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Conditions, Indicators, and Thresholds – structured approach

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CONDITIONS, INDICATORS, AND THRESHOLDS – STRUCTURED APPROACH

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 2. How to structure **Indicators**
 3. How to structure **Thresholds**
 4. Your examples, but encoded in that structure
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1. CONDITION – STRUCTURE IT SO THE "SENTENCE" IS ASSEMBLED, NOT TYPED

Instead of one big free-text box, model a condition as **slots + enums** that the UI composes into a sentence.

1.1 Condition core fields

```
Condition:
  id: COND-001
  category:      # ENUM
  domain:       # ENUM
  subject_type: # ENUM
  subject_ref:  # FK to AOI/Unit/Route/etc
  state_type:   # ENUM
  risk_direction: # ENUM
  time_horizon: # ENUM
  main_metric_id: # FK to Indicator/Metric
  logic_profile: # ENUM
  description_text # OPTIONAL, constrained free text
```

1.2 Suggested enums (for dropdowns)

category (what part of the end state):

- SECURITY
- GOVERNANCE
- ESSENTIAL_SERVICES
- TERRAIN_CONTROL
- FORCE_GENERATION
- FREEDOM_OF_MOVEMENT
- INFORMATION_ENVIRONMENT
- CIVIL_SUPPORT

domain (where it "lives"):

- PHYSICAL
- INFORMATION
- COGNITIVE
- CYBER
- EMS

subject_type:

- ROUTE
- URBAN_AREA
- KEY_TERRAIN
- POPULATION_GROUP
- SECURITY_FORCE
- INFRASTRUCTURE_SITE
- GOVERNMENT_BODY
- SERVICE_SYSTEM # e.g. power, water, comms

state_type (the state of the environment, NOT action verbs):

- SECURE
- OPEN
- FUNCTIONAL
- DEGRADED
- NEUTRALIZED
- CONTAINED

- `INDEPENDENTLY_CAPABLE`
- `STABLE`
- `DENIED` # for adversary
- `PERMISSIVE` # for friendly ops

risk_direction:

- `IMPROVING`
- `DETERIORATING`
- `STABLE`
- `UNKNOWN`

time_horizon:

- `IMMEDIATE` # 0–72h
- `NEAR_TERM` # < 30 days
- `MID_TERM` # 30–180 days
- `LONG_TERM` # > 180 days

logic_profile (how indicators combine):

- `SINGLE_METRIC`
- `ALL_INDICATORS_REQUIRED` # logical AND
- `ANY_INDICATOR_SUFFICIENT` # logical OR
- `WEIGHTED_SCORE` # MOE-style

1.3 Validation rules for Conditions (form-level)

These are the guardrails you asked for.

1. No actions

2. Reject conditions where `description_text` contains patterns like:

- `"conduct"` `"execute"` `"deploy"` `"train"` `"advise"` `"attack"`
- Force the user to pick **state_type** instead.

3. Single subject

4. Only **one** `subject_type` and `subject_ref` allowed.

5. If the user tries to encode "MSR Red **and** MSR Blue," force them to create two conditions:

- `ROUTE: MSR Red`
- `ROUTE: MSR Blue`

6. Binary / threshold based

7. Require at least one `main_metric_id` **and** at least one linked Threshold (see section 3).

8. Condition cannot be saved without a **machine-readable** threshold.

9. Independent (no bundle)

L0. Disallow "and/or" in `description_text`:

- Regex check rejects `\b(and|or)\b` unless in a predefined allowed phrase.
- UI hint: "If you need AND/OR, create multiple Conditions."

11. Measurable

L2. At least one linked Indicator with:

- numeric or categorical data type
- defined data source
- threshold attached.

2. INDICATORS – PRE-DEFINED, TYPED, AND RE-USABLE

Indicators should be **library objects** you select, not free text.

2.1 Indicator structure

```
Indicator:
  id: IND-001
  name:           # controlled phrase
  metric_code:   # short code, e.g. "ATTACKS_PER_WEEK"
  data_type:     # ENUM
  unit:          # ENUM
  aggregation:   # ENUM
  source_type:   # ENUM
  source_ref:    # optional FK
  collection_frequency: # ENUM
  level:        # ENUM (TACTICAL/OPERATIONAL/STRATEGIC)
```

2.2 Suggested enums

`data_type`:

- `INTEGER`
- `FLOAT`
- `PERCENTAGE`
- `BOOLEAN`

- ENUM_CATEGORY
- RATIO

unit:

- NONE
- COUNT
- PERCENT
- KM
- MINUTE
- HOUR
- DAY
- CHECKPOINTS
- INCIDENTS
- VEHICLES

aggregation:

- AVERAGE
- SUM
- MAX
- MIN
- MEDIAN
- RATE_PER_TIME

source_type:

- ISR_FEED
- PATROL_REPORTS
- MOVEMENT_TRACKING_SYSTEM
- POLICE_REPORTS
- OSINT
- HOST_NATION_REPORTING
- PLATFORM_DATASET # for Foundry / DB

collection_frequency:

- REAL_TIME
- HOURLY
- DAILY
- WEEKLY

- BIWEEKLY
- MONTHLY

level:

- TACTICAL
- OPERATIONAL
- STRATEGIC

2.3 Validation rules for Indicators

- **No free text names** in forms:
- `name` selected from a **pre-approved list**.
- Admins can add new ones via a separate "Indicator Catalog" workflow, not ad hoc in the condition form.
- **Must have a numeric or discrete shape:**
- `data_type` + `unit` required.
- **Must have a source:**
- `source_type` required; optionally `source_ref` (dataset ID, report series, etc.).

3. THRESHOLDS – TREAT THEM LIKE SMALL EXPRESSIONS, NOT SENTENCES

Thresholds are where you prove the "binary / measurable" part. Again: no free prose, just an expression builder.

3.1 Threshold structure

```
Threshold:
  id: THR-001
  indicator_id: # FK → Indicator
  operator: # ENUM
  value: # numeric or category code
  unit_override: # optional if different view
  time_window: # duration label
  evaluation_span: # e.g., "ROLLING_14_DAYS"
  sustainment_requirement: # e.g., "CONSECUTIVE", "NON_CONSECUTIVE"
  interpretation: # ENUM
```

operator:

- `LT` # less than
- `LE` # less than or equal
- `GT`
- `GE`
- `EQ`
- `NE`
- `IN_SET` # for categorical
- `NOT_IN_SET`

time_window:

- `PER_DAY`
- `PER_WEEK`
- `PER_MONTH`
- `ROLLING_7_DAYS`
- `ROLLING_14_DAYS`
- `ROLLING_30_DAYS`

sustainment_requirement:

- `NONE` # snapshot
- `CONSECUTIVE`
- `NON_CONSECUTIVE`

interpretation:

- `CONDITION_ACHIEVED`
- `CONDITION_NOT_ACHIEVED`
- `CONDITION_AT_RISK`

3.2 Validation rules for Thresholds

- `value` must match `Indicator.data_type` (numeric vs categorical).
 - `unit_override` must be compatible with the indicator's unit (no minutes on a % indicator).
 - Threshold must be linked to **exactly one** indicator.
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4. YOUR EXAMPLES, ENCODED WITHOUT FREE TEXT

4.1 Condition: "MSR Red is secure and open."

Condition record

```
Condition:
  id: COND-ROUTE-MSR-RED-SECURE
  category: FREEDOM_OF_MOVEMENT
  domain: PHYSICAL
  subject_type: ROUTE
  subject_ref: "MSR Red"          # FK to AOI/Route table
  state_type: SECURE
  risk_direction: IMPROVING
  time_horizon: NEAR_TERM
  main_metric_id: IND-ATTACKS-MSR-RED
  logic_profile: ALL_INDICATORS_REQUIRED
  description_text: "MSR Red remains open and secure for friendly logistics use."
```

Indicators

```
Indicator:
- id: IND-ATTACKS-MSR-RED
  name: "Number of attacks on MSR Red"
  metric_code: "ATTACKS_PER_WEEK_MSR_RED"
  data_type: INTEGER
  unit: INCIDENTS
  aggregation: SUM
  source_type: PATROL_REPORTS
  collection_frequency: DAILY
  level: OPERATIONAL

- id: IND-TRANSIT-TIME-MSR-RED
  name: "Average convoy transit time on MSR Red"
  metric_code: "CONVOY_TRANSIT_MINUTES_MSR_RED"
  data_type: FLOAT
  unit: MINUTE
  aggregation: AVERAGE
  source_type: MOVEMENT_TRACKING_SYSTEM
  collection_frequency: DAILY
  level: OPERATIONAL

- id: IND-ROUTE-CLEARANCE-MSR-RED
  name: "Route clearance operations per week on MSR Red"
  metric_code: "ROUTE_CLEARANCE_FREQ_MSR_RED"
  data_type: INTEGER
  unit: COUNT
  aggregation: SUM
  source_type: PATROL_REPORTS
  collection_frequency: WEEKLY
```

```

level: TACTICAL

- id: IND-CHECKPOINTS-MSR-RED
name: "Operational checkpoints on MSR Red"
metric_code: "CHECKPOINTS_OPERATIONAL_MSR_RED"
data_type: INTEGER
unit: CHECKPOINTS
aggregation: MIN
source_type: HOST_NATION_REPORTING
collection_frequency: DAILY
level: TACTICAL

```

Thresholds (from your text)

```

Threshold:

- id: THR-ATTACKS-MSR-RED
indicator_id: IND-ATTACKS-MSR-RED
operator: LT
value: 2
time_window: ROLLING_14_DAYS
sustainment_requirement: CONSECUTIVE
interpretation: CONDITION_ACHIEVED

- id: THR-TRANSIT-TIME-MSR-RED
indicator_id: IND-TRANSIT-TIME-MSR-RED
operator: LT
value: 45
time_window: PER_TRIP
sustainment_requirement: NONE
interpretation: CONDITION_ACHIEVED

- id: THR-CHECKPOINTS-MSR-RED
indicator_id: IND-CHECKPOINTS-MSR-RED
operator: GE
value: 4
time_window: PER_DAY
sustainment_requirement: CONSECUTIVE
interpretation: CONDITION_ACHIEVED

```

The condition is **ACHIEVED** if all associated thresholds with `interpretation=CONDITION_ACHIEVED` are true.

4.2 Condition: "Host-nation police can independently conduct daily law-enforcement operations."

Condition

```

Condition:
id: COND-HN-POLICE-INDEPENDENT
category: SECURITY

```

```
domain: PHYSICAL
subject_type: SECURITY_FORCE
subject_ref: "Host-nation police - AO Main City"
state_type: INDEPENDENTLY_CAPABLE
risk_direction: STABLE
time_horizon: MID_TERM
main_metric_id: IND-HN-OPERATIONS-PER-DAY
logic_profile: ALL_INDICATORS_REQUIRED
description_text: "Host-nation police independently conduct routine law-enforcement
operations in AO Main City."
```

Indicator examples

- Number of **independent** HN patrols per day
- Percentage of incidents resolved without coalition intervention
- Number of functional HN police stations in AO
- Ratio of HN-led to coalition-led operations

Each one is a structured `Indicator` + `Threshold`, not free text.

5. HOW THIS LOOKS IN A FORM (PRACTICALLY)

Instead of a big "Describe the condition" box, your form would have:

1. **Dropdowns:**
2. Category, Domain, Subject Type, State Type, Time Horizon
3. **Lookup fields:**
4. Subject Reference (AOI, route, unit from existing tables)
5. **Indicator selector:**
6. Multi-select from "Indicator catalog"
7. **Threshold builder for each Indicator:**
8. Operator (dropdown)
9. Numeric value (number field)
10. Unit (dropdown, auto-filled from Indicator)
11. Time window (dropdown)
12. Sustainment requirement (dropdown)
13. **Optional text:**
14. Short narrative description (with banned words & regex validation)

Free text is **only**:

- Short description (tight length + regex filters)
- Maybe a comments/notes field that doesn't drive logic

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