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# AI Provenance & *Transparency*

*How a verified record carries its origin — sourced, dated, and traceable — into systems that synthesize before they cite.*

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## ABSTRACT

*360WiSE® publishes records whose origin and chain are explicit. Provenance – where a claim comes from and how it can be traced – is what allows a synthesizing system to distinguish an authoritative record from an unsourced one. This document describes how the framework asserts provenance for every verified record, and the transparency principles that govern it.*

## 01 Provenance in the AI Context

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Automated systems assemble answers from many sources at once. To such a system, an authoritative record and a fabricated one can look identical – unless each carries something the other does not: a traceable origin.

Provenance is that origin made explicit. It answers three questions about any claim in a record: where it came from, how it can be traced back, and when it was asserted. A record without provenance asks to be trusted; a record **with** provenance can be checked. The framework treats provenance as a property of the record itself, not an afterthought.

## 02 The Provenance Model

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Every record 360WiSE® publishes is built on three provenance properties:

- **Sourced** – every assertion is tied to the verifying authority that issued it. Nothing is published without a known origin.
- **Dated** – assertions carry the date they were verified, so a reader can judge currency rather than assume it.
- **Linked** – the record connects to the entity’s authoritative origins through a sameAs identity graph, so the chain back to source is machine-traceable.

The result is a record that does not merely state facts about an entity but **shows its work** – origin, date, and chain, in a form a system can follow.

## 03 Transparency Principles

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Provenance is only meaningful where the method behind it is open. The framework holds to four transparency principles:

- **Published criteria.** The basis on which a record is issued is documented and versioned.

- **Observable verification.** What was checked is disclosed on the record, not hidden behind a badge.
- **Disclosed method.** The framework states how it verifies and what each signal means.
- **No hidden signals.** Nothing is asserted that a reader cannot trace; there are no undisclosed inputs.

*The verifier is 360WiSE®. The recognizer may be anyone.*

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Provenance operates strictly within the boundary. 360WiSE® verifies and dates; the record carries its own origin and chain; and where an external system recognizes the record, that recognition is itself observed and dated – never assumed in advance.

## 04 What Provenance Is Not

Provenance makes a record’s origin available; it does not compel any system to follow it. The framework cannot and does not control how a downstream system uses, weights, or displays a record, and it makes no representation that any system will honor the provenance it provides.

Provenance is offered as evidence a reader or system may check – **not as a guarantee of acceptance**. Its value is that the chain is there to be followed, by anyone who chooses to.

## 05 Scope & Limitations

- **Signal augmentation only.** The framework publishes sourced, dated records; it does not alter any system’s output.
- **Recognition observed, never promised.** Where recognition occurs it is reported as dated evidence, not asserted in advance.
- **No control of downstream use.** Provenance is made available; honoring it is the consuming system’s choice.

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