

Publication & Amendment Policy

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This policy governs how the Runtime Governance Thesis and the artifacts derived from it are versioned, amended, and preserved. It exists so that a reader who cites this work can establish, later, exactly what they cited.

Scope

This policy applies to the Runtime Governance Thesis and to every artifact that inherits from it under the precedence order the thesis establishes: the Lexicon, the Framework Series, Research Briefs, Governance Questions, and Articles.

Version numbering

Major revisions modify the normative model of Runtime Governance — including the evaluation object, the bounded claim, the legitimacy conditions, or any other normative definition established by the thesis.

Minor revisions cover clarifications, editorial improvements, additional evidence, references, examples, and explanatory material that leave the normative model unchanged.

A revision that narrows the claim is a major revision. Narrowing is a change to what the thesis asserts, not a clarification of it, and it is the change this work most expects to make.

Permanence

Every published version remains permanently addressable at a stable route. Superseded versions are marked as superseded and are not withdrawn, edited in place, or redirected to the current version.

Earlier thinking is part of the record. A discipline that quietly revises its own history cannot ask to be evaluated on evidence.

Derived artifacts

Artifacts that implement or reference the thesis identify the version they were written against.

A major revision does not silently invalidate them. It creates an obligation to review each derived artifact and either update it or record the version it continues to reference. A derived artifact that conflicts with the current thesis without declaring the version it departs from is a defect, and is corrected rather than reconciled.

How amendments arise

Amendments are driven by the Evidence Map. Where catalogued evidence contradicts, narrows, or supersedes a claim in the thesis, the thesis is what changes.

Corrections and inconsistencies can be reported at any time. Contact.

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