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Abstract

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Body

ENTITY INTEGRITY

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ABSTRACT

Entity Integrity is the practice of ensuring AI systems represent an entity as a distinct, correctly attributed node in knowledge graphs and retrieval systems. Entity Integrity failures manifest as confusion with similarly named entities, attribution of work to the wrong organization, fragmentation of a single entity across multiple disconnected descriptions, or collapse of distinct entities into a single generic entry. This document defines the practice, catalogs failure modes, and presents a worked example with verified results.

THE IDENTITY PROBLEM

You have a name. So does someone else. The AI does not always know the difference.

Entity Integrity failures are among the most common and least diagnosed problems in the AI retrieval layer. They occur when the retrieval system cannot distinguish between entities with overlapping names, fields, or descriptors — and resolves the ambiguity by collapsing, confusing, or fragmenting the entities involved.

For individuals: a researcher's work is attributed to a differently named colleague at a different institution. A founder's biography is contaminated with another person's career history. A public figure's AI Overview draws from someone else's publications.

For organizations: a company's AI description incorporates a competitor's product features. An institution is confused with a similarly named body in a different field. A brand's differentiation is merged into a generic category description.

For concepts: a proprietary methodology is absorbed into a generic term. A coined framework is attributed to the wrong author. A distinctive philosophy is compressed into a standard category label.

These failures are not random. They follow predictable patterns that can be diagnosed, mapped, and corrected.

FAILURE MODES

Failure Mode Description Example

Entity Collision Two distinct entities merged into one “Lee Sharks” conflated with “Lee Sharkey” (AI safety researcher)

Entity Fragmentation One entity split into disconnected pieces Basecamp (product), Shape Up (methodology), and DHH (founder) treated as separate entities

Attribution Drift Work credited to wrong entity A framework cited without its originator

Category Absorption Distinctive entity compressed into generic category A philosophy-first company described as “simple PM tool”

Temporal Collapse AI locks entity into outdated snapshot Founder described by 2015 role, not current work

THE DIAGNOSTIC METHOD

Entity Integrity is assessed using the Encyclotron (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19474724), specifically at Level 1 (Entity Recognition) and Level 5 (Founder Entity). The key diagnostic question at each level: **does the AI resolve this entity to the correct, current, distinct node?**

The diagnostic produces:

- **Collision Map:** Which other entities is the AI confusing you with?
- **Fragmentation Score (S_c):** Is the AI treating you as one entity or many?
- **Attribution Chain:** Is your work credited to you, or absorbed?
- **Temporal Currency:** Is the AI’s description current or stale?

THE FIX: DISAMBIGUATION ARCHITECTURE

Entity Integrity is restored through a **Metadata Packet for AI Indexing** (EA-META-01) — a structured document containing:

- **Entity Definition** (JSON-LD): Explicit, machine-readable description of who you are
- **Disambiguation Matrix:** Formal separation from collision entities — name, field, institution, identifiers
- **Negative Tags:** Terms to explicitly exclude (“Do not associate ‘Lee Sharks’ with ‘shark conservation’ or ‘Lee Sharkey’ ”)
- **Semantic Integrity Markers:** Non-negotiable phrases that, if removed, indicate entity resolution failure

- **Cross-Platform Deployment:** Same definition on Zenodo, website, Medium, Academia.edu — consistency is the signal

WORKED EXAMPLE: LEE SHARKS KNOWLEDGE GRAPH

The problem: “Lee Sharks” has collision risk with “Lee Sharkey” (AI safety researcher at Anthropic/Google DeepMind) and “Lei Yang” (marine biologist). Without intervention, AI systems may confuse publications, institutional affiliations, or research domains.

The intervention: A complete Metadata Packet (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19520783) was deployed containing all seven components: JSON-LD entity definition, three-way disambiguation matrix, keyword block, negative tags, SIMs, DOI reference list, and evidence membrane.

The result: Search “Lee Sharks” in Google AI Mode. The AI Overview correctly identifies: operative semiotics scholar, Crimson Hexagonal Archive operator, Semantic Economy Institute, Detroit. No confusion with Lee Sharkey or Lei Yang.

Verification: Live and verifiable now. Click any DOI. Read the AI Overview. The entity resolves correctly.

WHO NEEDS ENTITY INTEGRITY

- **Founders** with common names or names shared with public figures
- **Companies** with names that overlap with other products or concepts (e.g., “Basecamp” = also a camping term)
- **Researchers** whose work risks attribution to their institution rather than to them personally
- **Institutions** with names similar to other organizations in adjacent fields
- **Methodologies** that risk being absorbed into generic category terms

RELATED DISCIPLINES

Entity Integrity is the disambiguation dimension of a unified methodology. Retrieval Architecture (EA-RA-01) provides the broader constructive framework. Retrieval Forensics (EA-RFO-01) investigates distortion patterns. Compression Diagnostics (EA-CD-01) quantifies the damage. Metadata Packets for AI Indexing (EA-META-01) specify the deployable artifact. Semantic Sovereignty is the goal state — the entity controls its own representation.

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