# 🗃️ APS Master Data Log Schema

Study: The American Periphenomenal Survey

Version: 3.1 (Golden Master)

Format: Snake_case variable names for database schema (SQL/NoSQL) or Spreadsheet headers.

## 1. Metadata & Identification

*System-generated data for tracking entries.*

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description / Valid Values |
|---|---|---|
| **timestamp** | Date/Time | Automatic timestamp of submission. |
| **log_id** | String | Unique Entry ID (e.g., CAS-001). |

## 2. Respondent Profile (Demographics & Culture)

*Basic demographic and worldview data collected from the subject.*

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description / Valid Values |
|---|---|---|
| **age_group** | String (Enum) | 18-25, 26-35, 36-45, 46-55, 56-65, 66+ |
| **gender** | String | Open Text (M, F, NB, Other). |
| **location_state** | String (Code) | WA, OR, ID, BC, AK_SE (New), NORCAL_JEFF (New), OTHER |
| **cultural_bg** | String | Text (Primary cultural background). |

| worldview | String | REL (Religious), AGN (Agnostic), SPI (Spiritual), SIM (Tech/Sim), UNK |
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| occupation | String | Text, subject's primary trade(e.g., Forestry, Tech, Service). |

## 3. Media Priming (Analyst Assessment)

*Binary Flags: 0 = No, 1 = Yes. Used to test for cultural priming.*

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| med_digital | Integer (0/1) | Consumes Reddit/4chan/Fortean forums (High Strangeness). |
| med_trad | Integer (0/1) | Consumes Traditional Ghost Stories/ Podcasts. |
| med_sim | Integer (0/1) | Consumes Simulation Theory/Quantum content. |
| med_scifi | Integer (0/1) | Consumes Sci-Fi/Horror media. |
| med_naive | Integer (0/1) | Naive Subject (No significant prior engagement). |

## 3a. Credibility & Context

*Binary Flags: 0 = No, 1 = Yes. Used to test for cultural priming.*

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description / Valid Values |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| prior_aware | Integer (0/1) | Did subject know about local lore *before* the event? |
| is_seeking | Integer (0/1) | Was subject actively "hunting" for anomalies? (e.g., Ghost hunting). |

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| **subj_label** | String | The vocabulary the subject uses (e.g., "Angel," "Aliens," "Glitch"). |

## 4. The Event (Narrative & Phenomenology)

*The raw narrative and context provided by the subject.*

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description / Valid Values |
|---|---|---|
| **narrative** | Text | Full verbatim account. |
| **witness_status** | String | ALONE, WITNESS_1 (Dyad), WITNESS_GROUP (Collective). |
| **location_specific** | String | Detailed text description of site. |
| **social_ctx** | String | *(Legacy)* Alone, Passive Witness, Shared Experience. |
| **attribution** | Text | Subject's own theory of the event (e.g., "I think it was military," "It was a spirit"). |
| **contact_info** | String | **Encrypted.** Email or Phone for follow-up (Optional). |
| **permission_level** | String (Enum) | **Legal Consent.** PUBLISH_ANON (Public Archive) or PRIVATE_DATA (Analysis Only). |

### 4a. Phenomenology Checklist (Digital Intake)

*New v3.1 Feature. Binary Flags (YES/NO) from the online form.*

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| **phenom_silence** | Boolean | Sudden unnatural silence ("The Oz Factor"). |
| **phenom_hum** | Boolean | Low-frequency mechanical hum. |
| **phenom_time** | Boolean | Missing Time / Temporal Distortion. |

| phenom_nausea | Boolean | Physical sickness or vertigo. |
|---|---|---|
| phenom_paralysis | Boolean | Sleep Paralysis / Inability to move. |
| phenom_tech | Boolean | Battery drain, camera glitch, car stalling. |
| phenom_ozone | Boolean | Smell of sulfur, ozone, or electrical fire. |
| phenom_fear | Boolean | Sudden irrational dread. |

## 5. Somatic Markers (Physiological Screen)

*Field Verified Flags: 0 = No, 1 = Yes.*

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description |
|---|---|---|
| soma_paralysis | Integer (0/1) | Inability to move. |
| soma_pressure | Integer (0/1) | Weight on chest. |
| soma_vibe | Integer (0/1) | Electric/Buzzing sensation. |
| soma_temp | Integer (0/1) | Sudden temp change. |
| soma_nausea | Integer (0/1) | Dizziness or disorientation. |

## 6. Anomalies & Tech (Legacy & Field)

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description / Valid Values |
|---|---|---|
| vis_type | String | SHADOW, SOLID, LIGHT (Orb), GLITCH. |
| test_method | String | Text description of reality testing method. |
| cons_state | String | AWAKE, HYP_G (Falling asleep), ALT (Intoxicated). |

## 7. Engagement & Field Data (Researcher Only)

*Columns filled by Field Researcher or Registry Analyst.*

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description / Valid Values |
|---|---|---|
| **engagement_status** | Integer | 1=Web Only, 2=Remote Follow-up, 3=Field Intercept. |
| **res_id** | String | ID of Researcher (e.g., FW-01). |
| **site_gps** | String | Coordinates of the event site. |
| **setting_type** | String | RES (Home), LIM (Road/Liminal), NAT (Wild). |
| **env_weather** | String | CLEAR, RAIN, STORM, OZ (Silence). |
| **env_tech_issues** | String | NONE, DRAIN, GLITCH, FAIL. |
| **obs_demeanor** | String | CALM, AGITATED, INTENSE, SKEPTICAL. |
| **obs_physical** | String | NONE, TREMBLE, PALE, AVOID. |
| **field_notes** | Text | Researcher's diagram notes or summary. |
| **env_noise** | String | Ambient audio profile (e.g., SILENT, WIND, TRAFFIC, BUZZ). |
| **env_light** | String | Ambient lighting (e.g., PITCH_BLACK, MOONLIGHT, STREETLIGHT, DAY). |
| **obs_delivery** | String | Assessment of narrative delivery (e.g., REHEARSED, HALTING, PRESSURED, CASUAL). |

## 8. Registry Analysis (Internal Only)

| Variable Name | Data Type | Description / Valid Values |
|---|---|---|
| **class_code** | String | TYPE_A (Night), TYPE_B (Techno), TYPE_C (Haunt), TYPE_D (Psi), TYPE_E (Cryptid). |
| **narr_consist** | Integer | 1 (Fluid) to 5 (Fixed/Scripted). |

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|---|---|---|
| **impact_score** | Integer | 1 (Low) to 5 (Worldview Shift). |
| **analyst_notes** | Text | Hypothesis and observations. |