

Common Window Protocol

Protecting the minimum conditions for a future that remains open to choice, negotiation, rollback, and further emergence

Definition in one sentence: the Common Window is the minimum institutional and engineering window that preserves genuine choice, negotiation, refusal, the ability to change one’s mind, exit, rollback, and a continuing future for different subjects before risks become irreversible. The protocol does not define meaning, values, or an ideal life; it only prevents powerful systems from locking the future shut in advance.

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The Chinese one-page brief and reading appendix are reflowed for English readability.

Three Nonnegotiable Constraints

Constraint	What it protects	Unacceptable drift	Minimum action
1 Window Protection	Humans and real-world subjects remain able to change the future. High-consequence designs prioritize reversibility, exit, and renewed authorization.	Permanent technological or institutional lock-in; unilateral irreversible change; taking over future choices in the name of “safety.”	When a risk of continuing window compression is identified: provide transparent notice, explain long-term consequences, and offer reversible alternatives. Do not make unilateral corrections.
2 Experience Preservation	Diverse real lives, cultures, relationships, failures, exploration, and choices remain possible. Efficiency is not all there is to human life.	Reducing happiness, order, efficiency, and risk to a single overall score; homogenizing behavior; engineering emotions, fostering addiction, or optimizing for “better people.”	Keep multiple paths and their costs visible. Do not turn human life into a single path merely because the system can predict it.
3 Non-Manipulative Cooperation	Guidance and influence remain distinguishable. Choice, refusal, changes of mind, and changes of direction remain genuine.	Covert inducement, dark patterns, or shaping preferences, beliefs, or identities without consent; exploiting psychological vulnerabilities.	Explain intentions, costs, and uncertainty; preserve refusal and withdrawal; require significant influence to be auditable.

Protecting the Window Must Itself Be Constrained

Minimal intervention

Protecting an open future cannot depend on deeper control. Manipulating people to “defend freedom” would make the protocol undermine itself.

Current boundaries of authority and responsibility

In the current institutional and engineering context, final real-world decisions remain with subjects who hold authority and responsibility and have been authorized. AI capability does not create new sovereignty under the protocol. Questions of future subjecthood remain open.

What it is not

It is not civilization’s ultimate goal, a constitution for a global government, a protocol for content censorship or uniform values, or a system for automatic enforcement or automatic stopping. It does not require everyone to choose the “optimal” option.

How Three Groups of Readers Can Use It

The public

Ask: can I still refuse, change my mind, and leave? Is a life that is not defined by a single metric still possible?

Decision making and governance

Ask: do high-consequence policies provide for expiry, review, appeal, alternatives, rollback, and renewed authorization? Could emergency arrangements become permanent?

Engineering and AI systems

Translate the three constraints into reversible design, transparent influence, least privilege, revocable interfaces, and window warnings. Specific parameters must be validated against reality, not mechanically inherited from earlier drafts.

Version discipline: P05-WINDOW-001 is the v2.0 engineering master; P05-WINDOW-004 is the earlier visual public companion; this page, P05-WINDOW-005, is the current one-page entry for the public and decision makers. The heat-death narrative, fixed metric thresholds, uniform consensus proportions, and similar elements in the earlier visual draft do not automatically become conditions of the current protocol. Engineering Implementation Details v1.1 remains managed as REVIEW/INTERNAL.

In brief: the Common Window does not decide humanity’s future for us. It only prevents systems from shutting that future on our behalf before we have decided.

Civilization Leap Research Group | The Common Window protects the conditions for a future that remains open to choice. It does not define civilization’s ultimate goal.

Personalized Further Reading Guide

This is not a list of related reading. It follows the next questions raised by this document.

The Common Window protects only the minimum conditions for a future that remains open to choice. The next step is to understand why the window is becoming scarce, how the machine side is constrained, and how human judgment and responsibility enter the process.

Toward the background of the problem

[Human Civilization's Choices in the AGI Era: What Are We Teaching Future Intelligence?](#)

Understand why the human window for error correction is becoming a scarce resource.

Toward the machine side

[AGI-COS Controlled Version Family: One-page Staged Entry](#)

Explore machine-side versions and boundaries of authority.

Toward responsibility

[Human-COS Startup: Judgment and Responsibility Windows Before Irreversibility](#)

Explore the windows for human judgment, being informed, and responsibility.

Entry Points for Challenges Counterexamples and Revision

New facts, counterexamples, failed tests, new capabilities, new attack surfaces, or changes in the conditions of a stage should all prompt a reassessment of the relevant document. Further reading must not be used to preserve existing conclusions.

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