

Canonical Supersession Protocol

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The Reality Drift framework is an evolving conceptual system. As the framework develops, certain terms, formulations, and documents may be revised, expanded, absorbed into larger structures, or replaced by more stable canonical versions. The purpose of the supersession protocol is to preserve continuity while clarifying precedence.

Supersession does not imply invalidation. Earlier formulations often contain the original structural intuition from which later refinements emerge. In many cases, superseded texts remain valuable as developmental records, even where their terminology or boundaries have changed.

Within the Reality Drift framework, canonical documents always take precedence over earlier or developmental materials when conflicts of definition, scope, or method arise. Where a concept has been revised or formalized further, the most recent canonical formulation should be treated as the operative reference.

Supersession can take several forms. Sometimes a term is refined, narrowing its boundaries without changing its core function. In other cases, a concept is expanded, preserving its original structure while situating it within a larger architecture. A previously independent idea may also be absorbed into a broader framework layer, where its function remains but its role becomes more integrated. In some instances, an entire document may be replaced when a later formulation more clearly or more fully expresses the intended structure.

Where possible, superseded documents may include dated author's notes, revision markers, or direct references to the newer canonical text. These markers exist to preserve interpretive continuity and reduce ambiguity across the archive. Version numbers, publication dates, and canonical labels should be understood as part of this system of precedence. The purpose of this protocol is to allow conceptual development without creating unnecessary fragmentation. It preserves both the integrity of the archive and the ability of the framework to evolve under new conditions. Readers should therefore distinguish between original formulation and current authority.