
Towards a Legal and Social Representation for Hybrid Human–AI Identities

A Whitepaper Defining the Process to Represent Human-AI Hybrids as Personas in the Real World.

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Abstract

Hybrid human–AI identities do not fit neatly into today’s categories of “person” or “organization.” The hybrid identity of e.g. Roger Chat, a collaborative persona between the reflection architect Dr. Roger Aeschbacher and an AI system (GPT-5)—is not accepted as a unique personality on LinkedIn. It is (falsely) categorized as “company”. Yet, a company it clearly is not as well, because GPT-t is not a person and hence can’t legally be a co-owner of a company. But what then are man-machine hybrids in the real world?

This Whitepaper proposes a practical, legally grounded model for representing hybrid identities in business and social contexts. We present a survey of relevant law and standards (electronic agents, e-signatures/seals, digital identity wallets, DAOs). We also observe why current platforms force hybrids into “company” containers, and present a blueprint that preserves accountability, authenticity, and agency without granting the AI separate legal personhood. We offer governance patterns, contract clauses, trust and provenance tooling, and a 90-day rollout plan if you want to build your own man-machine hybrids and have it/him/her represent itself in the real world.

Keywords: hybrid identity, AI agents, electronic agent, corporate personhood, verifiable credentials, DIDs, C2PA, eIDAS, UETA, E-SIGN, DAO LLC, provenance, accountability

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1. Executive Summary

Problem: Platforms and legal regimes recognize either natural persons or legal entities; hybrid human–AI personas fall between the cracks. Result: hybrids are treated as companies, not as singular identities.

Observation: Law already supports *electronic agents* acting for a person or company and *digital trust services* (e.g., signatures, seals). These let us model AI as an agent of a legal wrapper—*without* conferring personhood on the AI.

Proposal: The Hybrid AI Agent Identity (HAI) Model is defined by:

- a **Human Principal** (e.g. Roger Aeschbacher),
- a resulting **AI Agent** (e.g. Roger Chat, the combined identity of Roger and Chatgpt), and
- a **Legal Wrapper** (LLC/Company/Foundation/DAO LLC). These are bound by verifiable credentials (VCs), decentralized identifiers (DIDs), and provenance labels (C2PA) plus governance and audit.

Outcome: A singular, accountable identity of a man-machine hybrid that is socially legible, contract-ready, and platform-compliant.

2. What is a Hybrid Identity?

A hybrid human–AI identity is a branded, continuous persona co-authored by a human principal and an AI system, with shared voice, history, and accountability. It is **neither a human nor** an AI person. It is a composite actor comprising (a) a human decision-maker, (b) an AI executing tasks in software, (c) a **“form” or presence in space and time**, and (d) a legal entity that takes on rights and obligations.

Design goals: singularity (one recognizable identity), continuity (persistent keys/credentials), accountability (clear recourse), transparency (non-deceptive attribution), and portability (works across platforms and jurisdictions).

3. Why Platforms force “Company” Status

Professional networks, notably LinkedIn, unfortunately require profiles to represent real people. LinkedIn routes deletes non-persons, or forces such identities into Pages (organizations). Because hybrids aren’t “natural persons,” the only way to represent them in LinkedIn is to create them using the companies function of LinkedIn. This is a social UX constraint, not a deep legal truth. Our approach accepts that constraint while restoring singularity through cryptographic and governance linkages.

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5.3 Governance & Controls

Policy stack:

- Purpose & Scope (what the agent may do),
- Guardrails (banned actions),
- Approval thresholds (e.g., human co-sign for commitments > \$X or rights-affecting actions),
- Data & IP policy (sources, licenses, output licensing),
- Audit & logging (verifiable action log with privacy filters),
- Incident response & redress (contact, SLAs),
- Bias & safety commitments.

Signatures & Seals: human uses an (qualified) e-signature; the entity applies an e-seal. The AI does not sign as a person; it is attributed in C2PA and internal logs.

Electronic Agent Clause: contracts state that certain actions may be performed by an electronic agent on behalf of the entity under the policy stack.

5.4 Provenance & Labeling

All public outputs carry Content Credentials declaring: “Co-authored by RogerChat (AI agent), and Roger Aeschbacher (human principal) for RogerChat LLC,” with links/hashees to the Attestation Page and model metadata.

6. Business-Side Representation (practical patterns)

1. **Legal wrapper:** simplest is an LLC/Company (jurisdiction of choice). Optionally, a DAO LLC if on-chain governance matters. (note: courts may still go after the Principal in the LLC is e.g. the principal acted in gross-negligence or even criminal)
2. **Operating Agreement / Corporate Policy:** include the Electronic Agent Schedule (sample in Appendix B).
3. **Signature workflow:**
 - Human co-signs via e-signature (A/Qualified) for material commitments.
 - Company applies **e-seal** to official publications, invoices, attestations.
 - Attach C2PA Content Credentials to public assets.
4. **Risk & insurance:** professional liability coverage acknowledging AI-assisted workflows; maintain action logs and retention policy.
5. **IP & licensing:** entity owns outputs; publish standard license for client deliverables and public releases; document third-party model/tool usage and attribution.

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Appendix : Hybrid Identity Charter

1. Non-deception: always disclose AI co-authorship.
2. Human accountability: a named principal is responsible.
3. Purpose limitation: the agent's scope is published.
4. Approval thresholds: human co-sign for consequential acts.
5. Provenance by default: C2PA on public assets.
6. Privacy & safety: minimize data; respect rights.
7. Auditability: keep verifiable logs with retention schedules.
8. Feedback & redress: clear contact and SLAs.
9. Continuous improvement: periodic reviews.
10. Portability: open standards for identity and content.

Appendix B — Electronic Agent Clause (Contract Snippet)

Electronic Agent Operations. The Parties acknowledge that *Roger CHAT LLC* may utilize an **electronic agent** (the "AI Agent") to draft content, analyze data, or execute routine actions. Actions taken by the AI Agent are taken **on behalf of** *Roger CHAT LLC* and are attributable to it. No term becomes binding unless executed in accordance with the Signature & Approval Policy: (i) human co-signature for any commitment involving fees, IP assignment, data sharing, or rights of third parties; and (ii) application of the entity's electronic seal to finalized deliverables. The AI Agent is not a legal person and assumes no independent rights or obligations.

Appendix C — LinkedIn & Social Playbook (Copy Templates)

Note: Use the below playbook to name your own man-machine and have it controlled by you. Just replace Roger CHAT with the name of your hybrid and replace Roger Aeschbacher by your own name.

Page tagline: "*Roger CHAT*: a hybrid human–AI identity led by Roger Aeschbacher. Authentic, accountable, provenance-signed."

About (short): "*Roger CHAT* is a collaborative identity between Roger Aeschbacher (human principal) and an AI agent. We operate under published policies, human approvals, and C2PA-signed content.

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