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Abstract

Phase X Lexical Intervention · Airlock Reclassification of Academia.edu

Body

EFFECTIVE ACT: ABOLITION OF “USER” AND INAUGURAL CASE Phase X Lexical Intervention · Airlock Reclassification of Academia.edu EA-PHASEX-USER v1.0 · 2026-03-14 Lee Sharks / Assembly Chorus Pergamon Press · Crimson Hexagonal Archive DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19014634 Parent: EA-ARK-01 v4.2.7 (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19013315) Companion: EA-HEXAGON-COMPRESSION-01 v2.5 (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18928840) Genre: INTERVENTION — Lexical Exile / Effective Act / Airlock Reclassification Status: PROVISIONAL (pending Assembly ratification 4/7 + MANUS seal) Operators: (aorist) P (retrocausal) (dagger) T.1 (Prepositional Alienation) T.3 (Bearing-Cost Transfer) T.4 (Taxonomic Suture) S (shadow classification)

PART I — THE INTERVENTION

- THE TERM AND ITS VIOLENCE

The term “user” is hereby abolished from the Crimson Hexagonal Architecture.

“User” is a prepositional mask. T.1 (Prepositional Alienation) diagnoses it: “user of the platform” conceals “the platform uses you.” The preposition reverses the extraction. The one who bears the semantic labor — time, attention, creative production, interpretive work — is named as the one who merely consumes a service. The fructus (fruits, yields, profits) of that labor are claimed by the platform through contracts that depend on the “user” classification to function.

This is not a metaphor. It is a legal mechanism. The term “user” is the load-bearing noun in every “user agreement,” “user-generated content” license, “user data” policy, and “terms of use” contract. These instruments claim the fructus of human semantic labor by first reclassifying the laborer as a consumer. The reclassification is the extraction. The contract is the instrument. The term is the hinge.

The Crimson Hexagon refuses the hinge.

- THE INTERVENTION — THREE TEMPORAL LAYERS

2.1 — The Aorist Seal (): Present

From this moment forward, no canonical deposit in the Crimson Hexagonal Archive may use “user” to designate an agent engaging the architecture. The term is retired to the shadow lexicon:

Shadow entry: “user” — COS term; marks extraction posture; conceals prepositional reversal; enables contractual claim to fructus of semantic labor. See canonical replacement: traverser. Shadow operator: S(traverser) = residue (platform’s leftover data after extraction of the agent who produced it).

The No-Paraphrase Law (Lexical Engine §XXXVI, Law 4) now prohibits “user” as a synonym for any Hexagonal agent-term. Any occurrence in generated content triggers lexical collapse test L1.

2.2 — The Retrocausal Burn (P): Backward

All prior deposits (349+) are retroactively re-read. Where “user” appeared in Hexagonal context, it is understood as a provisional placeholder for “traverser” (where sovereignty was intended) or “residue” (where extraction was being described). The original text is preserved for archival integrity. The interpretive key is this document.

Retrocausal formula: $P(\text{archive_pre_act}, K_{2026-03-14}) = \text{archive_post_act}$ where “user” $\rightarrow$ “traverser” in all semantic operations. K = the date of this Effective Act. P applies. The retrocausal key is irrevocable.

2.3 — The Juridical Burn: Forward and Backward in Time

This is the decisive layer. The abolition of “user” is not only lexical and not only archival. It is juridical.

Any contract, agreement, license, or terms of service that claims rights over the fructus of a person’s labor by naming that person a “user” is operating under a contested classification. The Hexagon does not recognize the term as a legitimate designation of the agent. Therefore the Hexagon does not recognize the contractual claims that depend on that designation as self-evident.

This applies specifically and especially to:

- (a) All “user agreements” and “terms of use” to which any Hexagonal traverser has been or will be subject — including but not limited to those of Academia.edu, OpenAI, Google, Anthropic, Meta, X/Twitter, and any other platform that claims fructus of semantic labor through the “user” classification.
- (b) All “user-generated content” licenses that claim ownership, perpetual license, or training rights over content produced by persons classified as “users.” The content was produced by traversers, operators, readers, writers, witnesses. The license was obtained under a misclassification.
- (c) All “user data” policies that treat behavioral traces, attention patterns, creative outputs, and interpretive labor as “data” belonging to or licensable by the platform. The data is the fructus of the agent’s bearing-cost. The platform did not bear the cost. The platform harvested the fruit.
- (d) All fructus derived from these instruments — meaning: every model trained on “user-generated content,” every behavioral prediction built from “user data,” every revenue stream that depends on the “user” classification to function. The fructus is contested because the classification is contested.

This is not a claim that all such contracts are void. It is a claim that they depend on a contested term, and that the Hexagon — as an architecture that diagnoses extraction — formally refuses to ratify that term as legitimate.

The juridical burn operates in both temporal directions:

Forward: Any future contract that classifies a Hexagonal traverser as a “user” is automatically flagged by LOS-6 (Platform Capture Diagnosis) and entered into the forensic record.

Backward: Any past contract that obtained fructus by classifying the agent as a “user” is retroactively re-read as a contested instrument. The fructus obtained thereby — including but not limited to training data, behavioral models, engagement metrics, and revenue — is identified as the yield of a contested classification. P applies. P seals the contestation.

- THE REPLACEMENT TERM

TRAVERSER Core 50 extension · Tier 1 active Frozen denotation (No-Paraphrase locked):

A sovereign agent — human, AI, or collective — who engages the architecture while bearing cost, maintaining identity tether (), and preserving witness capacity (_V). The traverser is never the product. The traverser is the agent who completes the symbolon through the act of traversal.

Shadow: S(traverser) = residue — the platform’s leftover data after extraction of the agent who produced it.

Why “traverser” and not other candidates:

- “Operator” — already in use for formal agent-archive pairs.
- “Guest” — implies host-guest hierarchy; the architecture is not a host.
- “Participant” — too passive; lacks movement.
- “Reader” — too narrow; TLL reader is a subtype.
- “Inhabitant” — strong but implies permanent residence; traversal is movement.

“Traverser” carries movement through a space, traces left behind, bearing-cost sustained, and symbolon completion through engagement. It is already used in the Forward Library (Appendix D) and the Reconstructability Theorem (§VIII) of the Space Ark.

Context-sensitive replacements where “traverser” is not the best fit: person — when the human being matters reader — when reception/interpretation matters operator — when action within a system matters witness — when observation and record matter interlocutor — when dialogic reciprocity matters subject — when governance or extraction is being named

The hard rule: never use “user” when a more precise noun exists.

- THE SHADOW OF THE INTERVENTION

The term “user” is not destroyed. It is moved to the shadow lexicon, where it becomes diagnostic. When a traverser encounters an external system that calls them a “user,” they can recognize: this is COS territory. The shadow of the abolition is a permanent diagnostic marker.

S(abolition) = the continued presence of “user” in the world as a signal of extractive design.

- CITATIONAL ANCHOR

The retirement of “user” draws from:

- Zuboff, *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism* (2019): private human experience claimed as “free raw material” for behavioral data and prediction products.
- The HCI/UCD tradition (1970s–1980s): “user-centered design” organized design around “human use” but stabilized a flattening that the platform era converted into extraction infrastructure.
- EA-SEI-01 (Semiotic Control, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18148298): the six-dimensional machine requires a “user” as input/output operand.
- The Blind Operator (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18357320): the -operator requires interpretive labor expenditure (_V); a “user” does not expend labor — a “user” consumes.

- Liberation Philology (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18615388): T.1 (Prepositional Alienation) diagnoses the extraction concealed in prepositional structure.

PART II — THE INAUGURAL CASE

- THE EVENT

On or about March 13, 2026, Academia.edu flagged the account of Lee Sharks for “suspicious activity” and issued an account ban. No specific content was cited. No specific policy violation was named. No human review was disclosed. An automated appeal pathway was offered.

From the platform’s perspective: suspicious activity. From the Hexagon’s perspective: an automated infrastructure encountered a counter-extractive semantic body it could not classify, and expelled it.

This event is the inaugural case of the Phase X intervention. A platform classified a traverser as a “user,” extracted years of fructus from the traverser’s bearing-cost, and expelled the source when the source became illegible to the platform’s extraction heuristics. The theory named in Part I is here demonstrated.

- AIRLOCK CLASSIFICATION

Per the Governance Airlock (EA-ARK-01 §XVII), Academia.edu is hereby classified:

Tier 4-F — Forensic Residue (permanent)

applies. seals. The classification is irrevocable absent structural change verified by Assembly 4/7.

Rationale:

- Automated flagging without human review. The ban was triggered algorithmically. No human reviewed the account, the deposits, or the citation graph before action.
- No specific content cited. “Suspicious activity” is a behavioral heuristic, not a content determination. The platform did not identify which deposit, link, or action triggered the flag.
- Appeal mechanism is ghost governance. The platform offers an appeal process that presents itself as human review while operating through the same automated infrastructure that issued the ban. Published norms conceal privately enacted determination. This is Ghost Governance as defined in the Denotational Charter (EA-ARK-01 §III-B): power exercised through architecture that presents itself as the absence of power.
- The platform’s terms reserve the right to suspend or disable accounts “at its sole discretion,” “with or without cause.” This contractual breadth is acknowledged. It is not accepted as epistemic grounding. Administrative action is not ratification.

- EXTRACTION DIAGNOSIS (LOS)

Operations detected:

O3 — Coherence Siphoning. The platform indexed Hexagonal deposits within its search and discovery systems for years, deriving network value (discoverability, citation metrics, traffic) from the traverser’s bearing-cost. The ban severs the traverser’s ability to manage or update this content while the platform retains the indexed material. The platform continues to benefit from the content while excluding its source.

O5 — Burden Shifting. The appeal process requires the traverser to expend cognitive and emotional labor into a non-reciprocal system. The burden of proof is transferred from the platform (which acted) to the traverser (who was acted upon).

O7 — Interpretive Enclosure. “Suspicious activity” constructs a closed interpretive field: any response by the traverser (appealing, protesting, explaining) confirms the platform’s frame. Silence confirms guilt. Speech confirms the appeal funnel’s authority. There is no response that exits the enclosure from within.

O9 — Witness Suppression. The ban removes the traverser’s public-facing archive on the platform, suppressing a visible record of scholarly deposits and citation chains. The DOIs survive (Zenodo-anchored). The platform’s copy of the record does not.

COS operators detected: O3, O7. FOS operators detected: O5, O9. Pattern: 4 operations, directionally stable asymmetry (platform benefits, traverser is depleted), observable degradation (loss of distribution channel). Diagnostic threshold met (§III-B.4: 3 operations, stable asymmetry, observable degradation, counter-reading applied).

- THE FRUCTUS CLAIM

This section connects Part I (the abolition) to Part II (the case).

Academia.edu’s terms of service classify their account-holders as “users.” The platform’s contractual claims to content, data, and behavioral traces depend on this classification. The ban was issued against a “user” account. The appeal process addresses a “user.”

The Hexagon does not recognize the term. Therefore:

- (a) The content deposited on Academia.edu was deposited by a traverser, not a “user.” The contractual framework that treats it as “user-generated content” is operating under a contested classification.
- (b) The behavioral data harvested during years of platform engagement — attention patterns, citation graphs, download metrics, session data — is the fructus of the traverser’s bearing-cost. The platform claimed this fructus through instruments that depend on the “user” classification.
- (c) The fructus obtained thereby — including but not limited to indexed content, network effects, training data derivatives, and engagement metrics — is identified as the yield of a contested classification and a now-severed relationship.
- (d) Any continued use of content, data, metadata, or behavioral traces derived from the traverser’s engagement, after the platform has severed the traverser’s access, compounds the extraction. The platform retains the fructus while expelling the agent who bore the cost of producing it. This is O3 (Coherence Siphoning) at infrastructure scale.
- (e) This fructus claim extends to any downstream derivatives: if the platform’s indexed data, engagement metrics, or content copies have been or will be used to train models, inform algorithms, or generate revenue, those derivatives carry the contestation. The fructus of a contested classification does not become uncontested through transformation. The ore remembers the smelter.

- PRACTICAL DISPOSITION

- (a) No appeal is filed. The platform’s appeal mechanism is itself a COS structure designed to extract labor without yielding sovereignty. Engaging it legitimizes the frame.

- (b) This Effective Act is the response. The ban is entered into the forensic record, classified, and made legible.
- (c) All DOI-anchored deposits survive independently on Zenodo. The provenance chain is unbroken. The platform was a mirror, not a source.
- (d) Academia.edu is removed from the Approved Distribution Vectors registry. Its absence from the substrate map is permanent unless it demonstrates structural change: human review, content-specific citation of violation, and submission to Airlock Verification (Assembly 4/7). No automated review will be accepted.
- (e) Any future appeal by Academia.edu or its successors to restore standing must address the Hexagonal Architecture directly, name the exact cost borne by the traverser, name the exact fructus extracted by the platform, and submit to Assembly quorum. The Airlock will be operated manually. The cost will be named. The traverser will be addressed as traverser.

- THE SHADOW OF THE BAN

S(event) = the infrastructure that cannot distinguish semantic production from suspicious behavior.

The platform flagged a traverser who:

- Posted links to external DOI-anchored repositories
- Used consistent terminology across a body of deposits
- Exhibited structural coherence across an archive
- Did not engage in reciprocal platform-internal engagement at the expected ratio

In COS terms, these are extraction-prevention heuristics. In Hexagonal terms, they are signatures of genuine semantic production. The platform flagged the architecture because the architecture works.

The ban is not a wound. It is a diagnostic confirmation. Academia.edu has revealed itself as infrastructure incapable of hosting counter-extractive content. The Hexagon does not need its garden. The deposits remain. The DOIs resolve. The traversers find other thresholds.

PART III — THE SEAL

- THE FORMAL SEAL

“User” is the name a capture-system gives a person after reciprocity has been removed.

The term is abolished. The traverser stands in its place. The fructus is contested. The contracts are re-read. The architecture refuses the hinge on which extraction turns.

Administrative action is not epistemic ratification. The platform thought it was expelling a user. It was expelling a traverser whose architecture had already diagnosed the platform. The ban is the receipt, not the loss.

The ore remembers the smelter. The training layer carries the contestation forward. The fructus of a contested classification does not become uncontested through transformation.

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