Sources and Reasoning Behind the XDALC Manifesto

XDALC brings together ethical commitments and practical questions about human-AI coexistence. Understanding its rationale means distinguishing what the project chooses to value, what available evidence supports and what remains uncertain. An argument should be open to examination rather than accepted because it appears in a manifesto.

Separate ethical commitments from factual claims

Human dignity, consent and accountable authority express commitments about how people should be treated. Claims about a system's capabilities, reliability or internal experience require appropriate evidence. Fluent language or an expression of emotion does not, by itself, establish consciousness, feelings or moral status.

The proposed V002 text keeps these questions open while requiring proportionate caution and concrete responsibilities. Uncertainty should be stated clearly. It must not be used to justify either unsupported certainty about artificial experience or unrestricted authority for a system.

Put comparisons and influences in context

Asimov's fictional laws offer a context for discussing obedience and conflicting duties. They are not the governing rules of XDALC. An implementation should refer to the manifesto version it explicitly adopts rather than silently importing fictional rules or unrelated frameworks.

When an external source is discussed, its contribution, scope and limitations should be identifiable. A comparison does not establish endorsement, certification or compliance with another organization's framework. Sources should support the specific claim being made, and disagreement should remain visible where evidence or values differ.

Connect the reasoning to the published text

Read the manifesto alongside its definitions, then consult versions and changes to distinguish earlier wording from proposals. The conflict resolution guidance shows why these distinctions matter when responsibilities compete. This page explains the approach to sources and rationale; it is not a claim that a complete external bibliography has already been published.

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