Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)
Validity Specification

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Scope and Status Notice

This document constitutes an official publication of the EntityWorks Standard. It defines the **structural validity conditions** under which a document may be considered a valid **Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)**.

The authoritative criteria for validity of the Machine-Facing Page Declaration are established by this document and govern the correct use and interpretation of the term *Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)* within the EntityWorks Standard.

This document does not prescribe publishing behaviour, mandate technical controls, disclose implementation detail, or provide optimisation, certification, or compliance guidance. It defines **structural conditions of validity only**, not quality, completeness, effectiveness, or outcomes.

The scope of this document is limited to describing the **classification, boundaries, and validity requirements** of the Machine-Facing Page Declaration as an administrative artefact. It does not assert regulatory authority, imply enforcement, accreditation, or compliance mechanisms, and does not describe AI system internals or behaviour.

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Preface

This document defines the conditions under which a document may be considered a **valid Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)**.

It is a **definitional and classificatory instrument**.
Its function is to establish the minimum structural characteristics of a declaration class, not to promote adoption, prescribe behaviour, or evaluate implementation.

This specification is intended to support clarity, consistency, and interpretability where the term *Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)* is used in public or organisational contexts.

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1. Purpose of this Specification

The purpose of this specification is to define the **minimum characteristics required for structural validity** of a Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD).

It exists solely to determine whether a document qualifies as an instance of the MFPD declaration class.

This specification does **not**:

- assess quality,

- assess completeness,

- assess accuracy,

- assess effectiveness, or

- assess outcomes.

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2. Definition

A **Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)** is a publisher-authored, versioned, publicly accessible document that identifies the machine-facing pages controlled by an organisation at a specific point in time.

An MFPD is a declarative artefact.
It records awareness; it does not imply control.

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3. Structural Requirements

For a document to be considered a **valid MFPD**, it **must** satisfy all of the following structural conditions.

3.1 Single Declarative Document

The MFPD must exist as a single, coherent document.

It may reference external resources, but it must not be fragmented across multiple documents such that the declaration itself becomes distributed or indeterminate.

3.2 Public Accessibility

For a document to be represented using the term *Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)*, it must be accessible at a stable, publicly reachable URL at the time of publication.

Authentication requirements, access gating, or restricted visibility do not invalidate the existence or intent of a declaration, but they do preclude its representation as an MFPD under this specification.

3.3 Explicit Identification

The document must explicitly identify itself as a **Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)**.

Implicit, inferred, or third-party identification is insufficient.

3.4 Versioning and Temporal Context

The MFPD must include:

- a version identifier, and
- a date indicating when the declaration is valid.

An MFPD represents a snapshot in time.
It is expected to change as machine-facing publication surfaces change.

3.5 Declared Scope

The MFPD must state the scope of the declaration, including:

- the organisation to which it applies, and

- the boundaries of what is and is not covered.

Scope declarations establish interpretive limits; they do not imply exhaustiveness.

3.6 Enumeration of Machine-Facing Pages

The MFPD must enumerate the machine-facing pages that the organisation knowingly publishes or otherwise causes to be made available at the time of declaration.

Enumeration may take the form of:

- a list,

- a table, or

- explicit URLs.

Completeness is not required.
The act of declaration reflects stated awareness, not total coverage.

3.7 Descriptive, Non-Normative Posture

The MFPD must be descriptive only.

It must not:

- prescribe behaviour,

- claim optimisation,

- assert compliance,

- guarantee outcomes, or

- imply endorsement, certification, or assessment.

3.8 Change Acknowledgement

The MFPD must acknowledge that:

- machine-facing publication surfaces may change over time, and

- the declaration may be updated, amended, or withdrawn.

Such acknowledgement does not invalidate prior versions, which remain temporally accurate representations of the declared state at the time of publication.

3.9 Contact or Point of Reference

The MFPD must provide a contact method or reference point for enquiries relating to the declaration.

The presence of a contact or reference point does not imply any obligation to respond, engage, clarify, or take action, nor does it create any duty of explanation, correction, or ongoing communication. It exists solely to identify a point of reference associated with the declaration.

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4. Explicit Exclusions

A valid MFPD is **not**:

- a technical control mechanism,

- a policy or regulatory instrument,

- a compliance statement,

- a certification or accreditation,

- an enforcement tool, or

- a guarantee of machine interpretation or behaviour.

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5. Relationship to Implementation

This specification defines **what constitutes a valid MFPD**, not how one should be implemented, maintained, audited, or evaluated.

Implementation decisions remain the responsibility of the publishing organisation.

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6. Stewardship of the Declaration Class

The term *Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD)* refers to a defined declaration class stewarded by EntityWorks Ltd for the purposes of definition and classification only.

Use of the term Machine-Facing Page Declaration (MFPD) denotes a publisher's representation that a document is an instance of that declaration class as defined in this specification. It does not imply monitoring, enforcement, review, approval, or assessment by EntityWorks Ltd, nor does it imply any obligation beyond accurate use of the defined terminology.

Stewardship in this context is limited to maintaining the definition and structural boundaries of the declaration class itself. It does not extend to oversight of individual declarations, evaluation of their content, or any form of compliance or enforcement activity.

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7. Interpretation

This specification is intended to be interpreted narrowly and literally.

Where ambiguity exists, interpretation should favour:

- minimalism, and

- non-normativity.