

Charter and Statute

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SSCCS Foundation

I. Establishment and Name

1. The entity hereby constituted shall be known as the **SSCCS Foundation** (hereinafter “the Initiative”).
2. The Initiative is established as an independent organizational framework for the development, promotion, and governance of the Scheme-Segment Structure-based, Composition and Observation-driven Computing System (SSCCS) and related computational technologies.
3. The Initiative may operate through a legal entity (such as a foundation, association, or company) if and when such incorporation is deemed appropriate. Until then, these provisions govern its internal organization and activities.
4. The registered or principal office shall be determined by the governing body and may be changed as necessary.

II. Objects

1. The objects of the Initiative are to advance, develop, and promote:
 - a. the SSCCS computational framework and its theoretical foundations;
 - b. open-source software, tools, and libraries implementing or supporting SSCCS;
 - c. research, education, and practical applications in computing systems, with emphasis on composition, observation, and segment-based structures;
 - d. collaboration among researchers, developers, organizations, and users.
2. In furtherance of these objects, the Initiative may, without limitation:
 - a. conduct, support, and disseminate research and development activities;
 - b. develop, publish, and maintain open-source software, technical documentation, and specifications;
 - c. prepare and distribute academic publications, instructional materials, and technical reports;
 - d. organize conferences, seminars, workshops, training sessions, and other events;
 - e. facilitate international cooperation and knowledge exchange;

- f. acquire, hold, license, and enforce intellectual property rights (including copyrights and patents) as appropriate, provided that software developed by or contributed to the Initiative shall be released under permissive open-source licenses (e.g., Apache 2.0) unless otherwise decided by the governing body;
 - g. undertake any other lawful activity that supports or is incidental to the above objects.
3. The Initiative may engage in commercial or revenue-generating activities, provided they are consistent with its objects and do not subordinate those objects to profit-making alone.

III. Assets and Financial Management

1. The Initiative may acquire, hold, and dispose of assets, including funds, intellectual property, and equipment.
2. Income and assets shall be applied primarily toward the objects of the Initiative. There is no restriction on distributing surplus or profits to founders, members, or third parties, except as may be imposed by any legal entity through which the Initiative operates.
3. The Initiative may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, reimburse expenses, and distribute dividends or other returns if the operating legal form permits.
4. The governing body shall manage financial resources with due diligence and may establish reserves, endowments, or investment portfolios.

IV. Governance

1. The Initiative shall be governed by a **Steering Committee** (or equivalent body) responsible for strategic direction, approval of major decisions, and oversight.
2. An **Executive Team** may be appointed by the Steering Committee to handle day-to-day management, representation, and execution of decisions.
3. The composition, appointment, removal, powers, and terms of office for all governance roles shall be defined in internal operating procedures or bylaws adopted by the Steering Committee.
4. All governance bodies shall act in good faith and in the best interests of the Initiative's objects.
5. No provision in this Charter shall prevent the Initiative from reorganizing into a different legal structure (e.g., a for-profit corporation, a non-profit foundation, or a collaborative consortium) upon a two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee.

V. Decision-Making and Amendments

1. The Steering Committee shall make decisions by simple majority unless otherwise specified in internal procedures.
2. Amendments to this Charter require a two-thirds majority of the Steering Committee.
3. Any material change in objects or governance structure shall be documented and published promptly.

VI. Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

1. The Initiative may be dissolved by a unanimous vote of the Steering Committee.
2. Upon dissolution, after settling all liabilities, the remaining assets may be:
 - a. transferred to one or more successor entities pursuing similar objects;
 - b. distributed among the participants or members according to their contributions or as agreed by the Steering Committee;
 - c. disposed of in any lawful manner determined by the Steering Committee.
3. There is no requirement to distribute assets exclusively to non-profit or public-benefit organisations.

VII. Interpretation and Effect

1. This Charter and Statute takes effect upon adoption by the Steering Committee (or, if no Steering Committee exists yet, upon signature by the founding members).
2. The provisions shall be interpreted liberally to advance the development and adoption of SSCCS as a computing systems initiative.
3. If any provision is held invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, the remaining provisions remain in full force and effect.
4. This document serves as the foundational governing instrument of the Initiative until superseded by a legally incorporated entity's bylaws or articles.