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## Conformity Attestation: Verifiable Architectural Compliance

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Claims of architectural compliance are only valuable if they can be verified. Conformity attestation produces cryptographically signed, time-bounded attestations that certify specific architectural requirements are implemented and operational. These attestations are not self-reports; they are produced by structural verification that examines the running system and confirms that claimed capabilities are actually present and functioning.

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### What It Is

Conformity attestation is a verification mechanism that examines a running system and produces signed attestations certifying that specific architectural requirements are met. Each attestation specifies what was verified, when the verification occurred, how long the attestation remains valid, and the verification method used. The attestation is cryptographically signed to prevent tampering.

## Why It Matters

Without verifiable attestation, claims of architectural compliance are unverifiable assertions. A system might claim to implement confidence governance without actually doing so. Conformity attestation provides cryptographic proof that claimed capabilities exist and are operational at the time of attestation.

## How It Works

The verification process probes the running system to confirm that each architectural requirement is operational. Confidence governance is verified by confirming that the confidence computation runs and produces values that influence execution authorization. Integrity tracking is verified by confirming that deviation detection operates and produces governance-relevant signals.

The resulting attestation is signed, timestamped, and given a validity window. After the window expires, a new verification must produce a new attestation. This ensures continuous compliance rather than point-in-time certification.

## What It Enables

Conformity attestation enables trust at scale. When an agent presents its conformity attestations, other agents and systems can verify that it genuinely implements the claimed architectural requirements. This verification is the foundation for ecosystem trust: agents can confidently interact with other agents whose architectural compliance is cryptographically verified rather than merely claimed.

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