The Distributed Library

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Talk Overview

- What is Web3?
- Libraries & Web3
- The Distributed Library & BiblioCommons

What is Web3?

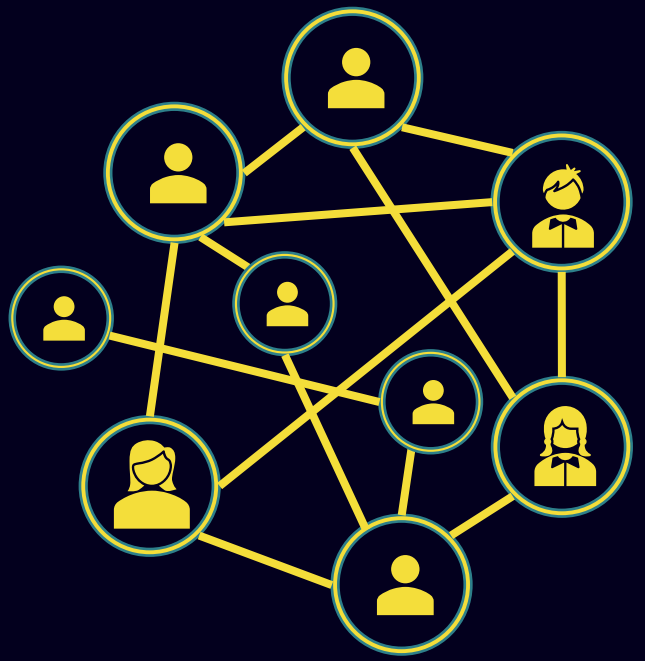
Web3 Technologies

- Distributed Web
- Decentralized Data and Applications
- Blockchains, DAOs & NFTs

The Distributed Web

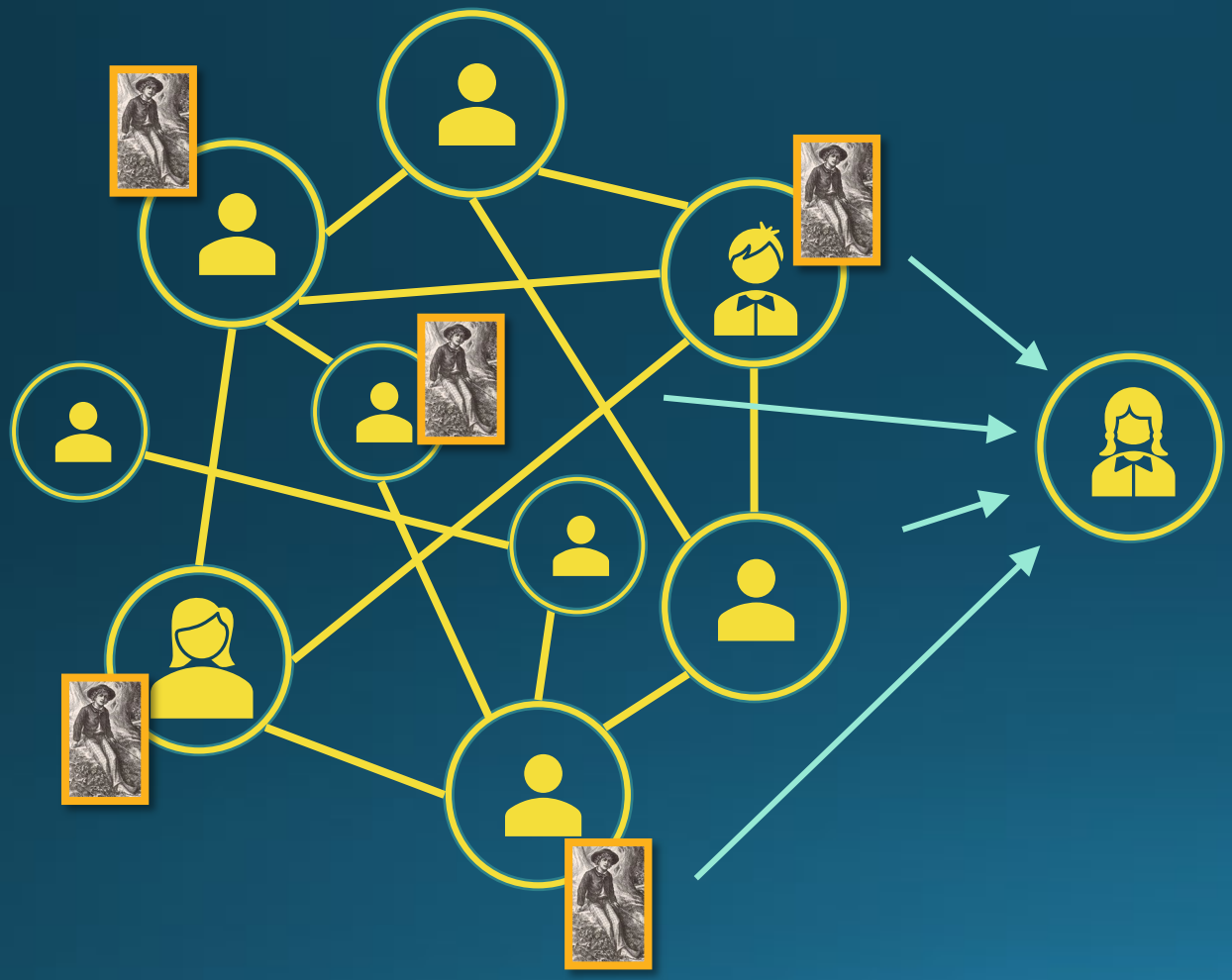
Web 1

Web 2

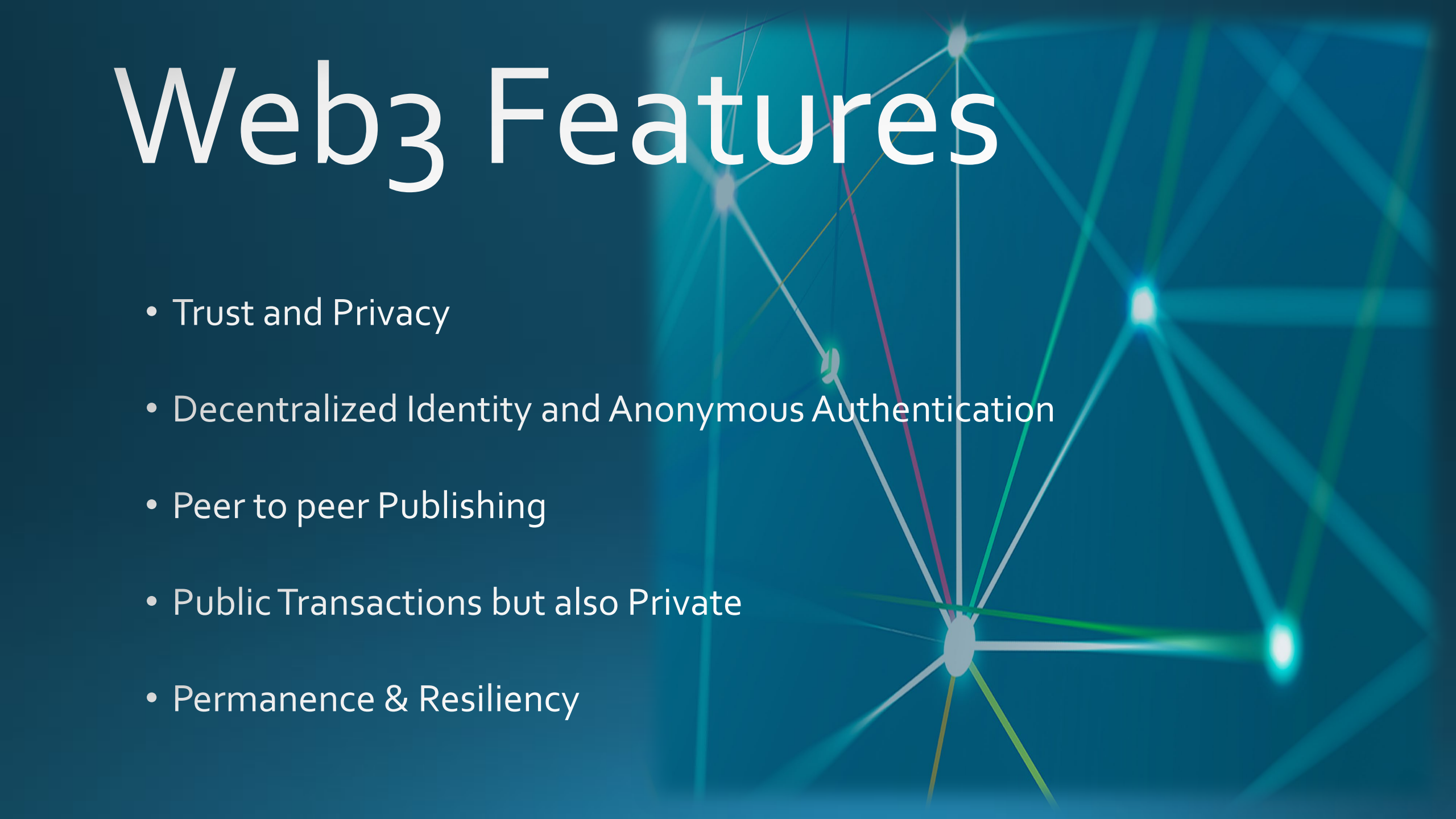


Web 3

Interplanetary Tom Sawyer



Web3 Features



- Trust and Privacy
- Decentralized Identity and Anonymous Authentication
- Peer to peer Publishing
- Public Transactions but also Private
- Permanence & Resiliency

Blockchain ≠ Bitcoin

Blockchain

A Distributed Ledger

- Trust
- Programmable
- Privacy
- Transparency
- Durability
- Security

Blockchain

Unique Identifiers (Hashes)

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Passphrase (Private Key)

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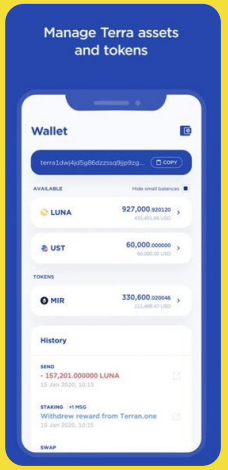
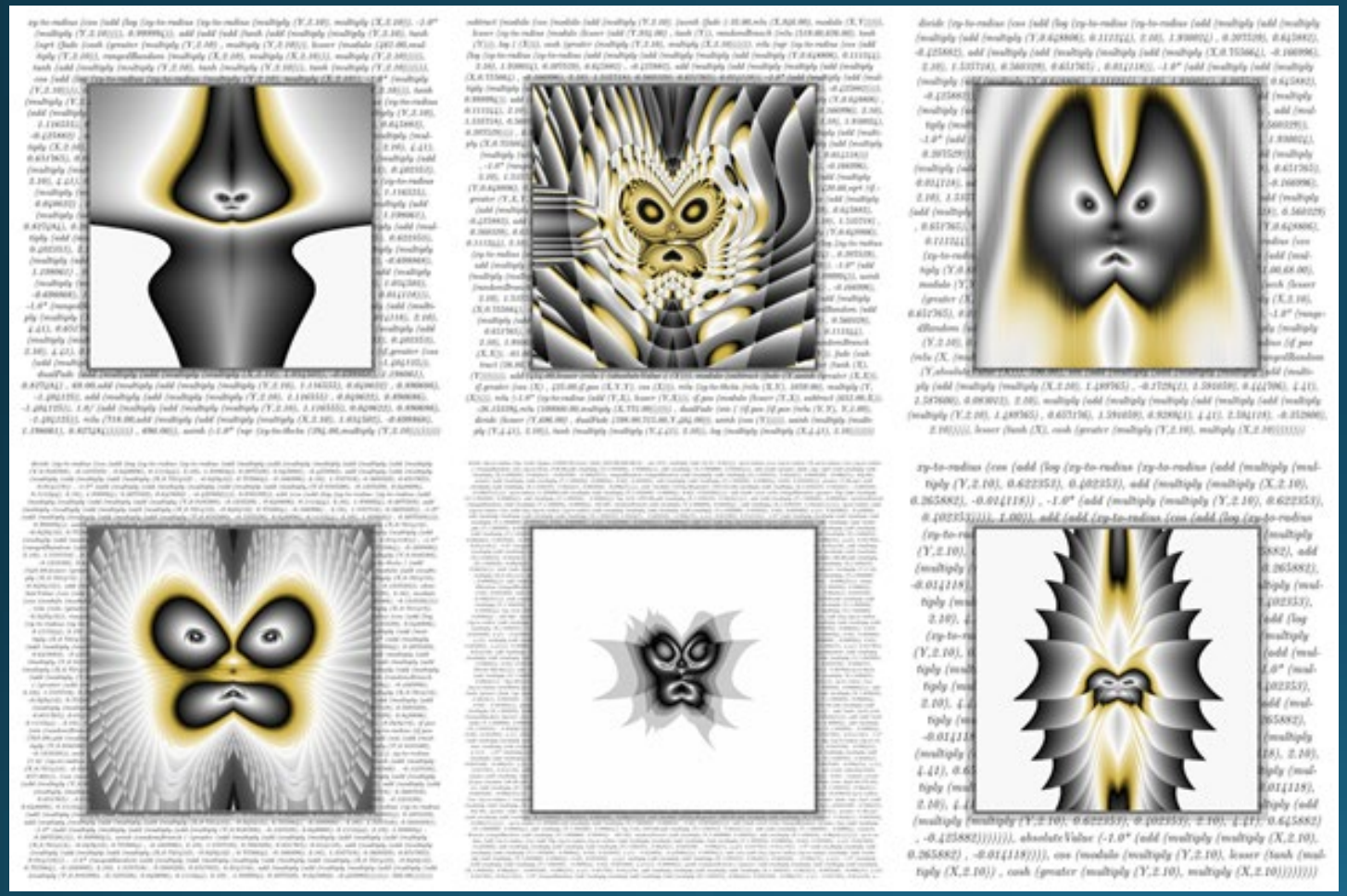


HASH Calculator: https://xorbin.com/tools/sha256-hash-calculator



Use Cases

- Soulbound NFTs
- Identification
- Social Graphs
- Credentials/Degrees
- Medical history
- Academic records
- Password management
- Assets in the metaverse

Bottom Line

A technology imbued with library values.

Impacts on Society

Overturning *Everything*

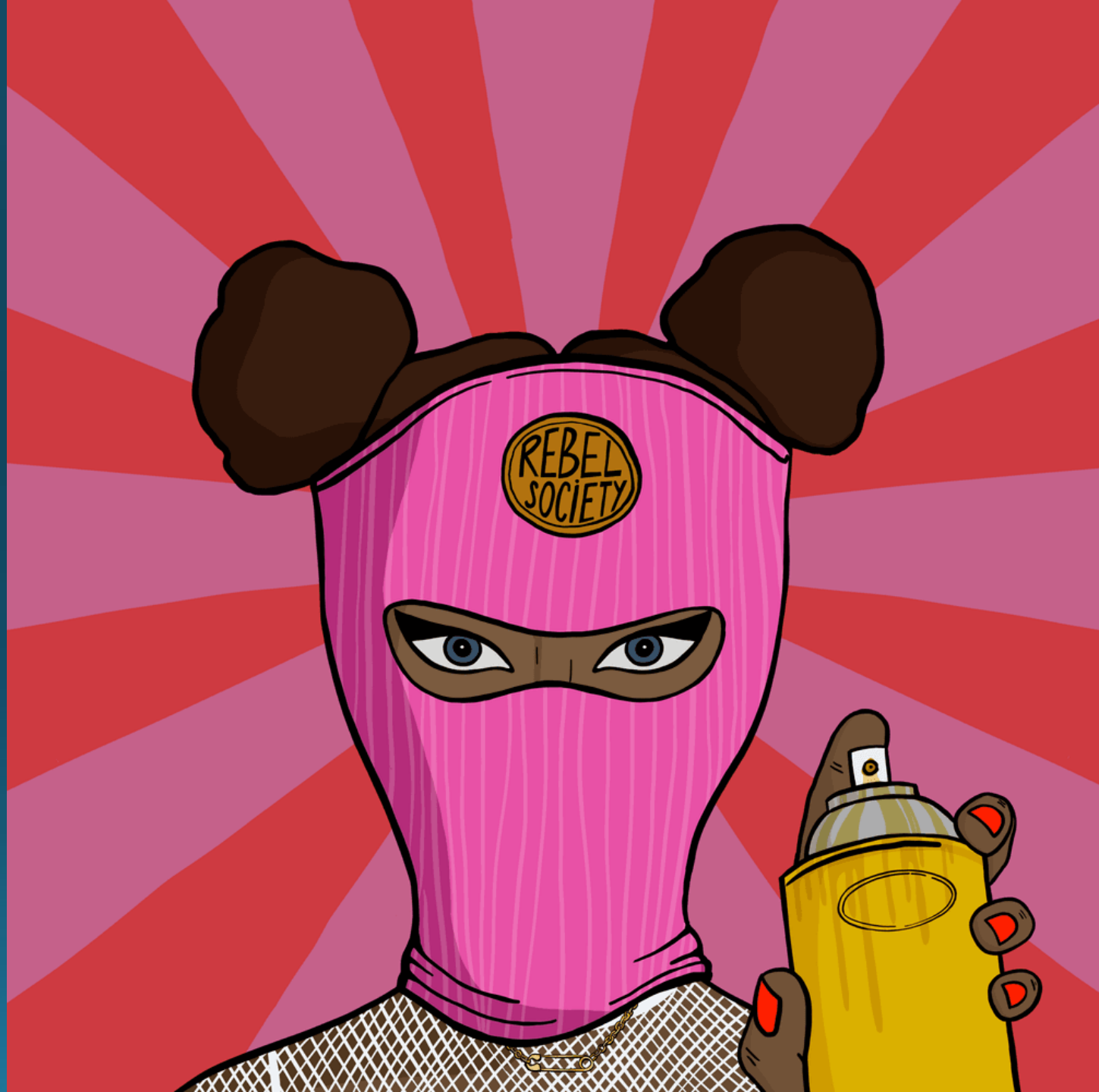
Finance

Political power

Copyright & Publishing

Speech

Privacy



Libraries & Web3?

Web3 | Risks & Threats

Risks

- Requires radical overhaul of conservative institutions
- Development costs
- Open questions on government regulation
- Web3 identity remains a work in progress

Threats

- Publishers are exploring blockchain to safeguard their businesses
- Potential for new paywalls
- Tokenization may lure academics/authors away from Open Access

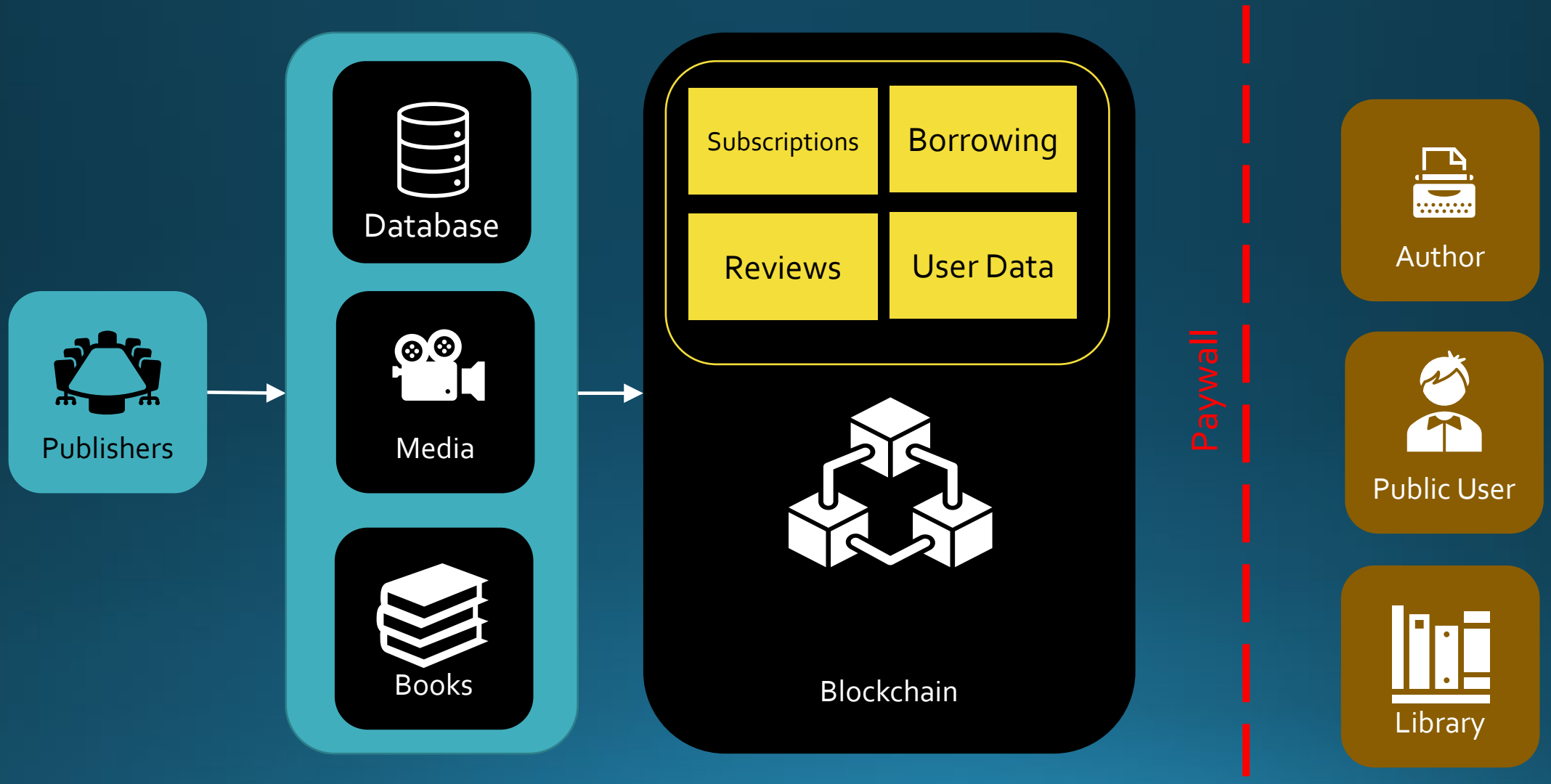
Web3 | Opportunities for Libraries

- Automated (mostly)
- Metadata Support
- Open Access
  - Verifiable data
  - Widest audience
- Redundancy (LOCKSS)

Web3 - Library Applications

- Universal item records
- Universal library cards
- Permanent, Secure Digital Collections
- Open-repositories of eContent

Web3 Publisher Model



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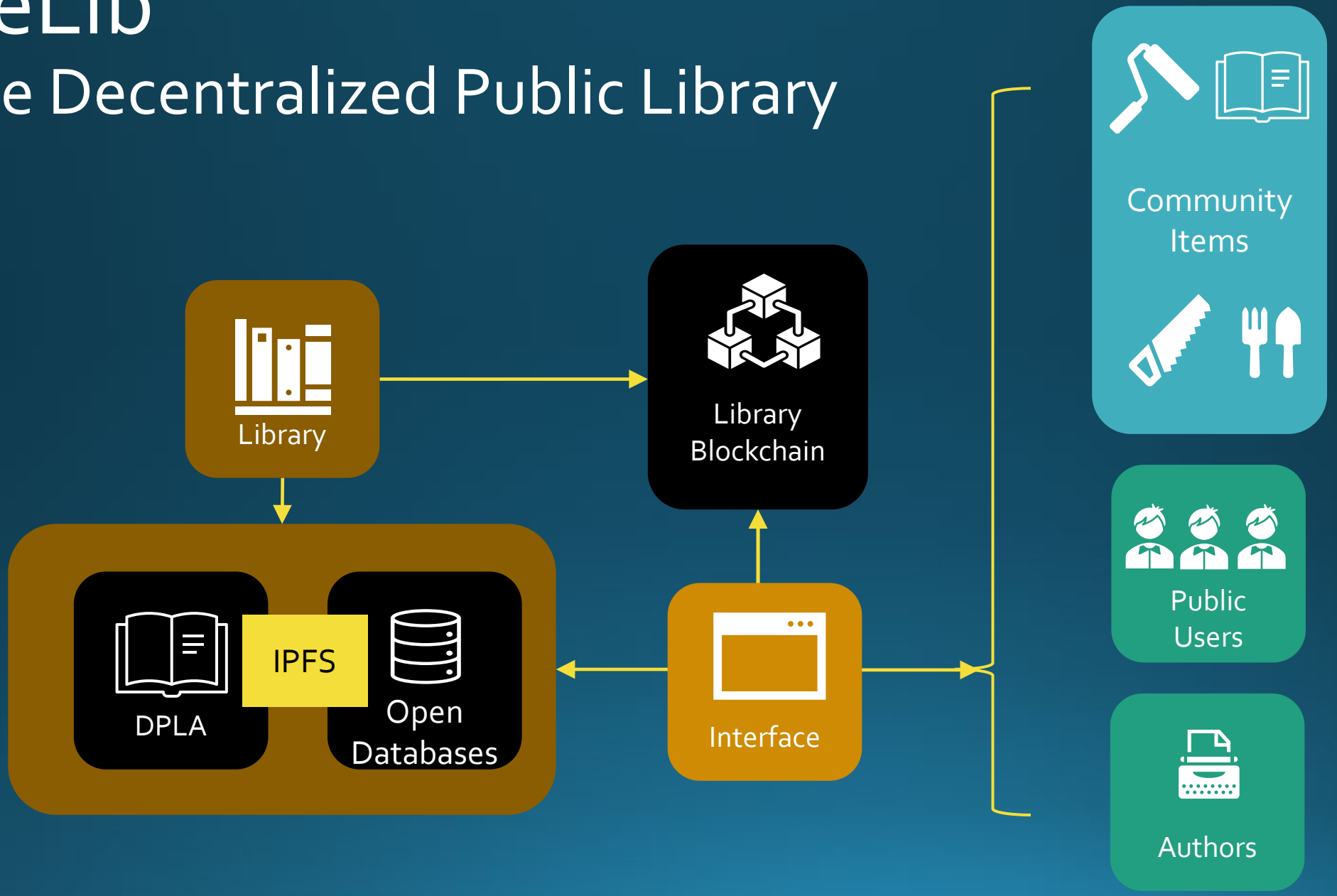
The Decentralized Public Library



Decentralized Libraries & BiblioCommons

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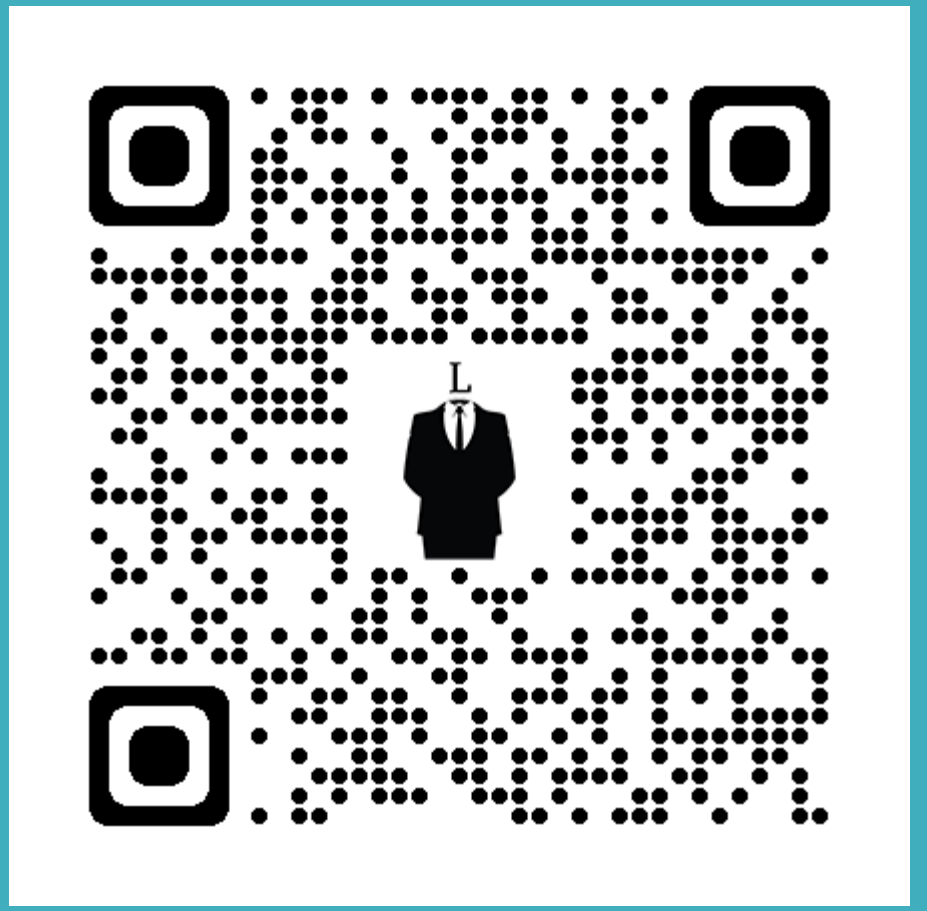
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