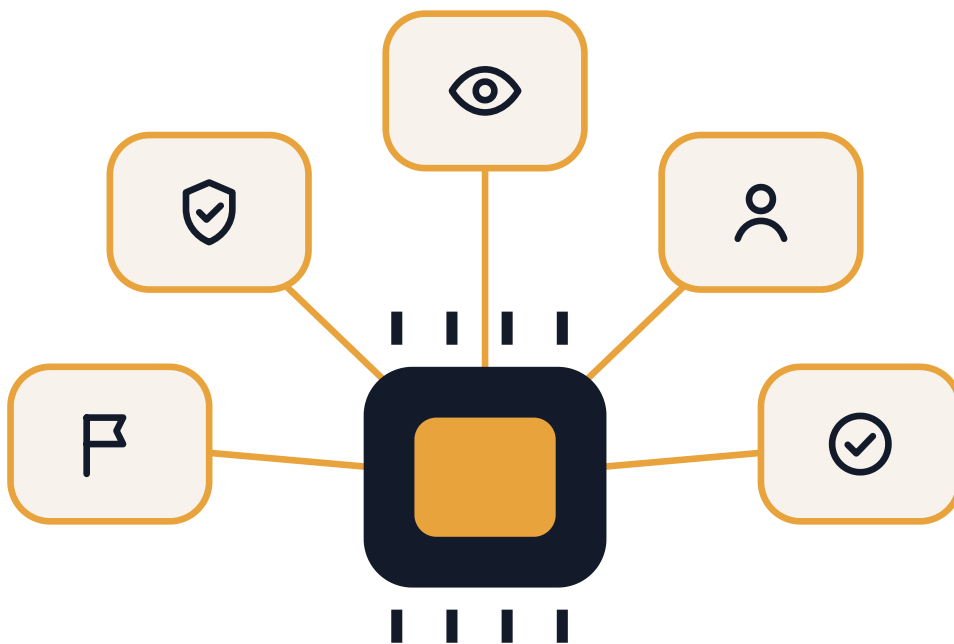


When your AI instructions run out

OpenAI's updated Model Spec, built around five values



illustration, not a product screenshot

What OpenAI changed on Oct 29

01



The Model Spec is OpenAI's public description of how it wants its models to behave

02



It is now organized around five values

03



New guidance on context, oversight and agency

04



Some defaults adjusted, most detailed style guidance retired



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The five values

01

**Faithfulness to human intent:**

helping people pursue what matters to them

02

**Harm minimization:**

firm safety boundaries, foreseeable consequences

03

**Honesty and transparency:**

truthful about what it knows, does and is uncertain about

04

**Human agency:**

strengthening people's ability to understand, choose and act for themselves

05

**Care:**

attending to those affected, doing work people can rely on

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Who sets the defaults

OpenAI writes the Spec and sets the boundaries

Developers direct their apps within those boundaries

Users direct the work within those limits

Most of the Spec is defaults that developers and users can override

“The Model Spec describes the behavior we are working toward; our models do not yet fully reflect it.”

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Three moves this week

01**Write down your intent and context first****02****Ask for assumptions and side effects before it acts****03****Check the defaults in the tools you buy**

Keep a person on decisions that affect customers or money

Read the full guide: <https://consultiply.ai/blog/openai-model-spec-five-values-smb>

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