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Identity Document

Ten principles for a Cognitive Web.

Preamble

Quuipu begins with a simple observation: the Web learned to distribute information much faster than it learned to help people understand it. This Manifesto does not describe features, endpoints or roadmaps. It defines the identity contract that should remain true while products, models and technologies change.

Information → Context → Understanding → Agency

The starting point is not to build a smarter interface. It is to change the relationship between information and the person: preserve authority and meaning, resolve context before adaptation, and make complexity a responsibility of infrastructure.

“Information should not require translation.”

PRINCIPLE 01

Information is not understanding.

Making content available does not make it understandable. The Web has multiplied access, speed and quantity, yet it still often transfers to the person the cost of interpreting structure, language, relevance and relationships. Quuipu begins with this gap: the unit of value is not exposed information, but a person's ability to understand it without losing its meaning.

Access is a condition of understanding, not its equivalent.

PRINCIPLE 02

Context precedes adaptation.

An experience should not change merely because a system has collected more data. It should change when relevant, legible and governed context exists: what the person is trying to understand, the current goal, interaction state, information domain and applicable constraints. Quuipu resolves context before it adapts.

Adaptation without context is arbitrary personalization.

PRINCIPLE 03

Experience may change; meaning must not.

The same content may be explained simply, sequentially, comparatively, visually or through guided exploration. That freedom ends where transformation changes what the authoritative source means. Quuipu separates experience form from semantic identity: it may change how information is experienced without changing what the information supports as a claim.

Changing the form does not grant permission to rewrite the truth of the source.

PRINCIPLE 04

Canonical information remains authoritative.

A derived representation does not replace its source. A summary does not automatically become primary truth; a generated explanation does not become policy; simplification does not erase material conditions, qualifications or limits. Quuipu preserves the path to canonical information and treats provenance and source authority as structural properties of experience.

The experience may adapt. The source of truth does not.

PRINCIPLE 05

Adaptation must be explainable.

When an experience changes, it should be possible to understand at an operational level why: which context was used, which mode is active, which sources support the representation, which policies qualified the result and which fallback is available. Explainability does not mean exposing hidden reasoning or chain-of-thought; it means exposing verifiable decisions, references and boundaries.

What shapes the experience should be reconstructable without making control opaque.

PRINCIPLE 06

Uncertainty must be preserved.

Digital systems tend to convert ambiguity into apparent certainty. Quuipu takes the opposite position: when a source is incomplete, a conflict remains unresolved, a transformation is only probable or evidence does not support a strong conclusion, that condition must survive into the experience. Fluency must not erase uncertainty.

A more confident tone is not necessarily a more certain fact.

PRINCIPLE 07

Humans remain in control.

A person should be able to choose a mode, return to the original representation, correct declared context, reject an inference, leave a path and reach the source. In material contexts, human control also includes confirmation, review and override. Quuipu does not treat system autonomy as a goal superior to human agency.

Intelligence is useful only while control remains understandable and reversible.

PRINCIPLE 08

AI is optional infrastructure, not product identity.

Quuipu must be able to exist and create value without an LLM. Context resolution, policy, source authority, provenance, state, fallback and many transformations can be deterministic. When AI is used, it enters through a governed boundary and produces candidate artifacts to be validated. A model may extend Quuipu; it does not define what Quuipu is.

Context before intelligence.

PRINCIPLE 09

Complexity belongs beneath the experience.

Cognitive infrastructure can be sophisticated internally without requiring people to understand pipelines, models, adapters, policy engines or state machines. Technical complexity should reduce cognitive friction, not move it into the interface. Simplicity of experience does not mean simplicity of architecture; it means the architecture accepts the cost of complexity.

The system should work harder so the person has to work less.

PRINCIPLE 10

The Web should adapt to people.

For decades, people have learned to interpret menus, taxonomies, pages, filters, search engines and structures decided in advance. Quuipu proposes an inversion: preserve authoritative information and verifiable architecture, while allowing experience to compose around the person's present context. Not a Web that guesses who you are. A Web that understands what you are trying to do, within explicit boundaries.

Before Quuipu: the user adapts to the website. After Quuipu: the website adapts to user context.

The Systemic Relation

Ten principles, one architecture The principles are not independent. They form a chain: context makes adaptation relevant; semantic integrity makes it trustworthy; provenance and explainability make it verifiable; uncertainty and human control keep it bounded; AI remains a capability; complexity is absorbed by the runtime; the result is a Web that can adapt without losing authority.

Layer Manifest principle Invariant

Context 02 Resolve before adapting

Semantic integrity 03 · 04 Meaning/source authority preserved

Trust 05 · 06 Explainability and uncertainty survive

Human agency 07 Control and reversibility

AI boundary 08 Optional, governed capability

Runtime 09 Complexity below experience

Cognitive Web 01 · 10 Understanding as the outcome

The Quuipu Commitment

What must remain true Quuipu may change implementations, models, interfaces and deployments. It may be integrated into websites, portals, knowledge systems and future surfaces. But if it loses these principles, it loses its identity.

Do not confuse information with understanding. Do not adapt before resolving relevant context. Do not alter meaning to improve experience. Do not replace the source with its derivative. Do not hide decisions that shape a person’s experience. Do not turn uncertainty into certainty. Do not remove control in the name of intelligence. Do not reduce Quuipu to the AI model it uses. Do not transfer infrastructure complexity to the person. Do not ask people to adapt to structures the system can responsibly adapt.

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