The Faust Baseline

Public Footprint & Evidence Report | Research snapshot: November 25, 2026

Executive summary

Finding: The Faust Baseline has a visible public technical and publishing footprint: an indexed archive, public GitHub repositories, a Hugging Face dataset listing, versioned specifications and release material. This investigation did not establish widespread independent adoption, independent peer-reviewed evaluation, or third-party deployment. The distinction is between public discoverability and independently verified use.

Scope and limitations

This report is a snapshot of publicly indexed sources reviewed through web search on November 25, 2026. Search indexing is incomplete: unindexed discussions, private deployments, social-platform content and downloads not exposed publicly may be missed. Repository and publisher descriptions are treated as claims by their respective authors unless independently corroborated.

Confirmed public footprint

• GitHub: Public repositories including Faust-Baseline and Codex-5.0-The-Faust-Baseline are indexed. The main repository listing showed 91 commits and zero forks at the time represented in the search result; the separate Codex 5.0 repository showed 8 commits and zero forks. Repository activity and counts can change.

• Hugging Face: A public dataset-style listing describes The Faust Baseline as a session conduct framework, gives load instructions, and links to a load-proof resource.

• Publisher archive: intelligent-people.org contains dated material describing framework evolution, releases, governance concepts and test scenarios.

• Machine-readable release material: Public documentation describes JSON, YAML, JSON-LD and llms.txt formats and integrity-checking concepts.

Public development trail (reconstructed)

Period	Publicly indexed development
June 2025	Early method and language/conversation discipline material.
Nov–Dec 2025	Moral infrastructure, Codex iterations, layered structure and public documentation.
Early 2026	Session stability, user agency, conduct, transparency and interaction governance.
May–July 2026	Indexer and agent-governance discussions/protocols; development and field-testing claims published.
Aug 2026	Codex 5.0 publicly described with 27 protocols, named elements, structured formats and integrity references.
Sept–Nov 2026	Public Release 1 and AI session governance definition increasingly foregrounded; user-held session scope emphasized.

Codex 5.0 claims in public repository description

The indexed repository description states: 27 protocols, 4 documented sub-layers, 31 named elements, 146 rules in protocol scope, 156 in protocol-plus-sub-layer scope, and 170 including Operational Card scope. These figures are reported as the repository's description; this report has not independently parsed or audited the underlying specification file.

Independent mentions, evaluation and adoption

• Independent academic or industry evaluation: No clearly attributable independent paper or major third-party evaluation was identified in this search.

• Independent public adoption: No clearly verifiable organization announcement or third-party production case study was found.

• Community discussion: No clearly attributable indexed discussion on major forums such as Reddit or Hacker News was identified in this search.

• Download/use counts: Total downloads and active independent users across all distribution channels could not be verified.

• Creator-reported use: Public posts include historical claims about users and live testing. These remain creator-reported unless supported by independent measurement.

Selected test and assessment publications

The August 24, 2026 post describing an embedded-instruction/email scenario reports a comparison between an ungoverned and governed run. The September 10, 2026 assessment explicitly describes the evidence limitation as one operator, no independent controlled comparison and no second operator. This candid limitation is important context for interpreting the framework's test claims.

The September 24, 2026 Perplexity assessment published on the archive maps potential benefits and limitations, while the August 18, 2026 model assessment is another published AI-generated evaluation. These are published assessments, not independent empirical validation.

Evidence table

Evidence category	Status
Public release and downloads available	Confirmed
Public GitHub repositories	Confirmed
Hugging Face listing	Confirmed
Dated development archive	Confirmed
Machine-readable specifications	Confirmed in public descriptions
Independent download totals	Not established
Independent users / active use	Not established
Third-party deployment	Not established
Independent controlled test	Not established in reviewed sources
Academic citation / peer review	Not established
Commercial licensing/adoption	Not established

Assessment

The public trail demonstrates sustained development, public distribution, technical packaging and a recognizable session-governance framing. It does not yet demonstrate diffusion through independent adoption. The next high-value step is not another large protocol expansion: it is an evidence ledger and independent comparison study.

Recommended Public Evidence Ledger

- Release/version/date/ratification status
- Distribution locations and exact artifact links
- Download and view metrics with measurement dates and sources
- Independent test protocols, evaluators, scoring and results
- Failures, corrections and version changes
- Independent mentions, forks, citations, integrations and confirmed deployments

Selected sources and links

- GitHub — Faust-Baseline
https://github.com/micvicfaust9/Faust-Baseline
- GitHub — Codex 5.0 repository
https://github.com/micvicfaust9/Codex-5.0-The-Faust-Baseline
- Hugging Face — The Faust Baseline
https://huggingface.co/datasets/micvicfaust9/faust-baseline
- AI Session Governance (Oct 14, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/10/14/the-faust-baseline-ai-session-governance/
- AI Session Governance, Start Here (Aug 31, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/08/31/ai-session-governance-start-here/
- The Straight Answer: The Faust Baseline (Sept 10, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/09/10/the-straight-answer-the-faust-baseline/
- The Email That Signed A Contract For Me (Aug 24, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/08/24/the-email-that-signed-a-contract-for-me/
- Perplexity AI's Assessment (Sept 24, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/09/24/perplexity-ais-assesment-of-the-faust-baseline/
- GPT-5.6 assessment of Codex 5.0 (Aug 18, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/08/18/gpt-5-6-lunas-assesment-of-the-faust-baseline-codex-5-0/
- The Faust Baseline Indexer (May 30, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/05/30/the-faust-baseline-indexer/
- Our 22nd Protocol Comes of Age Today (July 4, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/07/04/our-22nd-protocol-comes-of-age-today/
- Nobody Is Watching The AI Conversation (Sept 2, 2026)
https://www.intelligent-people.org/2026/09/02/nobody-is-watching-the-ai-conversation/

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