

# SEMT Protocol License v1.0

## Structured Epistemic Model of Truth (SEMT)

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### Chapter 1: Preamble: Purpose and Principles

The SEMT Protocol License (SPL) is established to protect the epistemic integrity, structural transparency, and ethical neutrality of the Structured Epistemic Model of Truth (SEMT). It allows open use under strict terms while preventing distortion, privatization, or ideological misuse.

### Chapter 2: Definitions

- **SEMT:** The Structured Epistemic Model of Truth, including its philosophical foundations and epistemic layer structure.
- **SEMT Protocol:** The classification schema ( $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ ,  $\neg$ ), output format, and associated rules.
- **SEMT-Compliant System:** Any system producing structured epistemic outputs that align with the SEMT schema.
- **Verifier:** A mechanism or model (e.g.,  $M_n$ ) used to classify statements under SEMT.

### Chapter 3: Epistemic Default Clause

All SEMT-compliant systems must assume  $\neg$  (unverifiable) as the default epistemic status for any claim. Elevation to  $T_0$  or  $T_1$  requires valid verification.

### Chapter 4: Transparency of Output

SEMT systems must output:

- Classification layer ( $T_0$ ,  $T_1$ , or  $\neg$ )
- Justification or reasoning trace
- Verifier ID or reference
- Timestamp and version if applicable

## Chapter 5: Attribution and Acknowledgment

All public uses of SEMT must include:

- Reference to SEMT as origin protocol
- Author credit: SEMT and its contributors
- Link to official SEMT documentation or license

## Chapter 6: Schema Compliance

Outputs must conform to the official SEMT output schema. Unauthorized modifications to classification logic, layering structure, or label naming are prohibited without explicit certification.

## Chapter 7: Restrictions on Use

- SEMT may not be used in systems for covert content filtering or ideological enforcement.
- The protocol may not be embedded in proprietary systems without visible classification output.
- The SEMT name may not be applied to forks or derivatives without compliance.

## Chapter 8: Certification and Commercial Use

Certification by the SEMT Foundation or its successors is required for:

- Commercial use or resale
- Use in critical systems (healthcare, legal, governance)
- Integration with large language models

## Chapter 9: Stewardship and Versioning

SEMT is maintained under stewardship, not ownership. The license may be updated, but all versions will be public, transparent, and timestamped.

## Chapter 10: Termination of Rights

Violating any clause results in immediate revocation of SEMT use rights, delisting from verified implementations, and public disclosure of non-compliance.

## Chapter 11: Legal Jurisdiction and Survivability

This license is post-jurisdictional. SEMT is a truth structure, not a commercial product. It survives independently of legal or geographic systems.

## Chapter 12: Seal of Origin and Authorship

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***Truth is not given. It is verified.***

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