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PERSONAL PRODUCTIVITY / REPUTATION SYSTEMS

# Personal Brand: *Moat* as Behavior

Competitors copy posts; rarely copy systems, taste, and client intimacy—build what screenshots cannot steal.

SYSTEM ARCHETYPE 068

## Brand Moat / *Defense* /

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fonts. Connect to [authority building](#), [creator distribution](#), [boundary critique](#), and [network effects](#) where audience compounding is real.

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## 1. Moat *Economics*

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01

## Signature claim

One sentence plus proof ladder.

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02

## Channel policy

Where you show up; where you refuse.

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03

## Crisis tree

Who speaks, lawyers, comms timeline.

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04

## Legal inventory

Marks, contracts, content rights—dated.

# 8. Atlas *Integration*

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