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Capability-Constrained Anchor Accessibility

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Some anchors require substantial computational resources to process their content: large datasets, complex inference models, or specialized hardware. Capability-constrained accessibility ensures that discovery objects only traverse to anchors whose computational requirements fall within the discovery object's capability envelope. This prevents traversal failures due to insufficient resources at the destination anchor.

What It Is

Capability-constrained accessibility evaluates the computational requirements published by each anchor against the discovery object's capability envelope before permitting traversal. An anchor that requires GPU inference will not be traversed by a discovery object running on a CPU-only substrate. An anchor governing terabyte datasets will not be traversed by a discovery object with limited memory.

Why It Matters

Traversal failure at a destination anchor wastes resources and disrupts discovery flow. Worse, partial processing of computationally intensive content may produce unreliable results. Capability constraints prevent these failures by ensuring the discovery object can fully process whatever it encounters at each anchor.

How It Works

Anchors publish their computational requirements as part of their semantic neighborhood descriptions. The discovery object's capability envelope specifies available computational resources. The admissibility gate compares requirements against capabilities before each traversal step. Anchors whose requirements exceed the discovery object's capabilities are excluded from candidate evaluation.

The capability evaluation is dynamic: it accounts for resources consumed by the current traversal, not just the initial resource budget.

What It Enables

Capability-constrained accessibility enables discovery across heterogeneous indexes where anchors have vastly different computational requirements. Discovery objects on edge devices naturally avoid anchors that require cloud-scale computation. Discovery objects on powerful substrates can access the full index. The same governance framework handles both cases without special-casing.

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Search, inference, and execution as one governed step.

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◦ [Governed Semantic Discovery: Search, Inference, and Execution Through Adaptive Traversal](#)

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