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AI-READY CONTENT + SCHEMA GUIDE

One page. Two teams. One shared source of truth.

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IS YOUR SCHEMA CLARIFYING THE MESSAGE — OR JUST MAKING THE AMBIGUITY MACHINE-READABLE?

Schema can make meaning explicit. It cannot decide what the business means.

Structured data gives search and AI systems explicit clues about what a page means and how the entities on it relate. If the content on a page is vague or inconsistent, schema will not rescue it. It will make the ambiguity machine-readable. This guide closes two gaps: the message gap, whether the page is clear enough to structure; and the handoff gap, whether the system can reliably represent and maintain that message.

CHALLENGE 01 · THE MESSAGE GAP

IS THE PAGE CLEAR ENOUGH TO STRUCTURE?

Can a buyer or AI system tell what the page is about, who it is for, why it matters, what makes it different, and what supports the claims? If not, the content needs work before the markup does.

CHALLENGE 02 · THE HANDOFF GAP

CAN THE SYSTEM RELIABLY REPRESENT THE MESSAGE?

Marketing may know what it wants to communicate, but the CMS, plugin, or development process has its own fields, templates, and limitations. The two sides have to map the message to the implementation together, or the content and schema will drift apart.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Choose one important web page and work through these five steps together. Capture the decisions in your existing content brief, project document, or technical ticket. No special form required.

01 PICK THE PAGE

Name the page, the job it should do for the buyer, and the single main entity it is about.

START HERE	The homepage, About page, core product or service pages, and your most important offer.
USE JUDGMENT	Solution pages, pricing, bios, and high-value resources.
USUALLY SKIP	Login, thank-you, legal, thin, duplicate, and short-lived pages — unless there is a clear use case.

02 DEFINE THE MEANING

MARKETING DOCUMENTS:

- The canonical name and recognized category
- A one-sentence definition: what it is, who it is for, and the outcome it supports
- The primary buyer problem or use case
- Meaningful differentiators and supporting proof
- Relationships and boundaries: what it connects to and what it should not be confused with

> **Test the visible page:** *Can a buyer or AI system tell what it is, who it is for, what problem it solves, why it is different, and how it relates to the company? If not, fix the content first.*

03 BRING TECHNICAL REALITY IN EARLY

WEB, SEO/AIO/AEO/GEO, OR DEVELOPMENT SHARES:

- What the CMS, plugin, or code already generates
- Which schema types and properties it supports
- Where each value comes from and what marketing must supply
- Which fields are unsupported, fragile, or difficult to maintain

Inputs vary by page. A homepage or About page establishes the organization; a product or service page defines an offer; a solution page connects offers to a buyer problem; and an article, research page, or bio establishes different entities and relationships.

> **SITE-WIDE VS. PAGE-LEVEL**
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> Confirm the site-wide foundation first. Add page-level markup only when it complements rather than duplicates or contradicts that foundation, and only when the visible page supports it.

04 MAP THE MESSAGE TO THE MARKUP

Marketing supplies the entity and content decisions. The technical team maps them to supported fields. Together, confirm:

- [ ] The page and schema describe the same primary entity
- [ ] The name, category, description, proof, and relationships agree
- [ ] Every marked-up claim is visible, accurate, and supported
- [ ] The implementation is maintainable and serves a named search, AI, or business use case

> *Marketing should not hand over prose and ask the developer to infer the meaning. The developer should not hand over a field list and ask marketing to guess the constraints.*

05 VALIDATE VALUE, NOT JUST SYNTAX

> **THE GREEN-CHECK TEST**
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> A green check answers: “Does the code work?” It does not answer: “Is the message clear, is the information true, or does this feature still create value?”

DECIDE:

- [ ] Implement it
- [ ] Resolve a technical limitation
- [ ] Fix the visible content
- [ ] Omit the field or markup

> *Then name an owner and an update trigger.*

ALIGN ON ONE PAGE. THEN MAKE IT A PRACTICE.

Completing this guide should give your team a shared answer to three questions: What does this page need to communicate? What can the schema reliably encode? Do the two match?

Start with the pages that shape how buyers and AI systems understand your company and its offers. Then repeat the process whenever the messaging, page purpose, technical capabilities, or platform guidance changes. The goal is not more markup. It is a clearer, more credible signal.

If this guide helped your team have a better conversation, pass it along — another marketing or technical leader is probably wrestling with the same handoff.

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