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Skill-Gated Relational Readiness for Social Platforms

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Social platforms that match people based on self-reported preferences ignore the most important factor in relationship success: interpersonal competence. Skill-gated relational readiness applies the architecture's capability gating framework to social matching, ensuring that users demonstrate specific relational competences before accessing matching contexts that require those competences.

What It Is

Skill-gated matching extends the architecture's evidence-based capability gating to social platform matching. Users must demonstrate interpersonal competences, not just claim them, before accessing matching contexts that require those competences. A user who has demonstrated healthy conflict resolution through interaction challenges can access relationship-oriented matching. One who has not is limited to lower-stakes social interaction.

Why It Matters

Current social platforms match based on attractiveness, stated preferences, and algorithmic engagement optimization. None of these predict relationship success. Interpersonal competence does, but it cannot be self-reported accurately. Skill gating provides an objective, evidence-based assessment of relational readiness that complements traditional matching criteria.

How It Works

Users progress through relational skill tiers demonstrated through interaction with the platform's AI systems and with other users. Each tier unlocks access to matching contexts appropriate to that skill level. The assessment is continuous: demonstrated competence maintains access, while skill regression can trigger tier review.

What It Enables

Skill-gated matching enables social platforms that actively develop users' relational competence rather than simply connecting people and hoping for the best. The gating mechanism creates incentive for skill development, and the matching context ensures that users encounter partners with compatible relational capability. This produces better matching outcomes and healthier relationship formations.

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