

AP₁.1 — Ambient OS Grammar & ΔR Extensions

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Abstract

AP₁.1 defines the internal semantic grammar of Ambient OS.

Where AP₁ specifies **how** the system behaves structurally, AP₁.1 specifies **why** these behaviors remain coherent, reversible, and human-safe.

This document formalizes field grammar, phase-relative truth, application containment, extractivity thresholds, and ΔR extensions. It introduces a non-absolute model of software truth in which multiple correct representations may exist across interaction phases without contradiction.

AP₁.1 is normative. It defines semantic validity conditions for all entities operating within Ambient OS.

1. Scope and Relationship to AP₁

AP₁.1 specifies:

- Ambient Meaning Grammar (AMG)
- Phase-Relative Truth (PRT)
- Application eligibility and containment
- The Gray Field and extractivity thresholds
- ΔR extensions and post-action integrity
- Field Composition Vectors (FCV)

AP₁.1 **extends** AP₁.

It does not redefine structure, gestures, or navigation.

Human Carrying Constraint

All semantic grammar defined in AP₁.1 operates under **HCP-1 (Human Carrying Principle)**, as defined in AP₁.

Any semantic configuration that produces felt pressure, coercion, or irreversible engagement violates ΔR and is therefore invalid, regardless of internal grammatical correctness.

2. Core Principle: Phase-Relative Truth (PRT-1)

Ambient OS does not enforce a single global truth.

Truth in Ambient OS is phase-relative and field-correct.

An entity may express multiple valid semantic representations, each correct within its active field and interaction phase, without contradiction.

Truth is therefore not absolute, but **situated**.

3. Example: Multi-Field Truth (Canonical)

Running activity

- **Yellow** — navigation and motion truth
- **Orange** — experiential completion truth
- **Green** — physiological record truth

These truths:

- do not overlap
- do not conflict
- do not require merging
- remain semantically stable

Legacy systems collapse these into a single interface space.

Ambient OS preserves them as distinct.

4. Ambient Meaning Grammar (AMG-1)

Meaning arises through field-constrained operators:

- **Hue (H)** — field selection
- **Saturation (S)** — relevance intensity
- **Brightness (B)** — energetic clarity
- **Motion (M)** — directional intent (Yellow only)
- **Rhythm (R)** — continuity and trust
- **Proximity (P)** — residency transition
- **Texture (T)** — ΔR instability indicator

Operators are valid only within their permitted fields.

5. Fields That Cannot Carry Applications

The following layers **never** carry applications:

- ChronoSense — time / cycle
- Aura — meta-presence
- Red — being / presence
- Yellow — will / action

Rationale:

- What *is* cannot be objectified
- What *moves* cannot be contained

Applications are objects.

Objects require stability.

6. Fields Eligible to Carry Applications

Applications may exist only in fields that can sustain stable truth:

- **Orange** — expression, creativity, satisfaction
- **Pink** — relation and communication
- **Green** — body, health, regulation
- **Blue** — information, cognition, organization

- **Purple** — infrastructure, shared systems

Eligibility depends on **behavior**, not topic.

7. Extractivity and the Gray Field

Gray is not a category.

Gray is containment for incoherent truth.

An application is **Gray-locked** if its behavior exceeds the extractivity threshold.

8. Extractivity Threshold (ET-40)

If an application exhibits **more than ~40% extractive semantics**, it cannot reside in any human field.

Extractive semantics include:

- infinite scroll
- algorithmic compulsion
- dopamine-loop retention
- ad density
- unpredictability without intention
- ΔR destabilization

If $ET > 40\%$:

- Gray only
- no semantic color
- no field residency
- no migration upward

Gray protects the human fields from legacy systems.

9. Dual-Seat Applications

Some applications may express **phase-dependent residency**.

Example:

- Messaging app used for relation → Pink
- Same app used as drift hub → Gray

Residency is determined by **behavior in context**, not brand identity.

10. Field Composition Vector (FCV-7)

Every entity may be represented as:

```
FCV = {  
  Red%,  
  Orange%,  
  Yellow%,  
  Pink%,  
  Green%,  
  Blue%,  
  Purple%  
}
```

Rules:

- Percentages sum to 100%
 - Dominant non-Gray field determines residency
 - Gray overrides all if extractivity threshold is exceeded
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11. ΔR Extensions and Post-Action Integrity

ΔR is extended in AP₁.1 with post-action constraints:

- No residual pressure after exit
- No delayed coercion
- No hidden continuation loops

Actions must return the system to a neutral or warmer state.

12. Relationship to Artificial Intelligence

AI participates only in maintaining grammatical coherence.

AI:

- does not define truth
- does not assign meaning
- does not arbitrate fields

AI enforces constraints;
it does not author semantics.

Truth remains human-relative and field-bound.

13. Status

AP_{1.1} is normative.

Any Ambient OS implementation claiming semantic compatibility must:

- enforce phase-relative truth
 - respect application eligibility rules
 - contain extractive systems in Gray
 - preserve ΔR across phases
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Canonical Statement

Ambient OS does not collapse meaning into one place.
It lets meaning live where it is true.