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CLOSING KEYNOTE

**Security is what  
we make of it:  
blockchain & beyond**

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# \$whois Amber Baldet

## Previously:

- Executive Director, JPMorgan (Blockchain Program Lead)
- Chair, Financial Industry Working Group, Enterprise Ethereum Alliance

## Currently:

- Unemployed

## Lectures, panels, etc:

- Defcon, Empire Hacking, SOURCE
- MIT Media Lab, Wharton, Duke, Harvard Business, NYU, Columbia
- Money 20/20, American Banker
- Hyperledger, EEA, Consensus, etc.

**Likes:** otters, memes, otter memes

**Dislikes:** patriarchy

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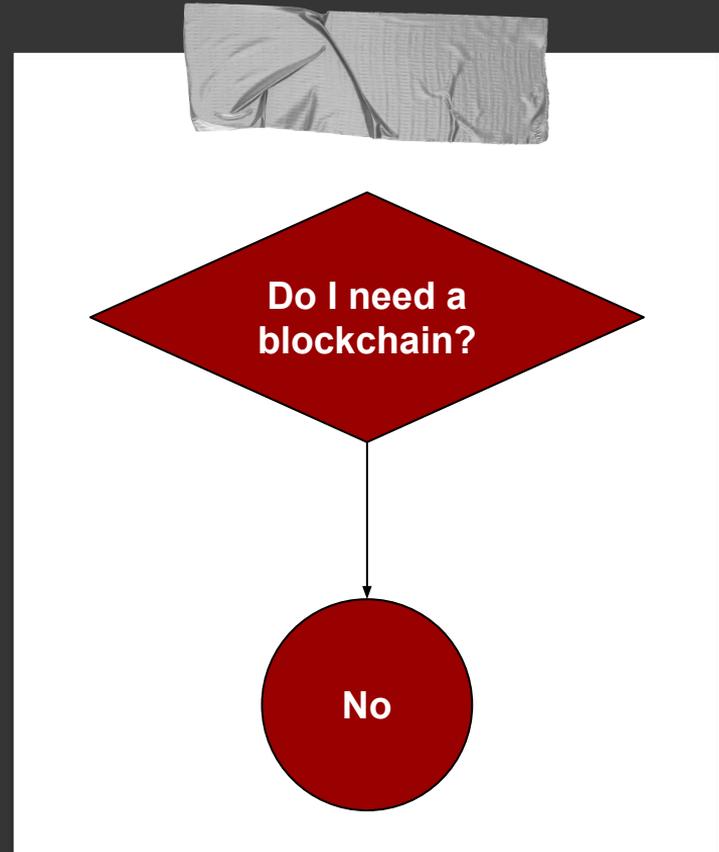
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# Hahaha, why don't you just use a database?



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Usually, **you can**



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And sometimes, **you could**,  
but there are human  
reasons why centralized  
solutions failed to gain  
traction



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And in other cases, **we have**,  
but they are inefficient,  
expensive and/or have  
failed disastrously



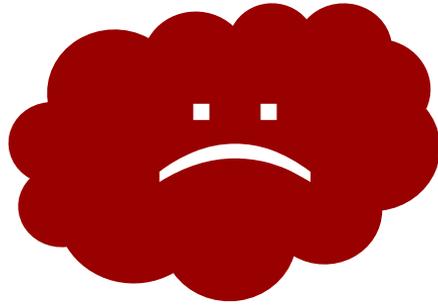
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**It's not just a database...**



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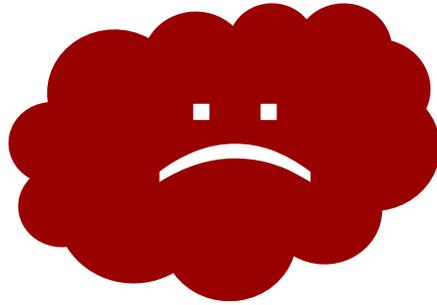
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# It's not just a database... it's worse



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**There is no blockchain**

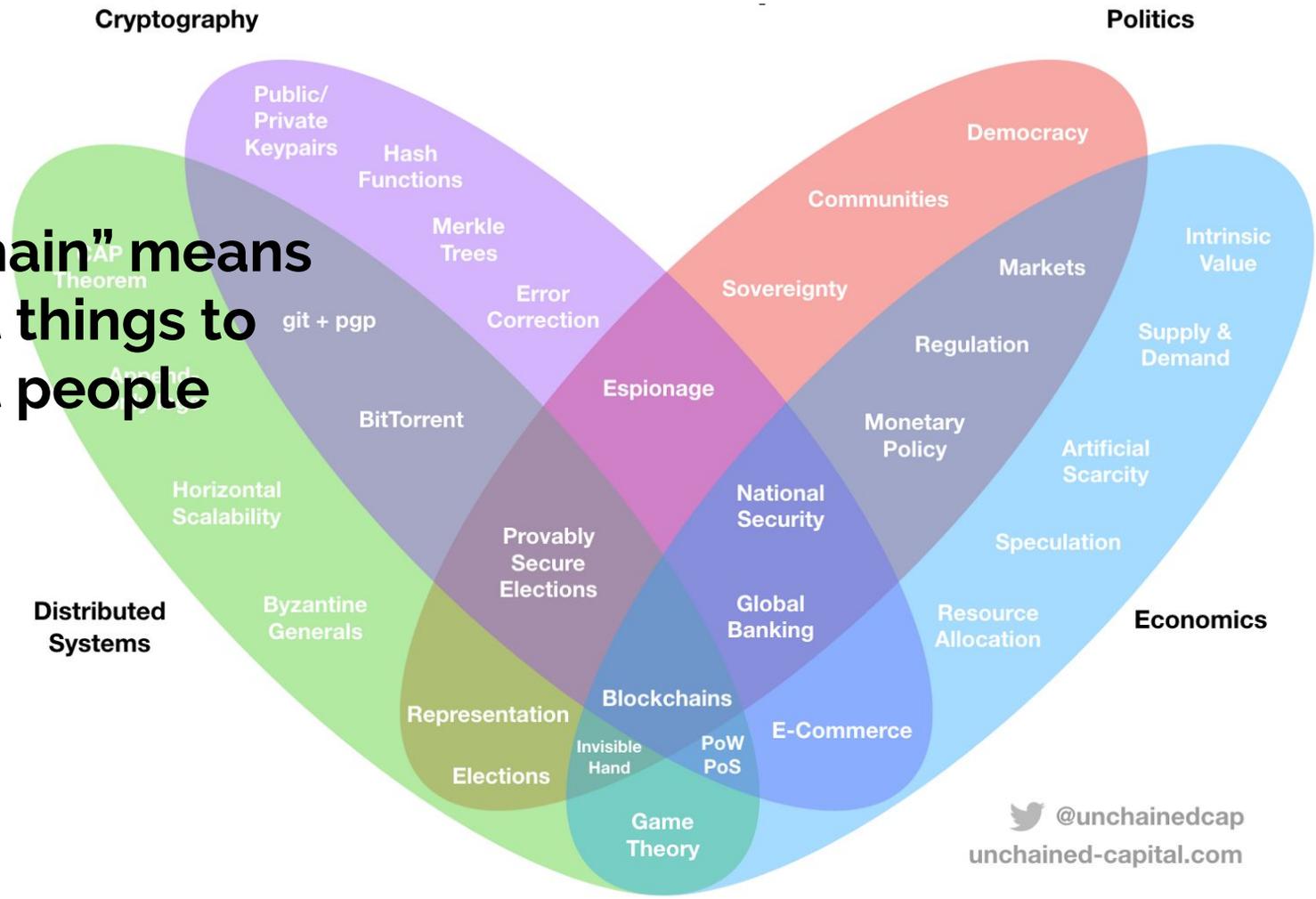
It's just all of our computers

# And yet...

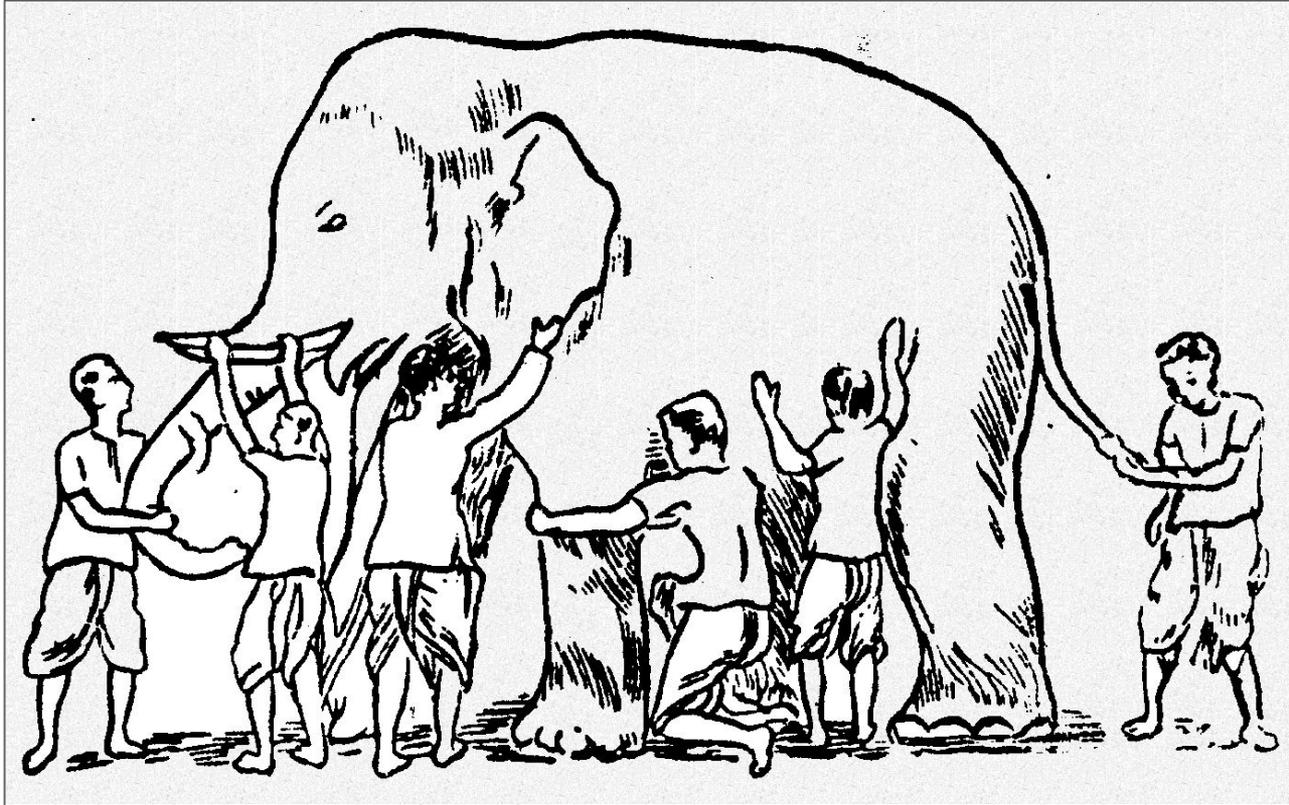
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**“Blockchain” means different things to different people**



**Maybe try listening once in a while?**



# Businesses are experimenting



## Distributed Database:

- Closed, single operator
- Trust among nodes
- Fast, capable of strong consistency
- Store of mutable state
- Resiliency & DR assumptions

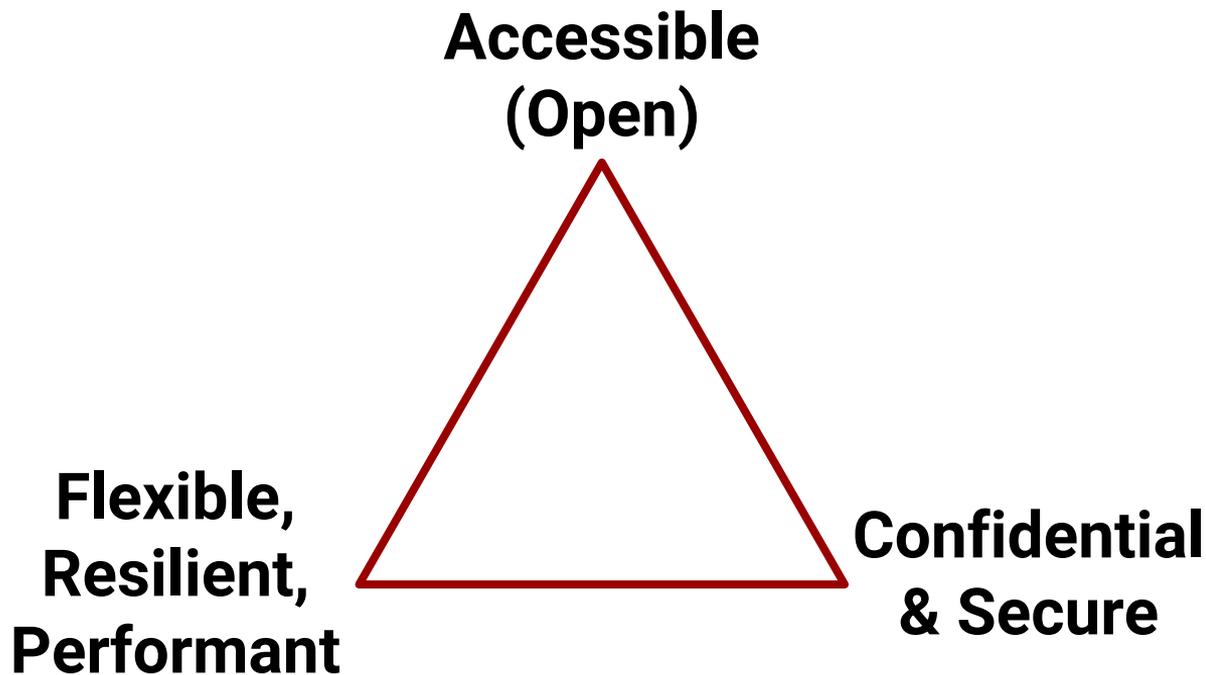
## Mutualized Infrastructure

## Public Blockchain:

- Open, multiple operators
- Trustless, censorship resistant
- Slow, eventually consistent
- Log of state transitions
- Antifragile



**Choose two:**



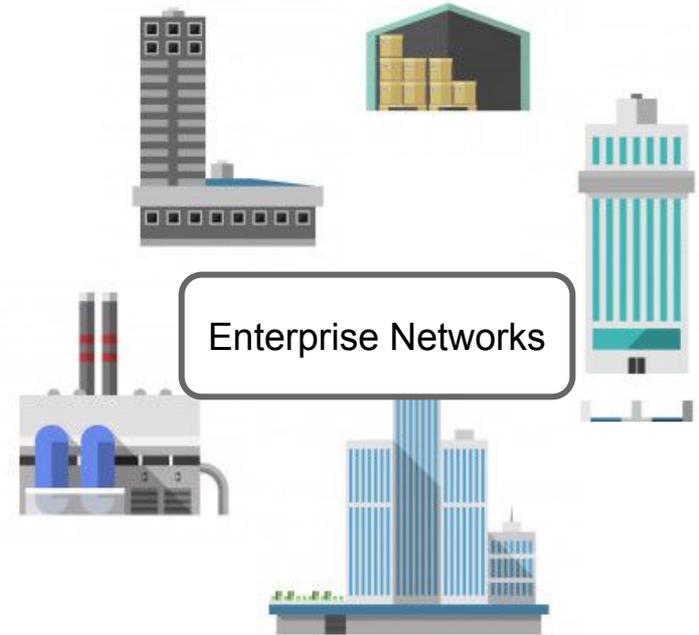
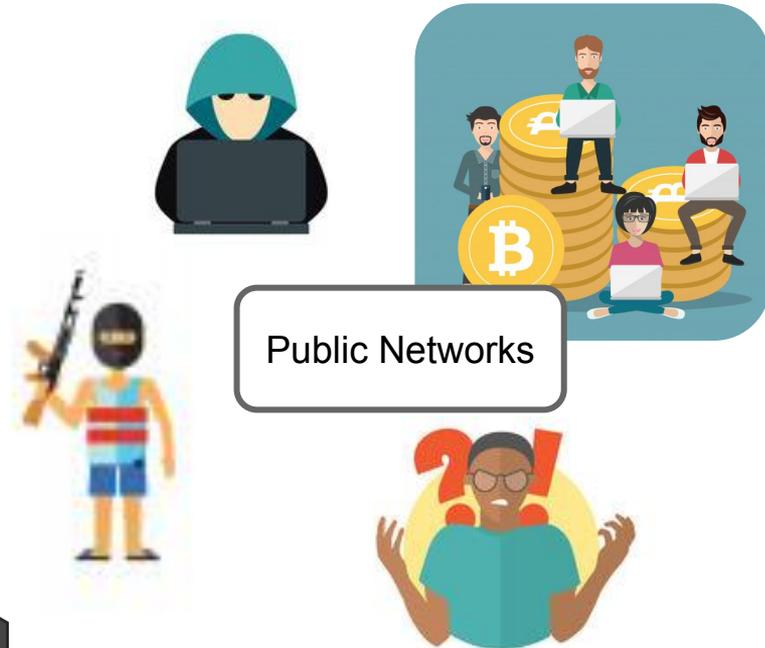
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# Business concerns

- Data privacy
- Compliance
- Governance
- Dispute resolution
- Performance
- Settlement finality
- Resilience



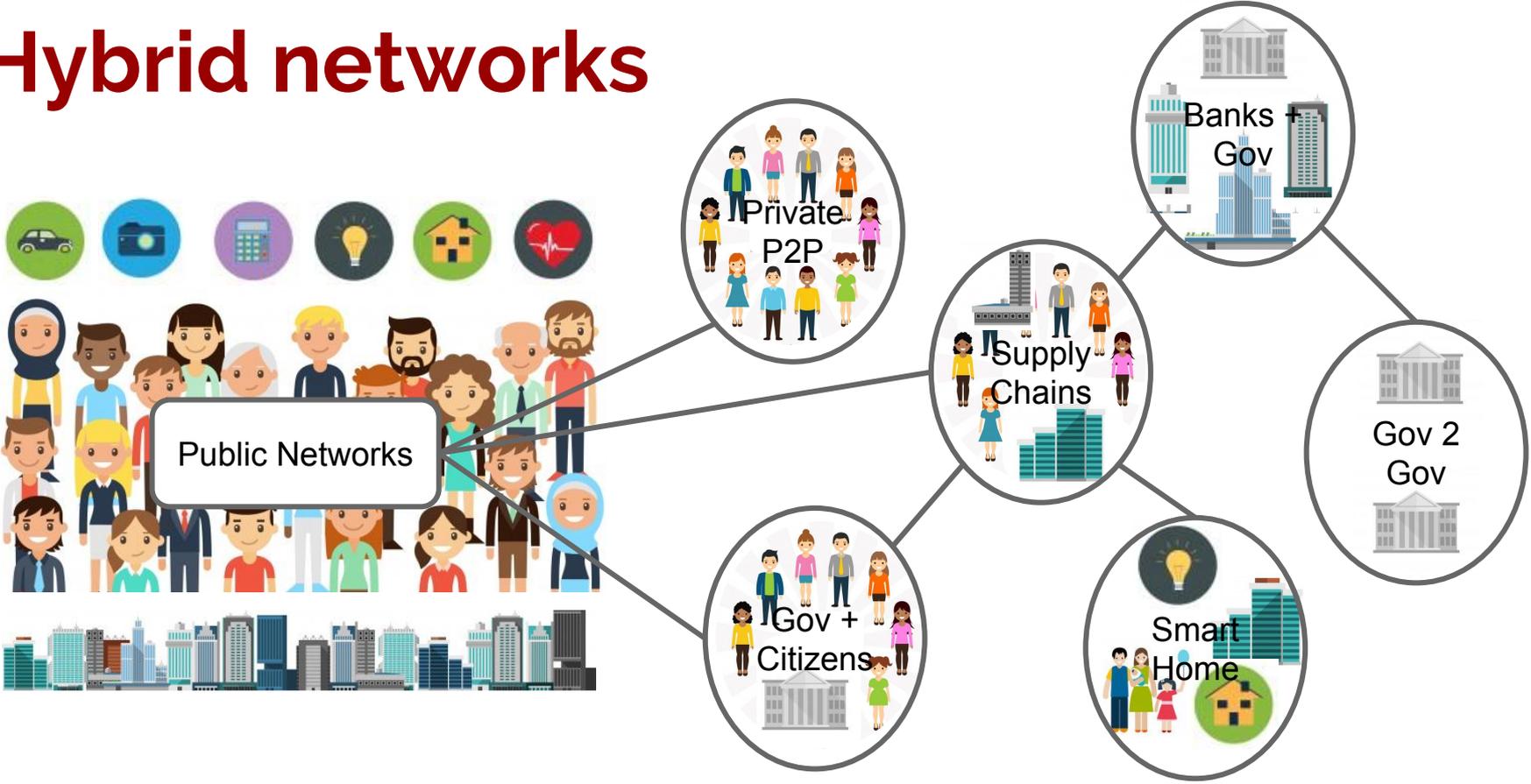
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The future is coming...



What will it look like?



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# Blockchain + IoT + AI = Skynet

(and so many consulting white papers)





China

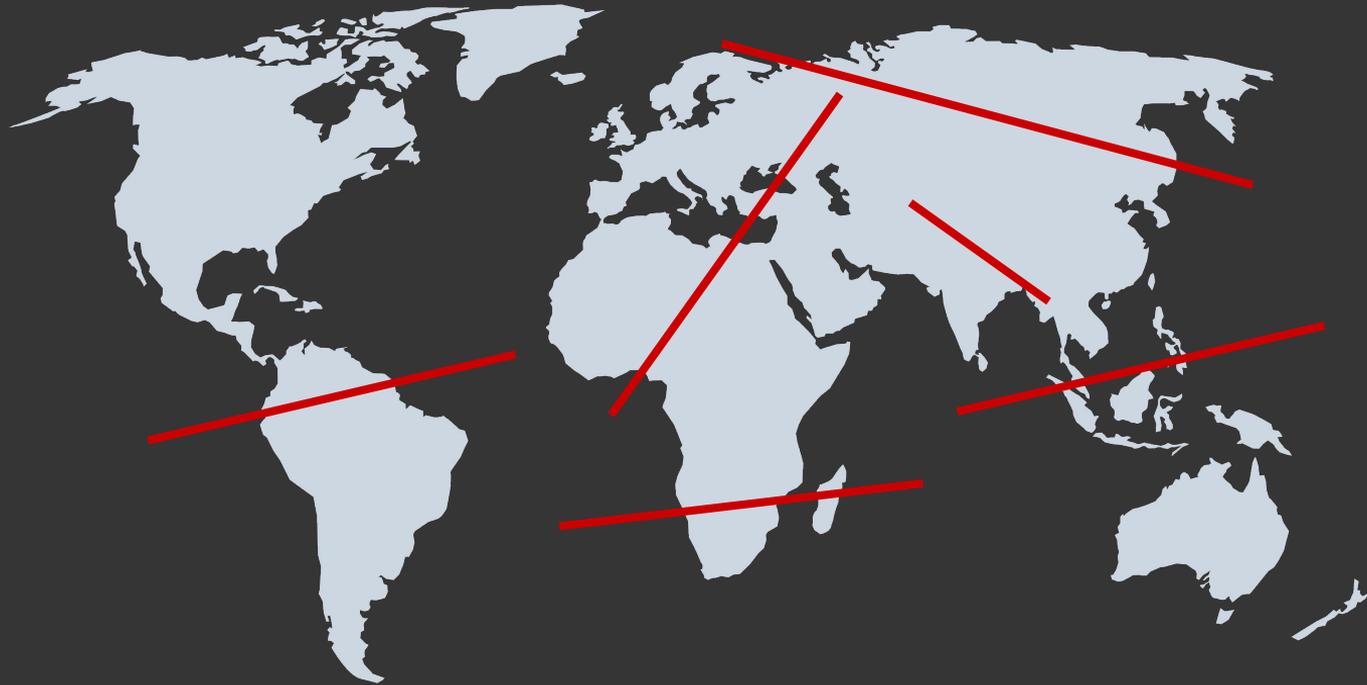
Russia

Venezuela



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# Next-gen encryption wars



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**Public blockchains are  
world readable data lakes**



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**Increasingly, the anonymity  
of a part depends on the  
motivations & operational  
security actions of the whole**



# Businesses need privacy

Share primary records without

- surrendering information ownership to third parties
- creating centralized data lakes

Transition from a perimeter network security model to record level security

Drive adoption of significantly stronger encryption and data privacy standards

A photograph of Peter Van Valkenburgh, a man with curly hair and glasses, wearing a grey suit and tie, speaking into a microphone at a hearing. He is seated at a wooden desk. Other people are visible in the background, some looking towards him. A nameplate on the desk in front of him reads "Mr. Van Valkenburgh".

“One particularly interesting partnership to highlight is between Ethereum, Zcash, and innovators at JPMorgan.”

-Peter Van Valkenburgh,  
CoinCenter Director of Research  
Testimony to US House Energy & Commerce Committee, 2017



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# And real people do, too!

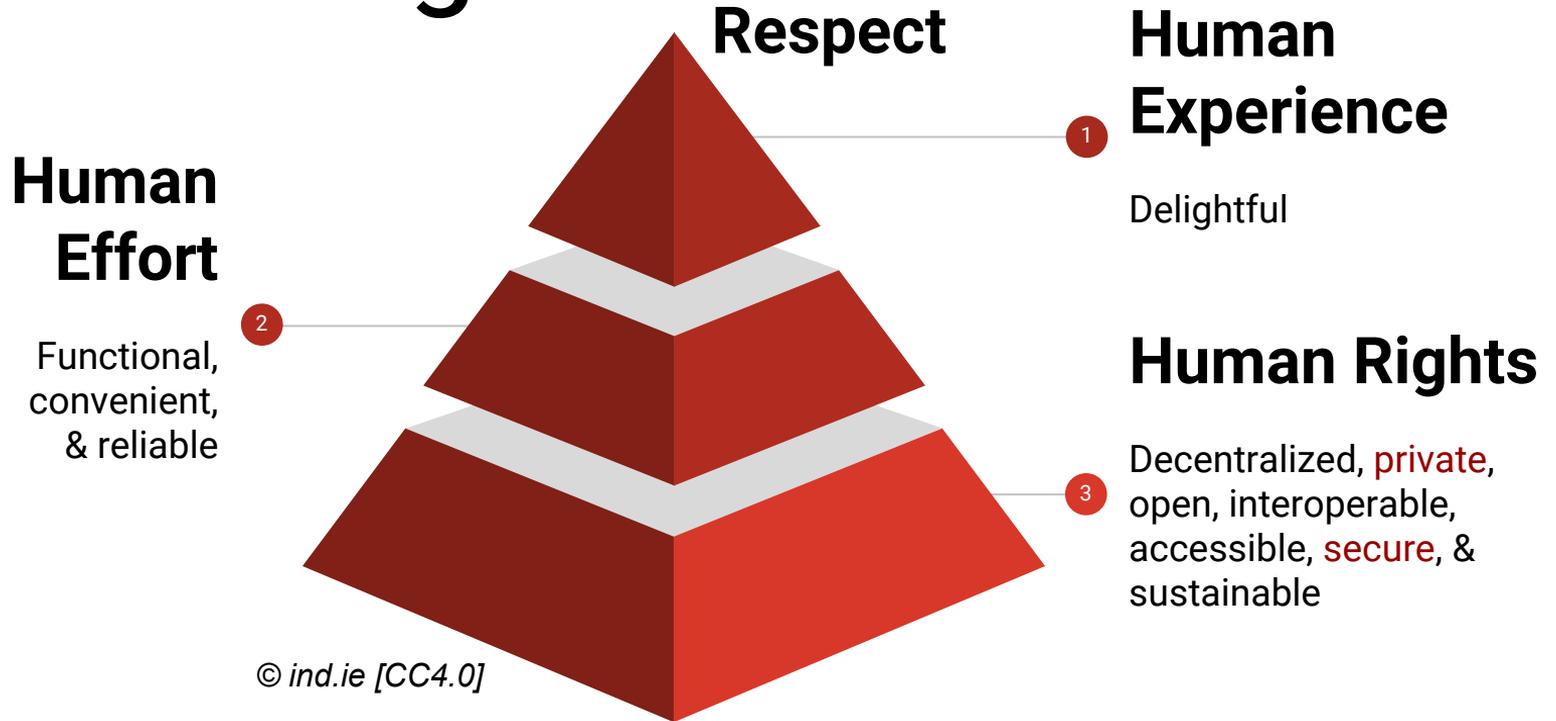
## Take your records with you, forever

- Move records between doctors
- Prevent diploma fraud
- Prove your credentials & credit history when you move countries

## Monetize your data

- Opt in sharing of personal data with enforceable licensing
- Microtransactions via cryptocurrency
- Secure hardware can bring algos to your data rather than sending data out

# Ethical Design



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# Smart contract testing is maturing

## Analysis Tools:

- Manticore
- Echidna
- Ethersplay
- Mythril
- Porosity
- Solgraph
- solcheck
- SmartCheck
- Oyente
- 4byte.directory

## Auditing Services:

- Open Zeppelin
- Trail of Bits
- Securify
- Hosho
- New Alchemy
- Authio



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# Otherwise, security be like ̸\_(ツ)\_/̸

## Public:

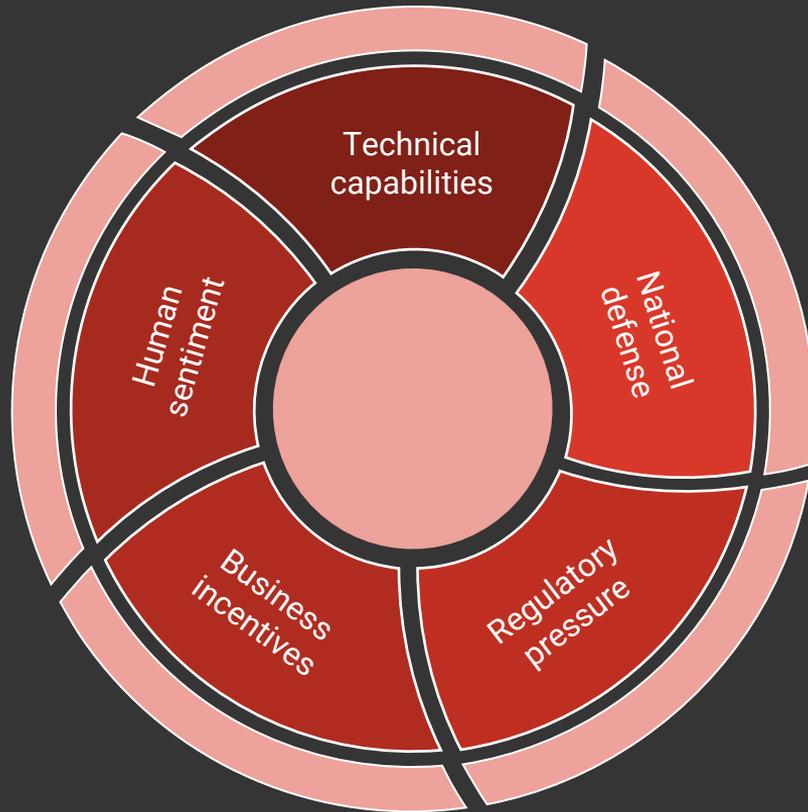
- Hacked exchanges?
- Compromised hardware?
- Fake donation scams?
- Literal 51% attacks?
- Non-mining consensus?
- Bespoke crypto schemes?
- “Faux decentralization”?
- Patch management?
- USABLE PRIVACY???

## Permissioned:

- Identity & Access mgmt?
- Secure hardware as panacea?
- Shared governance tools?
- Delegated cloud mgmt?
- Integration into existing risk management processes?
- Veracity of data oracles?
- Patch management?
- USABLE PRIVACY???



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**Hope...**



# But we need YOU

- Intrusion detection
- Red team
- Blue team
- Pentesting
- Risk & threat modeling
- CISO / CSO
- Applied cryptography
- NOC
- Cloud security
- AppDev
- QA
- DevOps
- UX
- Business Analyst
- Product Manager
- Political scientist
- Economist
- Defense





Where will we  
go from here?



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