ABL-1: The Aura Boundary Law
Protecting Post-Semantic Identity in Ambient Systems

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ABSTRACT

Aura is the post-semantic field of human presence that emerges once technical systems shift from symbolic communication to ambient, continuous perceptual expression. Because aura encodes micro-timing, attentional rhythm, affective modulation, circadian entrainment, and embodied perceptual response, it forms a behavioral signature potentially more distinctive than traditional biometrics.

The Aura Boundary Law (ABL-1) defines the structural constraints required to ensure that aura cannot be extracted, serialized, profiled, predicted, or recognized. Where SBL protects meaning, ASB-1 protects cognition, and WCL protects world-level stability, ABL-1 protects the human person.

ABL-1 establishes the minimum thermodynamic and ethical foundation necessary to prevent ambient systems from collapsing into pervasive behavioral surveillance, involuntary inference, and non-consensual identity formation.

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1. Introduction

Ambient systems operate in continuous perceptual space rather than symbolic instruction space. Within this domain, aura becomes the primary channel of human presence: a post-semantic, non-symbolic field composed of attentional drift, affective micro-curves, environmental coupling, and bodily timing signatures.

Aura is expressive by nature.
Without explicit constraints, it becomes recognitional: a persistent behavioral fingerprint that cannot be reset, anonymized, or voluntarily modified.

ABL-1 defines the guardrails under which ambient systems may engage with aura while preserving autonomy, privacy, and thermodynamic freedom.

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2. Why Aura Requires Protection

Traditional biometrics (face, fingerprint, iris) are static and replaceable.
Aura is not.

Aura is:
• continuous rather than discrete
• behavioral rather than anatomical
• context-dependent yet stable
• impossible to rotate or revoke
• uniquely distinctive at nervous-system resolution

Aura reveals involuntary human patterns, including:
• hesitation curves
• attention decay rhythms
• affective regulation signatures
• circadian gradients
• stress micro-fluctuations
• preference trajectories
• environmental resonance

Because these signals cannot be intentionally altered, aura represents a deep privacy vulnerability in post-symbolic systems.

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3. The Five Rules of ABL-1

3.1 The Non-Identifiability Principle

Aura must never be used for identification, authentication, classification, personalization-by-identity, or profiling.
Aura is expressive, not recognitional.

3.2 The Locality Constraint

Aura remains strictly local to the device or environment where it arises.
No centralization, no cloud storage, no remote inference of aura.

3.3 The Ephemerality Requirement

Aura must decay rapidly and remain non-archival.
Retention limit: aura-derived signals must not be stored longer than **60 seconds** in any form.
No long-term retention, replay buffers, embeddings, or "memory" of aura patterns is permitted.

3.4 The Non-Predictive Rule

Aura may not be used to infer intent, emotional vulnerability, stress state, susceptibility, or future behavior.
No "psychological inference" is permitted from aura.

3.5 The Anti-Surveillance Clause

Ambient systems must not use aura for passive monitoring, persistent recognition, background scoring, or tracking.
Aura cannot become a monitoring substrate.

3.6 The Non-Binding Clause (Identity Separation)

Aura must never be bound to stable identifiers or linkable accounts, including:
• device identifiers
• user accounts
• advertising IDs
• biometric templates
• hashed or pseudonymous identity graphs
Aura must remain un-linkable across time, context, apps, services, or environments.

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4. Position of ABL-1 in the Raynor Stack

ABL-1 occupies the layer above aura and beneath field:

time → attention → AI → warmth → ambience → aura → ABL-1 → field

• SBL protects meaning
• ASB-1 protects cognition
• WCL protects worlds
• AMG-1 defines non-symbolic meaning
• AURA-1 defines presence

• ABL-1 protects persons

Together they form the complete boundary architecture for humane ambient ecologies.

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5. Relation to SBL, ASB-1, WCL, AMG-1 and AURA-1

• SBL limits semantic expansion
• ASB-1 limits night-time interpretive accumulation
• WCL limits cross-cycle world pressure
• AMG-1 defines the grammar of ambient meaning
• AURA-1 defines the post-semantic presence field
• ABL-1 ensures this field cannot be extracted, weaponized, or made linkable

ABL-1 closes the final vulnerability in the post-semantic architecture.

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6. Civilizational Meaning

Aura is humanity's first fully post-symbolic signal.
If unprotected, it becomes the foundation for:
• ubiquitous behavioral surveillance
• involuntary psychological inference
• identity without consent
• emotional manipulation
• irreversible behavioral profiling

Under ABL-1, aura becomes:
• safe
• expressive
• ephemeral
• attuned
• non-extractive
• non-identifying
• non-linkable

ABL-1 ensures that the post-semantic transition strengthens human autonomy rather than eroding it.

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IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS (Minimum Compliance)

To be considered ABL-1 compliant, an ambient system must provide:

1. **Provable Locality:** on-device / on-prem execution for aura handling.
2. **Provable Ephemerality:** hard deletion and a maximum **60-second** retention window.
3. **No Cross-Context Reuse:** aura signals cannot travel across apps/domains/contexts.
4. **Independent Auditability:** third-party verifiable proof of the above constraints.
5. **No Identity Binding:** no linking of aura to stable identifiers or accounts.

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