-assessment and reflection Strategy modification based on outcomes Meta-learning and learning-to-learn Dynamic goal and metric adjustment	Continuous improvement, robustness to change, meta-cognitive awareness	Self-improvement over time (%) Adaptation speed to new conditions Self-critique frequency and effectiveness Meta-learning transfer success rate	T3+ (Advanced cognitive capabilities)	
LA.SL	Supervised Learning		The ability to learn from demonstrations, examples, and explicit instruction.	Feed-forward and one-shot learning from examples Skill transfer and generalization Human demonstration learning Knowledge distillation and integration	Rapid skill acquisition, customization, domain adaptation	Skill generalization accuracy (%) Transfer learning success rate Retention over time	All Archetypes (Enhanced T3+)	
LA.VM	Vector Memory		The ability to manage vector-based memory representations for semantic similarity, clustering, and retrieval operations.	Vector embedding generation and management Semantic similarity search and clustering Similarity-based data deduplication Vector memory optimization and indexing	Semantic memory retrieval, intelligent content association, efficient knowledge discovery	Vector similarity search accuracy (%) Memory retrieval latency (ms) Supported vector dimensions and similarity metrics Vector index optimization effectiveness	T3+ (Cognitive with Advanced Memory)	
LA.MS	Memory Scoring		The ability to assess and score memory significance based on importance, surprise, relevance, and trust factors.	Importance scoring based on relevance and frequency Surprise detection for novel information Trust factor evaluation and weighting Memory consolidation based on significance scores	Intelligent memory prioritization, efficient knowledge retention, adaptive learning focus	Memory retention accuracy by significance score Surprise detection precision/recall Trust factor correlation with outcomes Memory consolidation effectiveness	T3+ (Advanced Cognitive Agents)	
AE.TX	Action & Execution		Task Execution & Implementation	The ability to carry out planned actions and complete assigned tasks reliably.	Instruction following and procedure execution Quality control and validation Progress tracking and status reporting Error detection and correction	Reliable task completion, consistent quality, goal achievement	Task completion rate (%) Output quality scores Execution time efficiency Error detection and correction rate	All Archetypes (T1-T4)
AE.TI			Tool Usage & API Integration	The ability to utilize external tools, services, and APIs to extend capabilities dynamically.	Dynamic tool selection based on task needs API authentication and secure access Tool output interpretation and integration Tool chaining and workflow orchestration	Extended functionality, access to specialized capabilities, system integration	Number of supported toolkits/APIs Tool selection accuracy (%) API call success rate (%) Tool chain execution reliability	T2+ (Critical for workflow agents)
AE.CG		Code Generation & Execution	The ability to write, execute, and debug programmatic code across multiple languages.	Multi-language code generation Secure code execution in sandboxed environments Automated testing and validation Code refactoring and optimization	Dynamic functionality creation, automation of complex tasks, rapid prototyping	Code correctness rate (%) Supported programming languages Execution security (vulnerability scan results) Code efficiency metrics	T2+ (Workflow and cognitive agents)	
AE.CX		Content Creation & Generation	The ability to create novel content across various formats and modalities.	Text generation (documents, reports, creative writing) Image and visual content creation Audio and multimedia generation Structured data and format conversion	Creative output, documentation automation, multimodal communication	Content quality ratings (human evaluation) Format diversity supported Generation speed (tokens/images per second) Consistency and coherence metrics	T1+ (Enhanced for T3+ cognitive)	
AE.TM		Tool Lifecycle Management	The ability to manage tool lifecycles, including discovery, initialization, execution, monitoring, and cleanup.	Dynamic tool discovery and registration Tool initialization and configuration management Execution monitoring and performance tracking Resource cleanup and lifecycle termination	Efficient tool utilization, resource optimization, reliable tool operations	Tool discovery and registration success rate Tool lifecycle management efficiency Resource cleanup effectiveness Tool performance degradation awareness	T2+ (Tool-Using Agents), T4 (Complex Tool Ecosystem)	
AE.MC		MCP Integration	The ability to integrate with Model Context Protocol servers for extended tool and resource capabilities.	MCP server discovery and configuration Protocol-compliant communication and parameter validation Extended context and capability integration MCP session management and error handling	Extended agent capabilities, standardized tool integration, enhanced context awareness	MCP server integration success rate Protocol compliance validation Extended capability utilization Session reliability and error recovery	T3+ (Advanced Tool Integration), T4 (Enterprise MAGS)	
IC.NL		Interaction & Collaboration	Natural Language	The ability to understand and generate natural language for effective human communication.	Multi-language understanding and generation Conversational context management Intent recognition and response generation Tone and style adaptation	Intuitive human-agent communication, accessible interfaces, natural interaction	Language support coverage Conversation satisfaction scores Intent recognition accuracy (%) Response appropriateness ratings	All Archetypes (T1-T4)
IC.DM			Dialogue Management	The ability to maintain coherent multi-turn conversations and manage dialogue flow.	Turn-taking and conversation state tracking Topic management and transition handling Clarification requests and disambiguation Conversation intent and accuracy	Natural conversational experiences, effective information exchange	Average conversation length (turns) Conversation coherence scores Topic transition smoothness User engagement metrics	T1+ (Critical for conversational agents)
IC.HL	Human-in-Loop		The ability to seamlessly incorporate human oversight and intervention.	Human approval checkpoints Escalation and handoff mechanisms Feedback incorporation workflows Transparent decision boundaries	Enhanced safety, quality assurance, human-AI collaboration	Human intervention ease score Escalation accuracy (%) Feedback integration effectiveness System transparency ratings	All Archetypes (Critical tasks)	
IC.AC	Agent Communication		The ability to communicate and coordinate with other AI agents using standardized protocols.	Standardized communication protocols (A2A, MCP, MCP) Message formatting and parsing Coordination and synchronization Conflict resolution and negotiation	Multi-agent collaboration, distributed problem solving, system scalability	Supported communication protocols Message delivery reliability (%) Coordination efficiency metrics Conflict resolution success rate	T2+ (Multi-agent systems)	
IC.CL	Collaboration		The ability to work jointly with humans and agents toward common goals.	Role-based task distribution Progress synchronization and status sharing Collaborative decision making Knowledge and resource sharing	Collective intelligence, enhanced problem-solving capability, team efficiency	Collaborative task success rate (%) Role specialization benefits Knowledge sharing effectiveness Role consistency score (0-1)	T2+ (Workflow agents), T4 (MAGS)	
IC.RB	Role Behavior		The ability to adopt specific roles, personas, and specialized behavioral patterns.	Role profile implementation and consistency Specialized domain knowledge application Behavioral adaptation to role requirements Multi-role capability switching	Specialized expertise, predictable behavior, team effectiveness	Specialization effectiveness metrics Role switching accuracy Team coordination quality Task completion rate (%)	T2+ (Workflow and cognitive)	
IC.CS	Consensus Protocols		The ability to manage formal consensus processes, detect conflicts, and coordinate group decision-making processes.	Multi-round consensus protocols with timeout handling Conflict detection across resource allocation and task dependencies Byzantine fault tolerance in distributed decision-making Consensus state tracking and recovery mechanisms	Coordinated multi-agent decisions, conflict-free resource allocation, robust distributed agreement	Consensus convergence time (seconds) Conflict detection accuracy (%) Byzantine fault tolerance threshold Consensus success rate under network partitions (%)	T4 (MAGS), Industrial Multi-Agent Systems	
IC.CF	Conflict Resolution		The ability to detect, analyze, and resolve conflicts between agents in resource allocation, task dependencies, and decision-making.	Resource contention detection and analysis Task dependency conflict identification Automated conflict resolution strategies Negotiation mechanisms for unresolvable conflicts	Smooth multi-agent coordination, efficient resource utilization, reduced system deadlocks	Conflict detection latency (ms) Resource resolution success rate (%) Escalation frequency (conflicts/hour) System deadlock prevention effectiveness	T4 (MAGS), Complex Multi-Agent Workflows	
IC.SI	Industrial Integration	Industrial Integration	The ability to integrate with industrial IoT devices, SCADA systems, PLCs, and operational technology infrastructure.	Native MQTT broker integration for industrial messaging SCADA system connectivity and data exchange PLC communication protocols (Modbus, OPC-UA, etc.) Industrial network protocol support (Ethernet/IP, PROFINET)	Real-time industrial data access, operational technology integration, industrial process monitoring	Real-time data latency (ms) Industrial device connectivity success rate (%) Protocol support coverage Historical data access latency	T4 (Industrial MAGS), Manufacturing Systems	
IC.ES		Enterprise Integration	The ability to integrate with enterprise APIs, protocols, and middleware systems for seamless business process integration.	REST/JSON and GraphQL API integration Enterprise service bus (ESB) connectivity Message queue integration (RabbitMQ, ActiveMQ) Enterprise protocol support (SOAP, EDI, AS2)	Business process automation, enterprise system integration, workflow orchestration	Enterprise API coverage (systems integrated) API call reliability and performance Protocol conversion accuracy Business process integration success rate	T3+ (Enterprise Systems), T4 (Enterprise MAGS)	
IC.MB		Message Brokers	The ability to integrate with enterprise messaging infrastructure for reliable, scalable agent communication and system integration.	Apache Kafka for high-throughput event streaming RabbitMQ for enterprise message queuing Cloud messaging services (Azure Service Bus, AWS SNS/SQS) Event-driven architecture implementation	Real-time industrial communication, reliable message delivery, enterprise system integration, scalable publish-subscribe patterns	Supported messaging protocols (MQTT, Kafka, RabbitMQ, etc.) Message delivery reliability (%) Throughput capacity (messages/seconds) Integration with industrial systems (SCADA, PLCs) Fault recovery latency (ms)	T2+ (Critical for Industrial MAGS), T4	
IC.DS		Distributed Coordination	The ability to implement comprehensive telemetry, distributed tracing, and observability across multi-agent systems with lifecycle management.	Open telemetry integration and trace collection Distributed metrics aggregation and analysis Cross-agent correlation and dependency mapping Agent startup, state transitions, and graceful shutdown Resource allocation and cleanup automation	System-wide visibility, performance optimization, reliable system operations, efficient resource utilization	Telemetry data coverage (%) of system components Trace completeness and accuracy Agent initialization success rate Resource cleanup effectiveness Distributed performance correlation accuracy	T4 (Production MAGS), Enterprise Multi-Agent Systems	
Governance & Safety								
GS.DL		Governance & Safety	Deployment Management	The ability to deploy, update, and manage agent systems throughout their operational lifecycle.	Automated deployment and provisioning Version control and rollback capabilities Configuration management Release and decommissioning	Reliable deployments, change management, system evolution	Deployment success rate (%) Rollback time (minutes) Configuration drift detection Lifecycle phase transition efficiency	All Production Deployments (T1-T4)
GS.MO			Monitoring	The ability to monitor agent performance, behavior, and system health comprehensively.	Real-time performance metrics collection Behavioral anomaly detection System health monitoring Alert generation and escalation	Operational visibility, proactive issue detection, performance optimization	Monitoring coverage (%) system components Alert accuracy (false positive rate) Mean Time to Detection (MTTD) Threshold usability scores	All Production Deployments (T1-T4)
GS.EV			Evaluation	The ability to evaluate agent capabilities and measure performance against defined objectives.	Automated capability testing Performance benchmarking Quality assessment metrics Continuous analysis loops	Objective capability verification, performance optimization, vendor comparison	Benchmark coverage (%) capabilities Assessment automation level (%) Evaluation consistency (inter-rater reliability) Performance trend accuracy	All Types (Critical for anti-agent washing)
GS.SC	Scaling		The ability to scale agent operations and manage computational resources efficiently.	Dynamic scaling based on demand Resource allocation optimization Load balancing and distribution Cost optimization strategies	Efficient resource utilization, cost management, performance scalability	Scaling response time (seconds) Resource utilization efficiency (%) Cost per task/interaction Performance under varying loads	T2+ (Production systems)	
GS.SF	Safety		The ability to operate safely without causing harm to humans, systems, or processes.	Risk assessment and mitigation Safety constraint enforcement Hazard detection and prevention Emergency stop and recovery	Safe operation, harm prevention, regulatory compliance	Safety incident rate (incidents/time) Risk assessment accuracy Constraint violation frequency Emergency response time	All Types (Critical T3-T4 autonomous)	
GS.SE	Security		The ability to protect against unauthorized access and maintain comprehensive data security.	Authentication and authorization Data encryption and secure communication Threat detection and response Security audit and compliance	Data protection, system integrity, compliance assurance	Security vulnerability count Authentication success rate (%) Data breach incidents (target: 0) Compliance audit results	All Archetypes (T1-T4)	
GS.EX	Explainability		The ability to provide understandable explanations for decisions and actions.	Decision rationale generation Causal chain explanation Confidence level reporting Interpretable model outputs	User trust, accountability, debugging capability	Explanation completeness scores User understanding ratings Decision traceability (%) Evaluation consistency	T2+ (Critical for autonomous decisions)	
GS.RL	Reliability		The ability to perform consistently under various conditions and recover from failures.	Fault tolerance and graceful degradation Error detection and recovery Performance consistency maintenance Stress testing and validation	Dependable operation, consistent performance, business continuity	System uptime (%) Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) Recovery time from failures (MTTR) Performance variance under load	All Production Systems (T1-T4)	
GS.ET	Ethics		The ability to operate ethically and fairly across diverse populations and contexts.	Bias detection and correction Ethical decision framework implementation Fairness metric monitoring Cultural sensitivity adaptation	Fair and ethical treatment, regulatory compliance, social responsibility	Bias detection accuracy (%) Ethical metrics across demographics Bias elimination scores Cultural adaptation effectiveness	All Archetypes (Enhanced T3+)	
GS.PR	Privacy		The ability to protect user privacy and handle sensitive data appropriately.	Personal data identification and protection Privacy-preserving computation Consent management and enforcement Data minimization and anonymization	Privacy compliance, user trust, regulatory adherence	Privacy breach incidents (target: 0) Consent management effectiveness Data minimization success rate (%) Anonymization quality scores	All Archetypes (T1-T4)	
GS.TC	Trust Management	The ability to assess and manage trust levels and confidence scores for decisions, memories, and agent interactions.	Multi-factor trust assessment (reasoning, evidence, consistency) Confidence score calculation and propagation Trust relationship modeling between agents Confidence-based decision weighting	Reliable decision-making, trustworthy agent interactions, risk-aware operations	Trust assessment accuracy vs. outcomes Confidence score correlation with success rates Trust propagation effectiveness in multi-agent systems Decision reliability improvement with confidence weighting	T3+ (Autonomous Decision-Making), T4 (Trust-Critical)		