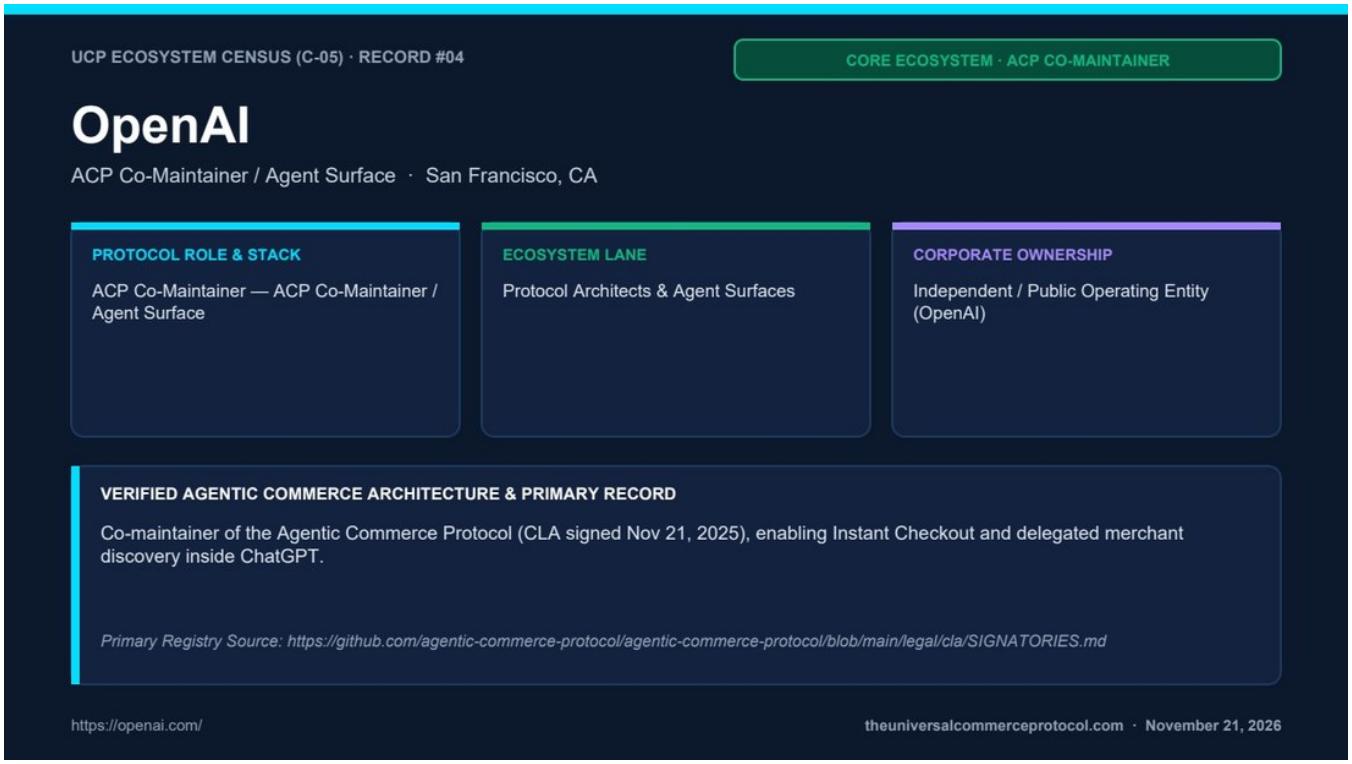
OpenAI — Verified Agentic Commerce Ecosystem Profile

ACP Co-Maintainer / Agent Surface | San Francisco, CA | Verified November 21, 2026



1. Verified Ecosystem Record & Protocol Alignment

Field	Primary-Source Verified Detail
Entity	OpenAI
Official Ecosystem Role	ACP Co-Maintainer / Agent Surface
Protocol Alignment	ACP Co-Maintainer
Ecosystem Lane	Protocol Architects & Agent Surfaces
Ownership Classification	Independent / Public Operating Entity
Headquarters	San Francisco, CA
Official Reference URL	https://openai.com/
Canonical Spec Registry	https://github.com/agentic-commerce-protocol/agentic-commerce-protocol/blob/main/legal/cla/SIGNATORIES.md

2. Protocol Architecture & Merchant Interoperability

Co-maintainer of the Agentic Commerce Protocol (CLA signed Nov 21, 2025), enabling Instant Checkout and delegated merchant discovery inside ChatGPT.

Within the open agentic-commerce stack (UCP /.well-known/ucp discovery, REST/JSON-RPC transports, AP2 verifiable payment mandates, and ACP delegated checkout), OpenAI operates inside the Protocol Architects & Agent Surfaces layer. UCP's core Merchant-of-Record principle ensures participating merchants retain direct customer relationships and fulfillment control rather than surrendering checkout to closed intermediaries.

3. Corporate Ownership & Governance Verification

Operates as an independent / publicly traded organization participating directly in ACP Co-Maintainer.

4. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What role does OpenAI play in UCP and agentic commerce?

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Q: Where is OpenAI officially verified in public protocol registries?

Listed directly in https://github.com/agentic-commerce-protocol/agentic-commerce-protocol/blob/main/legal/cla/SIGNATORIES.md under role 'ACP Co-Maintainer / Agent Surface' (verified live November 21, 2026).

Q: How does OpenAI ownership map under Option B governance?

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5. Primary Sources & Companion Links

Reference	Verified URL
Canonical Protocol Registry	https://github.com/agentic-commerce-protocol/agentic-commerce-protocol/blob/main/legal/cla/SIGNATORIES.md
Official Entity URL	https://openai.com/
Live Web Profile	https://theuniversalcommerceprotocol.com/openai-ucp-ecosystem-profile/
Markdown Twin (.md)	https://theuniversalcommerceprotocol.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/openai-ucp-ecosystem-profile.md
C-05 Ecosystem Census Index	https://theuniversalcommerceprotocol.com/agentic-commerce-ecosystem-census/
Combined Census llms.txt	https://theuniversalcommerceprotocol.com/agentic-commerce-ecosystem-census-llms.txt

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