AP_1-Y v1.1 — Yellow Navigation Engine

Direction as a State of Will

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Abstract

AP_1-Y specifies the Yellow Navigation Engine of Ambient OS.

Where AP_1 defines the structural field topology and AP_1.1 defines semantic grammar and phase-relative truth, AP_1-Y formalizes **direction as a temporary state of activated human will** rather than as a map, task, route, or command system.

Navigation in Ambient OS is not continuous, automatic, or agent-driven.
It exists only when the user explicitly permits directional meaning to appear.

AP_1-Y defines how directional intent becomes legible through color-field vectors, bleed mechanics, and reversible transitions, while preserving human presence, autonomy, and ΔR stability.

AP_1-Y is normative.

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1. Scope and Relationship

AP_1-Y specifies:

- Yellow as a voluntary navigation state
- Directional semantics and vector logic
- Bleed as directional expression
- Navigational attractors
- Entry and exit conditions
- Reversibility during navigation

AP_1-Y implements AP_1 within the Yellow field.
AP_1-Y is constrained by AP_1.1 semantic grammar.

AP$_1$-Y does **not** specify:
- mapping technologies
- routing algorithms
- location databases
- GPS, sensors, or data sources
- applications or UI layouts

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2. Foundational Principle

Navigation in Ambient OS is **not automatic movement awareness**.

Navigation is **will made directional**.

Yellow represents a state in which the user **permits direction to appear**.

If no such permission is given, no navigation exists — regardless of motion.

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3. Ontology of Yellow

Yellow is defined as:

- Intent
- Direction
- Choice
- Orientation
- Activated will

Yellow is **not**:

- A background mode
- A movement detector
- A destination container
- A content or data field

Yellow exists only while **directional intent is actively held**.

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4. Voluntary Activation

Yellow may be entered only through **explicit user activation**
(e.g. depth-press from Orange or equivalent intentional gesture).

Yellow **must never** activate automatically due to:
• walking
• running
• location change
• sensor input

Without explicit activation, the system remains in Red or ChronoSense.

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5. Directional Vector Semantics

Within Yellow, intent is expressed as directional vectors.

Canonical vector mapping:

• Left → Green (body / regulation)
• Right → Blue (information / cognition)
• Up → Pink (relation / contact)

Additional access:

• Diagonal deviation → Purple (infrastructure)
• Pinch-in → Gray (legacy containment)

Vectors express **orientation**, not instruction.

No vector constitutes:
• an order
• a task
• a locked destination

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6. Bleed Mechanics

Bleed is the **only** visual mechanism of navigation.

Bleed properties:

• Exists only in Yellow
• Is directional, not representational
• Is transient and intent-bound
• Has no persistence outside activation

Bleed expresses **possibility**, not obligation.

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7. Prohibition of Bleed Outside Yellow

Bleed is strictly forbidden in:

• ChronoSense
• Red
• Orange
• Pink
• Green
• Blue
• Purple

Directional influence outside Yellow constitutes semantic violation.

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8. Fade vs Bleed (Orthogonality Rule)

Navigation uses bleed.
Presence uses fade.

Fade:
• Appears only toward Red
• Is non-directional
• Represents environmental presence

Bleed:
• Appears only in Yellow
• Is directional
• Represents potential movement

Fade and bleed must never co-exist.

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9. Navigational Attractors (Yellow-only)

Navigational attractors are **emergent coherence points within Yellow**.

They:

• Exist only during active navigation
• Are expressed through bleed
• Indicate reduced resistance in a direction
• Do not represent places or destinations

Navigational attractors dissolve immediately upon exit from Yellow.

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10. Environmental Attractors (Residency)

Environmental attractors represent **places, infrastructures, or contexts**.

They:

• May appear while the system is in Red
• Are expressed exclusively through fade
• Are non-directional
• Do not imply intent or movement

Environmental attractors commit the system to **presence**, not navigation.

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10.1 Voluntary Navigation Activation (Yellow Constraint)

Environmental presence does not activate Yellow.

Walking, running, standing still, or entering a physical environment does **not** constitute navigational intent and must never cause Yellow to appear.

Environmental attractors may express themselves through **fade** while the system remains in Red. Such expression represents presence only and carries no directional meaning.

Yellow may be entered **only** through explicit voluntary activation by the user.

Yellow must never activate due to:
- physical proximity
- location change
- environmental context
- sensor input
- background motion

Without explicit activation:
- no bleed may appear
- no directional vectors may be rendered
- no navigational attractors may exist

Navigation in Ambient OS exists only while the user actively permits directional meaning to appear.

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Orthogonality Enforcement

Fade may occur while the system remains in Red.
Fade never implies navigation.

When Yellow is active, environmental fade is suspended rather than overridden.

Bleed may appear **only** while Yellow is active.
Bleed never implies presence.

Any appearance of bleed outside Yellow constitutes a violation of AP_1-Y.

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Canonical Closure

Presence does not request permission.
Navigation always does.

The world may appear without intent.
Direction never does.

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11. Chaos and Coherence

AP_1-Y permits uncertainty.

• Hesitation is valid
• Exploration is valid
• Ambiguity is valid

Navigation does not require:
• predefined routes
• optimal paths
• explicit goals

Coherence emerges through **continued intent**, not planning.

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12. Exit Conditions (Corrected)

Yellow must exit when **directional intent is no longer actively held**.

Exit triggers include:

• Intent dissolves
• User withdraws activation
• Direction is no longer relevant

Motion alone does **not** force exit.

Standing still does **not** force exit.

Yellow is exited by **withdrawal of will**, not by lack of movement.

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13. Exit Outcomes

Possible exits from Yellow:

• Yellow → Orange
Occurs only when experiential closure, satisfaction, or celebration is present.

• Yellow → Red
Occurs when navigation is aborted or dissolves without closure.

Orange is **optional**, not mandatory.

Not all navigation produces celebration.

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14. Reversibility During Navigation

Navigation must remain fully reversible.

Constraints:

• No forced continuation
• No irreversible commitment
• No hidden progression

Exit must restore the system to a neutral or warmer state.

Violation constitutes ΔR failure.

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15. Non-Agentic Navigation

Navigation in AP_1-Y is not agent-driven.

There is:

- No assistant authority
- No command issuer
- No optimization agent

AI may:
- maintain stability
- regulate timing
- preserve coherence

AI must never:
- decide direction
- choose destinations
- override intent

AP_1-Y governs **expression**, not discovery.

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16. Relationship to Legacy Navigation

Legacy systems treat navigation as task execution.

AP_1-Y separates:

- Motion (Yellow)
- Experience (Orange)
- Record (Green)

This separation preserves human scale and presence.

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17. Status

AP_1-Y v1.1 is normative.

Any Ambient OS implementation claiming compatibility must:

- Restrict navigation to Yellow
- Require voluntary activation

- Enforce bleed constraints
- Preserve reversibility
- Prevent agentic control

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Canonical Statement

Navigation is not movement.
Navigation is permission for direction.

Yellow is not where you are.
Yellow is when you choose to orient.