



THE 7-LAYER INTELLECTUAL ARCHITECTURE AUDIT

The Architecture of Your Work

For Practitioners and Thought Leaders

Time: 30–45 minutes

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Focus on honesty, not performance.



WHY THIS AUDIT EXISTS

Intellectual property is not branding.

It is not logos. It is not taglines. It is not even your content.

It is the architecture of your thinking.

Many experienced practitioners begin scaling before fully understanding what makes their work structurally distinct. This audit is designed to slow you down — not to fix anything, but to help you see clearly.

You will not leave this exercise with legal protection. You will leave with awareness.

BY THE END, YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Where your work is strong
- Where it is undefined
- Where it is exposed
- Whether you are ready to scale
- What kind of stewardship you need next

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THE 7 LAYERS AT A GLANCE

Each layer builds toward a complete picture of your intellectual architecture. Move through them in order — they are designed to deepen as you go.

1

Origin & Lineage

Where your ideas came from and who shaped them

5

Stewardship & Control Zones

What you hold close and what you choose to share

2

Core Purpose & Moral Center

The why beneath the what

6

Misuse, Risk & Boundaries

Where the edges are and what threatens integrity

3

Lived Evolution Through Practice

How your work has been tested and refined

7

Future Pathways with Integrity

How your work might grow responsibly

4

Structure, Language & Expression

The specific forms your ideas take

Each layer builds toward a complete picture.



HOW TO COMPLETE THE AUDIT

Each layer includes three reflection prompts. These are not meant to be answered formally. Read them slowly and sit with them. What you notice is the data.

FOR EACH PROMPT, CONSIDER

- What is your gut response to this question?
- How clearly could you explain your response to someone else?
- Is this part of your work defined, documented, or still forming?

You do not need perfect answers. Focus on your internal sense of clarity.

HOW TO SCORE EACH LAYER

After reflecting on the three prompts for a layer, assign a score from 1–5 based on your overall sense of clarity. Use your gut judgment.

SCORE	LABEL	WHAT IT MEANS
1	Undefined	You have not clearly articulated this part of your work just yet.
2	Emerging	You can talk about it informally, but it is inconsistent or still evolving.
3	Articulated	You can explain it clearly, but it is not documented or structurally protected.
4	Structured	It is documented, named, and repeatable within your work.
5	Codified & Governed	It is documented, bounded, and aligned with stewardship decisions about how the work is used.



REFLECTION PROMPTS

Short prompts. No essays required. Score each layer from 1–5 after reflecting.

1

Origin & Lineage

- I can clearly name the influences behind my work.
- I can clearly identify what I have transformed, not just adopted.
- If someone asked, "How is your work different from X?" I could answer clearly.

2

Core Purpose & Moral Center

- I know what harm, gap, or tension my work responds to.
- I know what areas of my work I refuse to scale or give away.
- If asked about the moral center and non-negotiables around how my work is shared, I can answer clearly.

3

Lived Evolution Through Practice

- There are places and spaces where my work has been tested.
- I know where my impact has been successful or fallen short.
- I can articulate course corrections I have made based on real-world testing.

SCORE REMINDER: 1–5 FOR EACH LAYER

1 · Undefined | 2 · Emerging | 3 · Articulated | 4 · Structured | 5 · Codified & Governed



REFLECTION PROMPTS LAYERS 4–7

Continue scoring each layer from 1–5 as you go.

4 Structure, Language & Expression

- I have named components, phases, or frameworks.
- I have a clear and distinct sequence of learning or offerings.
- My work cannot be fully replicated through surface-level exposure alone.

5 Stewardship & Control Zones

- I know what parts of my work are sacred.
- I know what parts of my work are trainable.
- I know what parts of my work are intended for broad or open use.

6 Misuse, Risk & Boundaries

- I have articulated boundaries around how my work is used.
- I understand where AI may replicate aspects of my work without its full context or integrity.
- I have thought about potential misuse risks in the age of AI.

7 Future Pathways with Integrity

- My work could continue to have meaningful impact beyond my direct involvement.
- I feel excited about how my work will be shared in the future.
- I know what will allow my work to keep its integrity whether I am sharing it or not.

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ADDING YOUR SCORES

Add the score for each layer, then calculate your total architecture score.

LAYER	NAME	YOUR SCORE
1	Origin & Lineage	
2	Core Purpose & Moral Center	
3	Lived Evolution Through Practice	
4	Structure, Language & Expression	
5	Stewardship & Control Zones	
6	Misuse, Risk & Boundaries	
7	Future Pathways with Integrity	

Total Architecture Score

/ 35



YOUR STEWARDSHIP PROFILE

Now interpret your score. Each range reflects a different relationship between where your work lives and what it needs next.

7–14

EMERGING FOUNDATION

You have insight, but your architecture is undefined. You are not ready to scale yet. You likely need structural orientation before growth.

15–22

DEEP PRACTICE, LOW CODIFICATION

Your work is real. But parts of it are structurally exposed. You may be scaling informally. You likely need codification before expansion.

23–29

STRUCTURED BUT VULNERABLE

You have architecture. But boundaries and control zones may be unclear. This is where dilution risk increases.

30–35

STRONG ARCHITECTURE, SCALING RISK

Your structure is solid. Growth without governance alignment could fracture it. This is advanced stewardship territory.



RISK VISIBILITY SNAPSHOT

Two quick questions. Circle the quadrant that most closely reflects your current reality.

Is your work becoming more visible?

Yes / No

Is your architecture documented?

Yes / No

	DOCUMENTED	UNDOCUMENTED
HIGH VISIBILITY	Structured & Visible	Visible but Vulnerable
LOW VISIBILITY	Defined but Unseen	Early or Undefined

WHAT THIS MEANS

If your work feels:

- increasingly visible, but difficult to clearly define
- easy to borrow, reinterpret, or dilute
- more scalable than structured
- grounded in values that are still mostly implied

You may be ready for deeper stewardship work.

This audit was not designed to fix everything. It was designed to help you see the architecture you already have — and where strengthening it could expand your impact without compromising your integrity.



YOU DID SOMETHING IMPORTANT TODAY.

You completed The 7-Layer Audit.

This reflects your dedication to deepening your work and protecting your intellectual architecture. Whatever you saw — that's exactly where to begin.

*"Let's strengthen and deepen your work
without dilution, haste, or loss."*

READY TO GO DEEPER?

Let's talk about *what you've built.*

A free conversation with Dr. Jamila Dugan to explore the architecture of your work and where stewardship might serve you. No pitch. No obligation. Just clarity. Scan the code to book a time that works for you.

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