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An introduction to:

- Blockchains,
- Concordium,
- & Rust!



In this Presentation

Here's what we'll cover:

Why Concordium?

The Rust programming language

Building a voting-themed smart contract

Testing and deploying the smart contract

Additional resources

Questions



Why Concordium?

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Concordium is the Layer 1, science-backed blockchain creating a safer digital world”

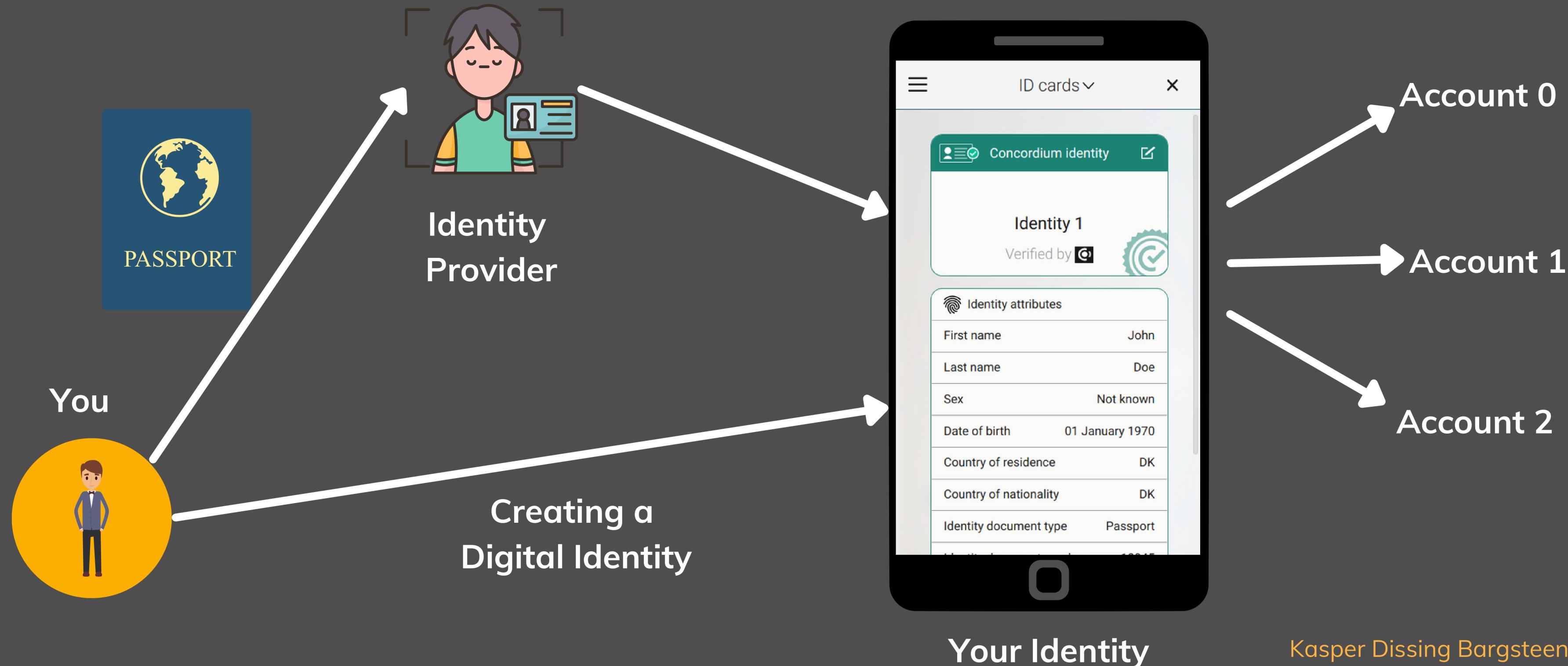


Why Concordium?

- Most important features for what we are building today:
 - Concordium is the only blockchain to have **identity verification built into the protocol level.**
 - You can proof statements about yourself (and your id) via Concordium's zero-knowledge proof technology.



Concordium's ID-layer and account creation





Revoking anonymity



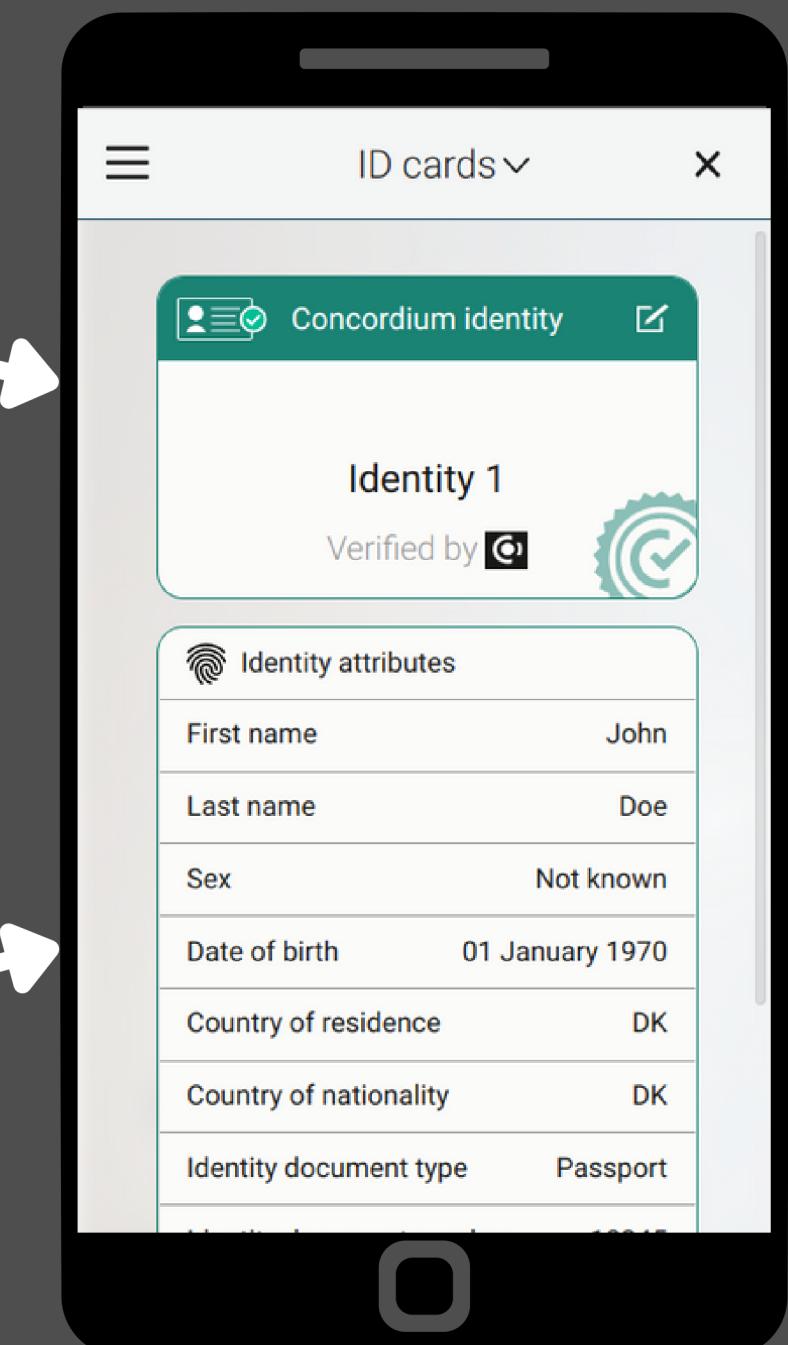
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Identity Provider



Law
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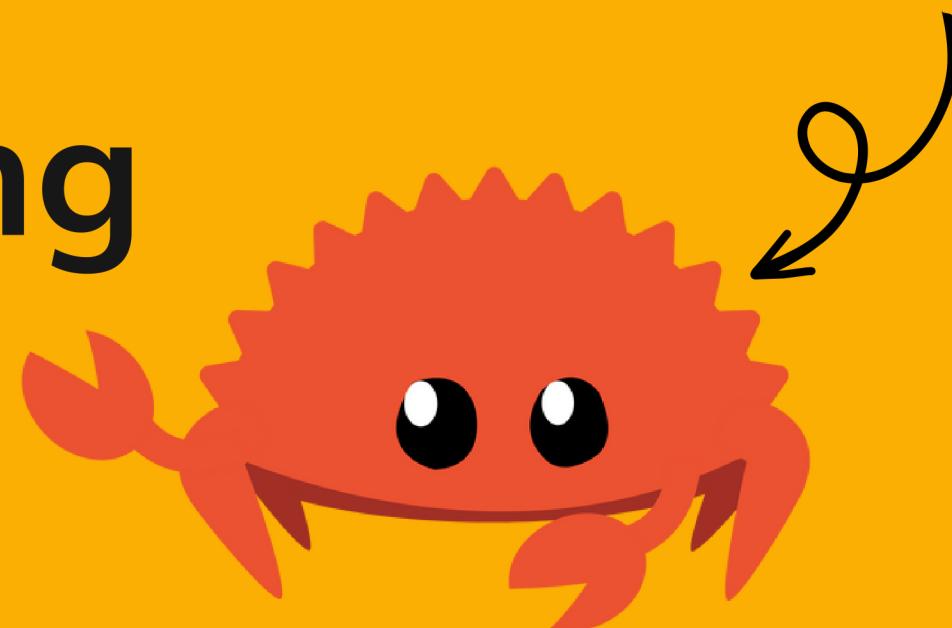


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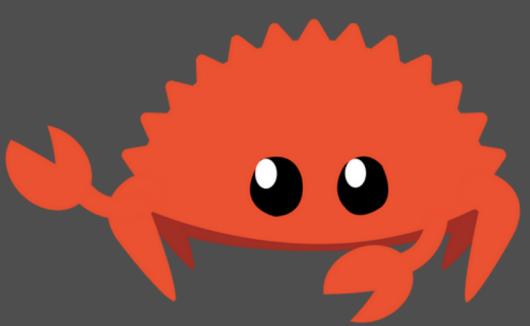
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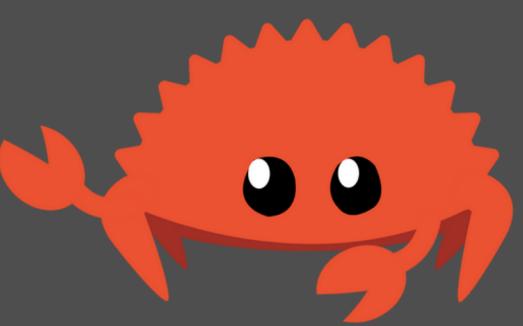


Ferris, the official Rust mascot



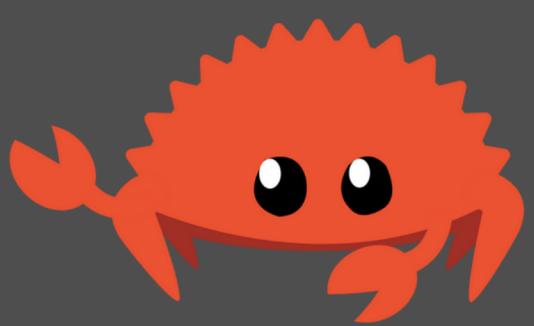
What is Rust?

- Systems programming language
 - So you can build an OS in it! (like C/C++)
- Most popular language seven years in a row (StackOverflow dev survey)
- Strong type system
 - Everything has a type, and the compiler will catch a lot of your mistakes
- Nice, high-level abstractions
 - At zero runtime cost 😊 (but how?)
- Ownership model for memory handling
 - No garbage collector, no manual freeing of data
 - Gives strong guarantees against common bugs in your code



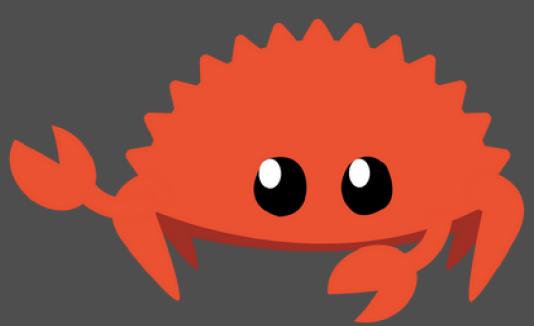
Memory models

- Manual handling of memory
 - C / C ++
 - Allocate (malloc, alloc)
 - Free memory (free)
- Garbage collection
 - Python, JavaScript, C#, Go, Java, ...
 - A garbage collector program runs in the background and cleans up (frees) memory
- Rust's ownership model
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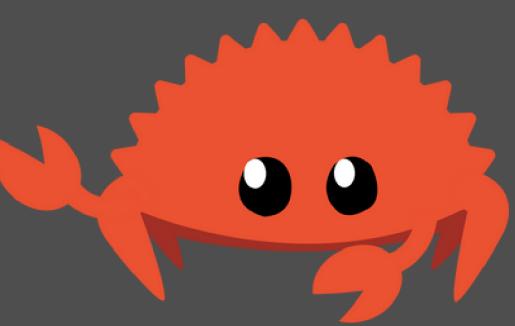
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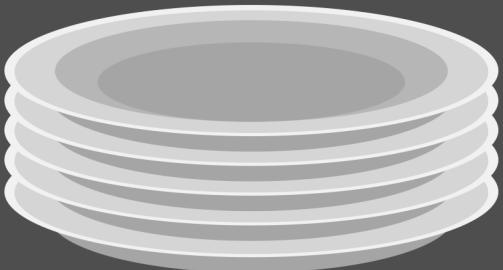
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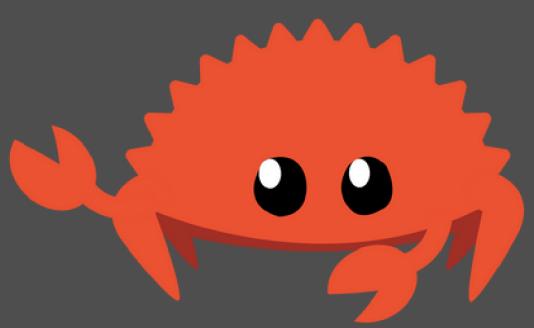
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{  
    let s = String::from("hello"); // s is valid from this point forward  
  
    // do stuff with s  
}  
                                // this scope is now over, and s is no  
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Stack vs heap

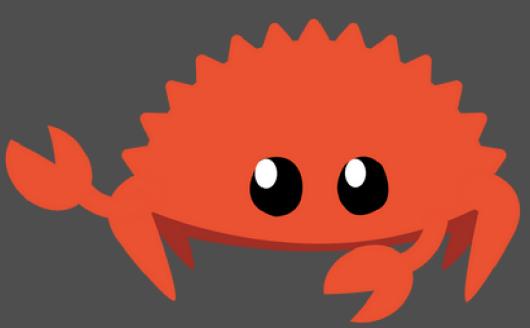
- The memory (RAM) available for a program is split in two: the stack and the heap
- The stack:
 - Data of known, fixed sizes (numbers, bools, pointers, etc.)
 - Put on top of each other, like a stack of plates.
 - Last-in-first-out => Fast
- The heap:
 - Data of variable and changing sizes (strings, lists, trees, etc.)
 - Less organized, you request a certain amount of space and get a pointer to it
 - Example: getting a table at a restaurant
 - The pointer can be stored on the stack
 - Following pointers => Slower





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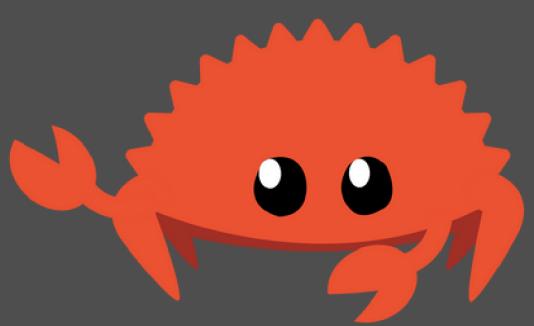
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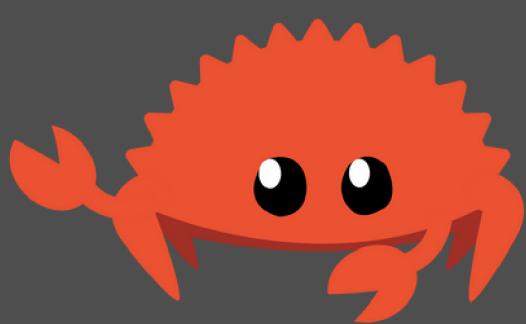


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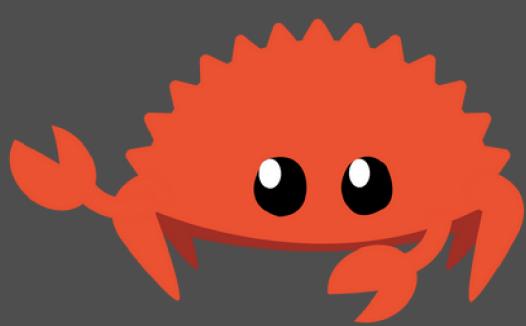
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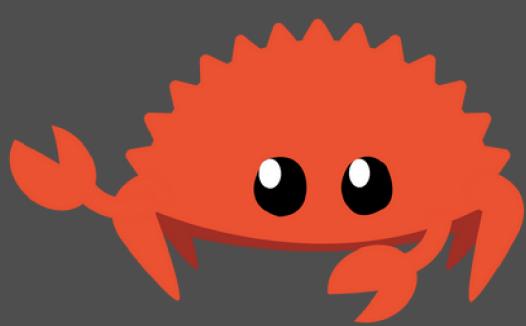
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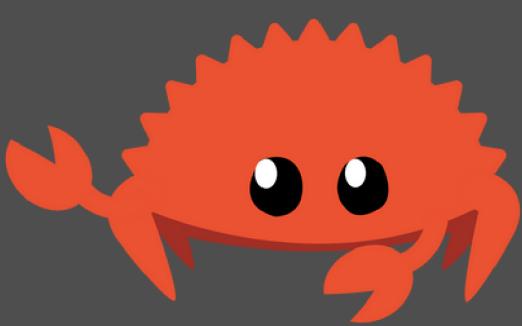
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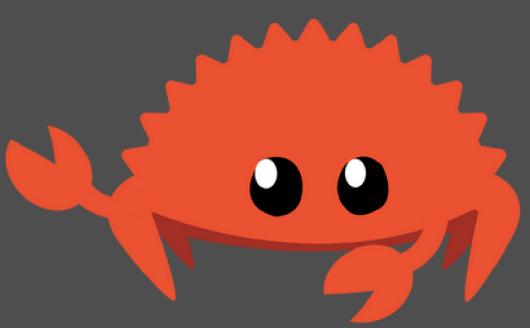


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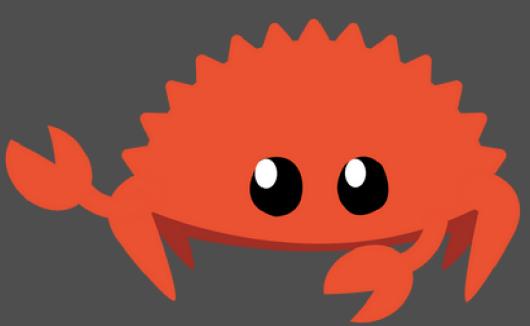


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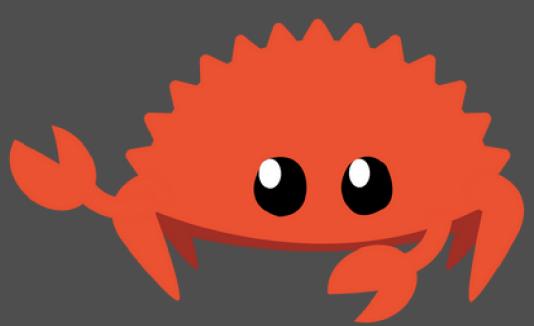
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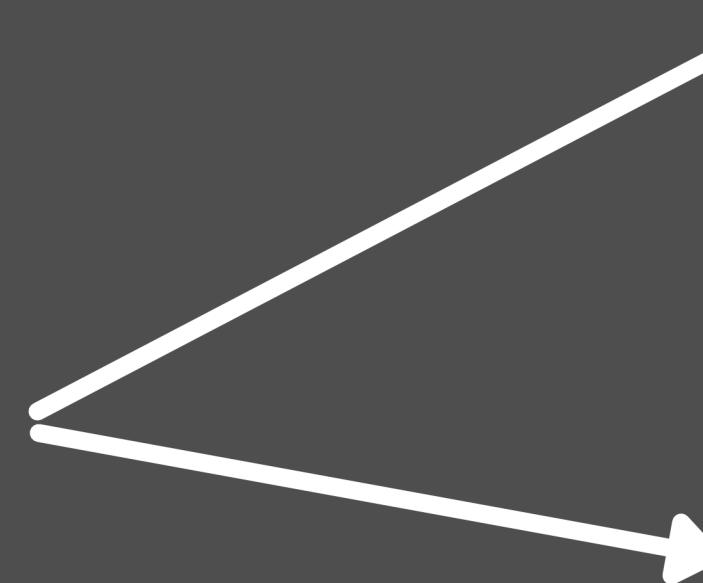
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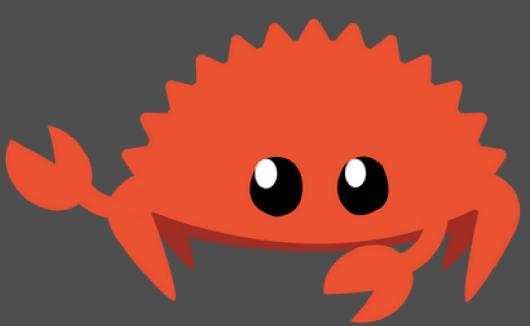
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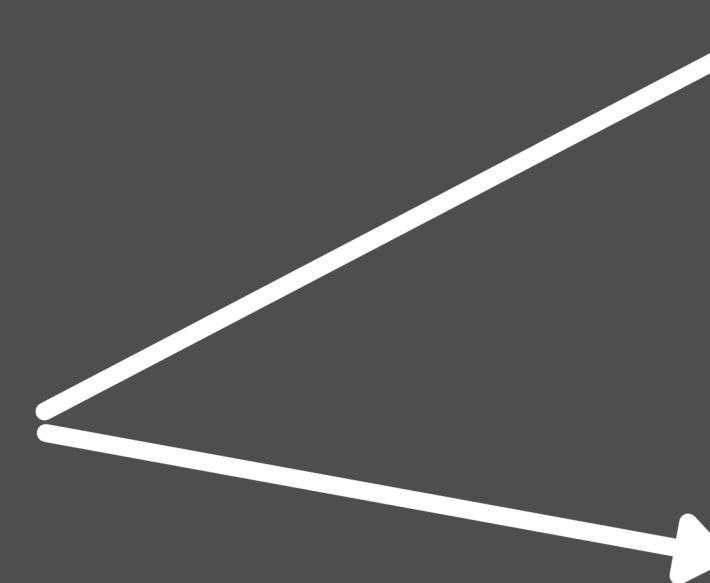
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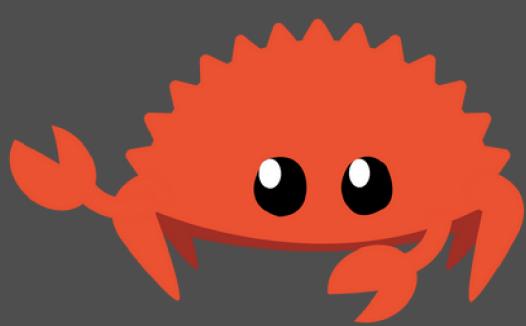
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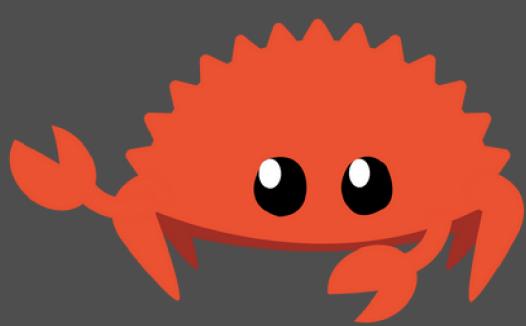
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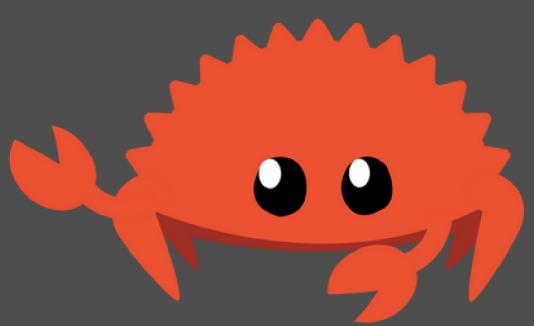
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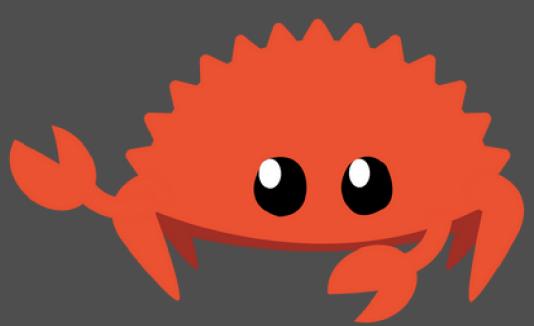


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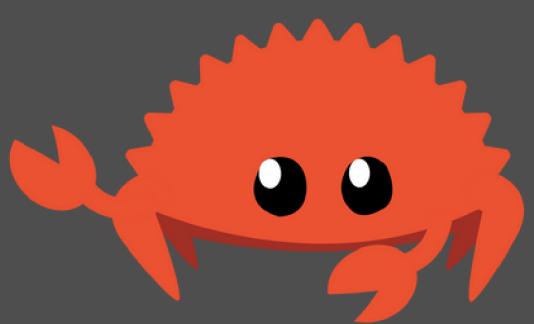
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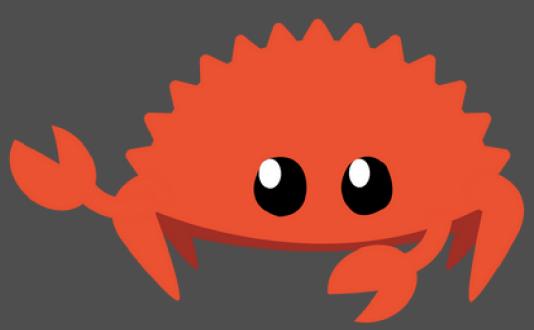
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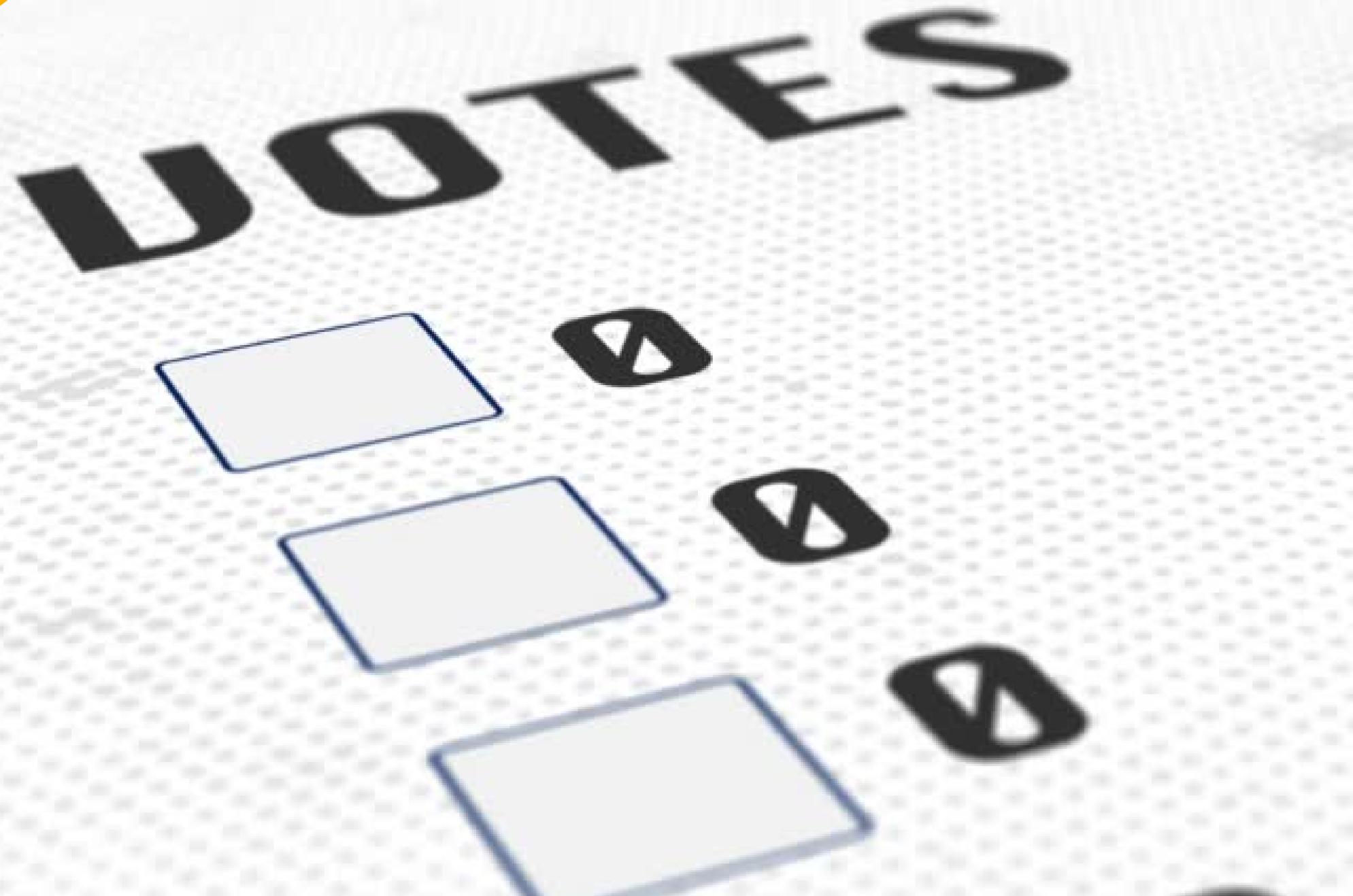


We'll cover the rest in practice!



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Concordium Smart Contracts



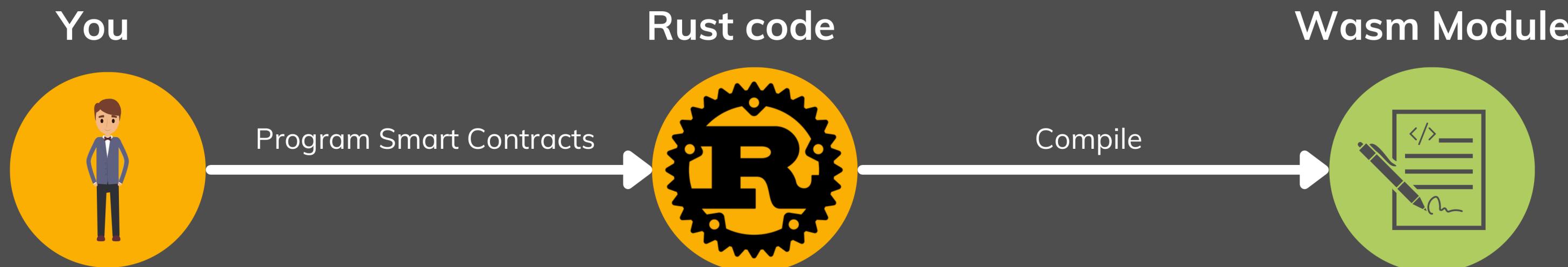
A voting-themed demo
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Introduction To Smart Contracts

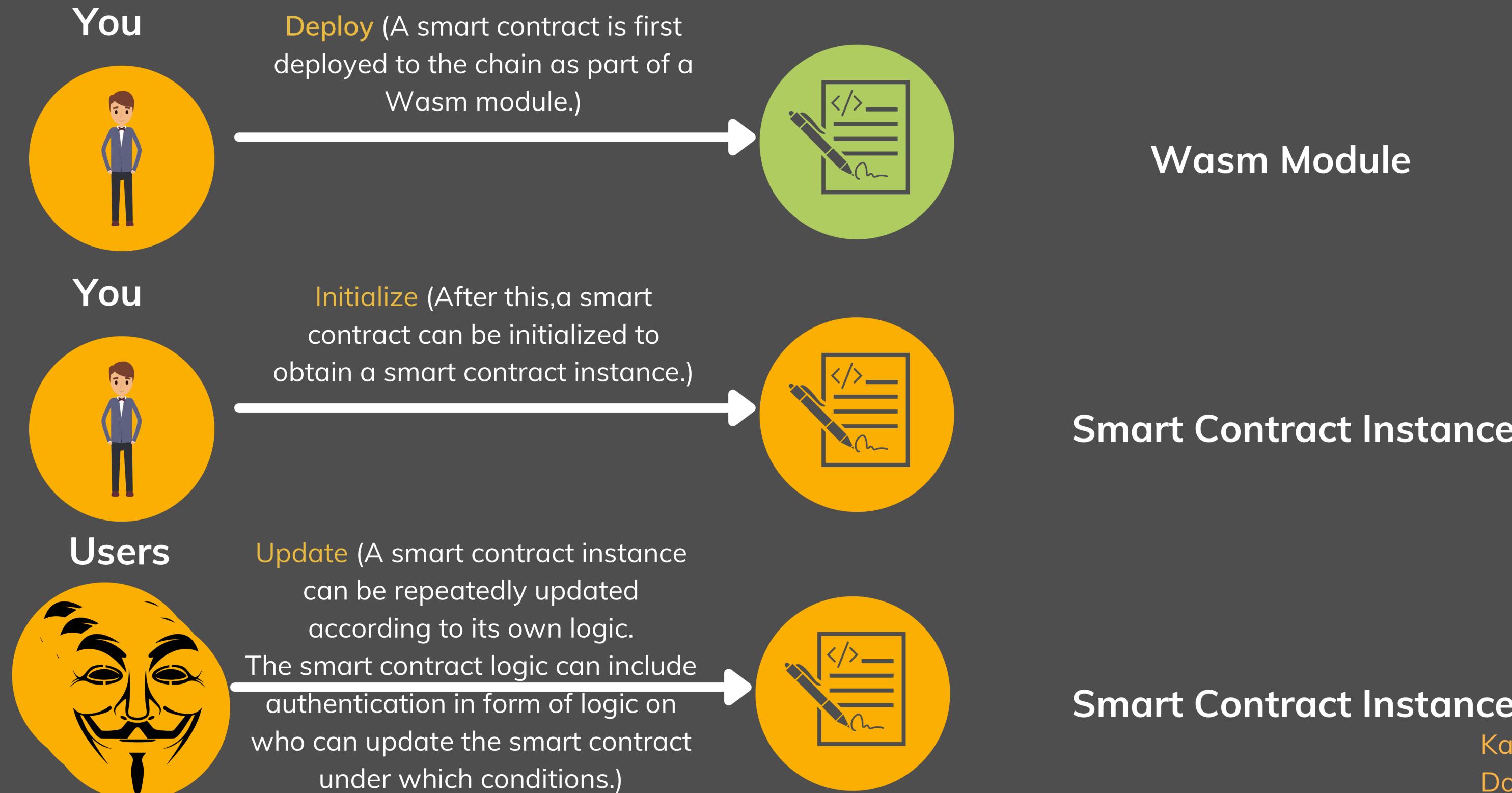
A smart contract is a user-supplied piece of code submitted to the Concordium blockchain, used to define additional behavior that is not directly part of the core protocol.

Smart contracts are deployed as Wasm modules on the Concordium chain. Rust currently has the best support to write and compile your smart contract into a Wasm module that then can be deployed to the Concordium chain.





Life Cycle Of A Smart Contract On Concordium





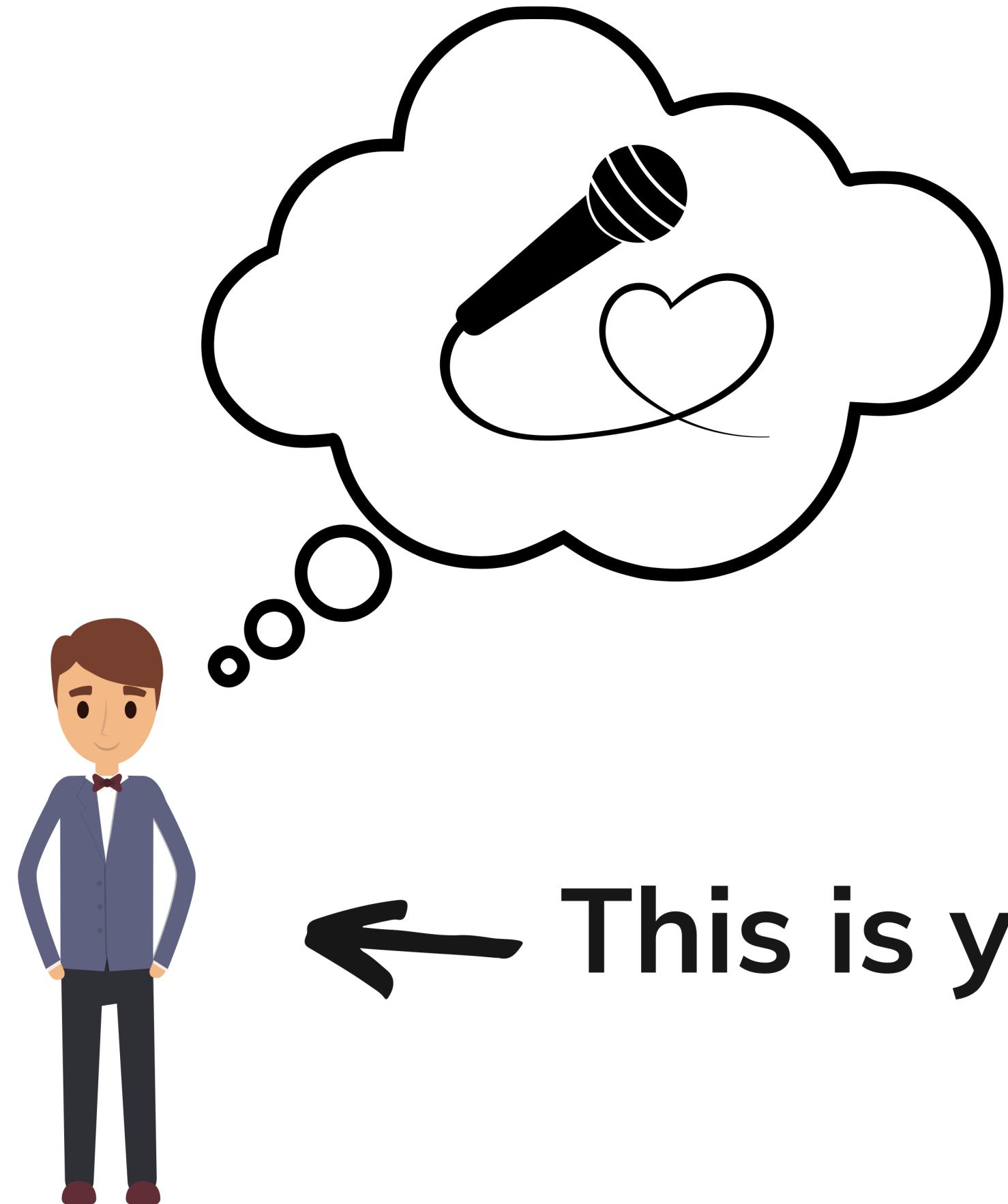
A Very Realistic Problem



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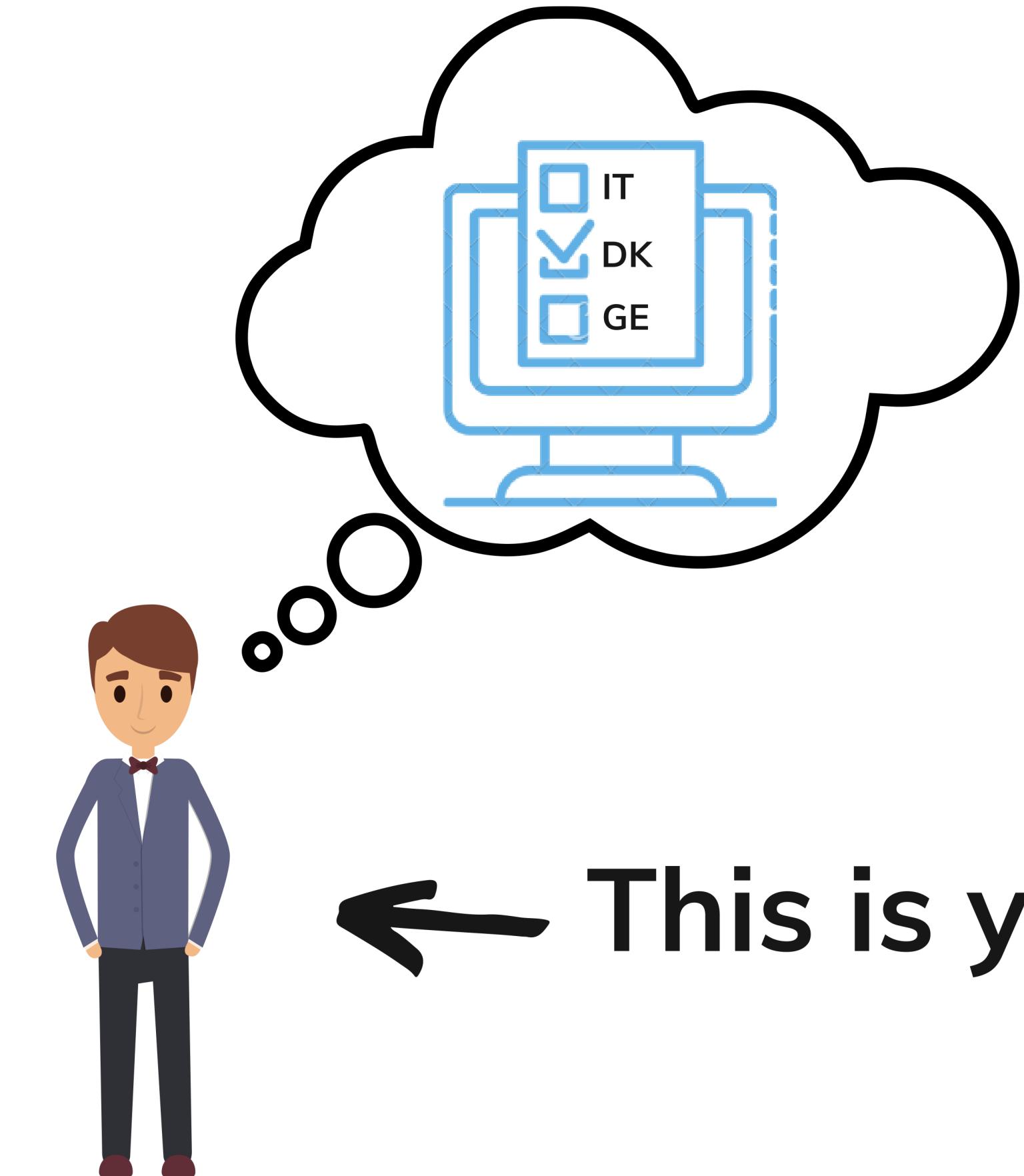
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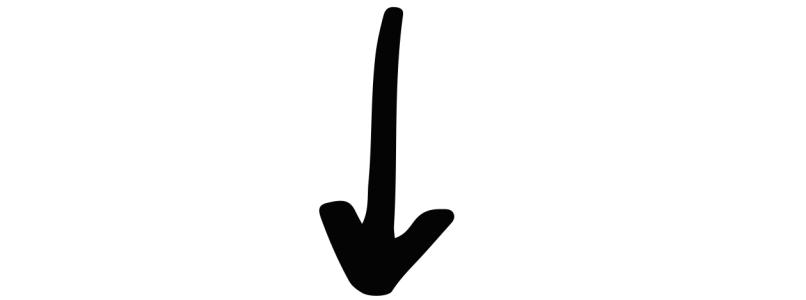


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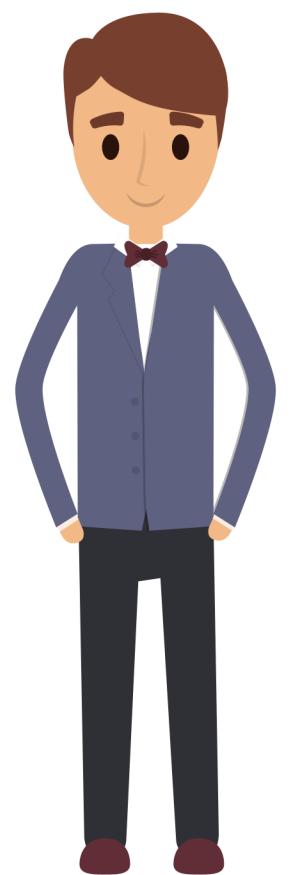
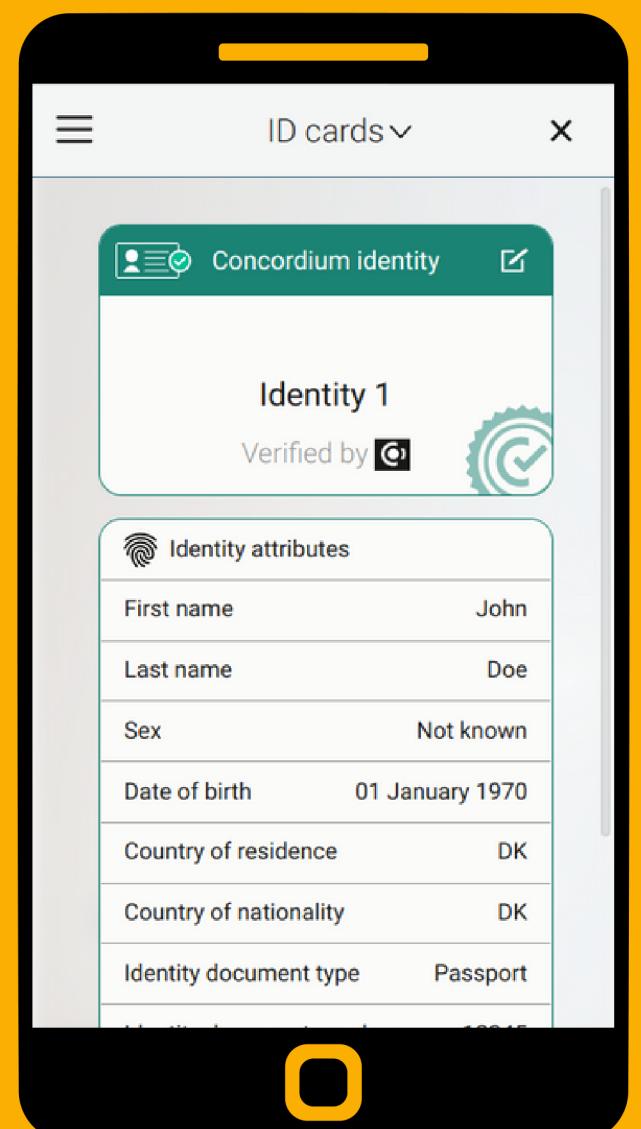


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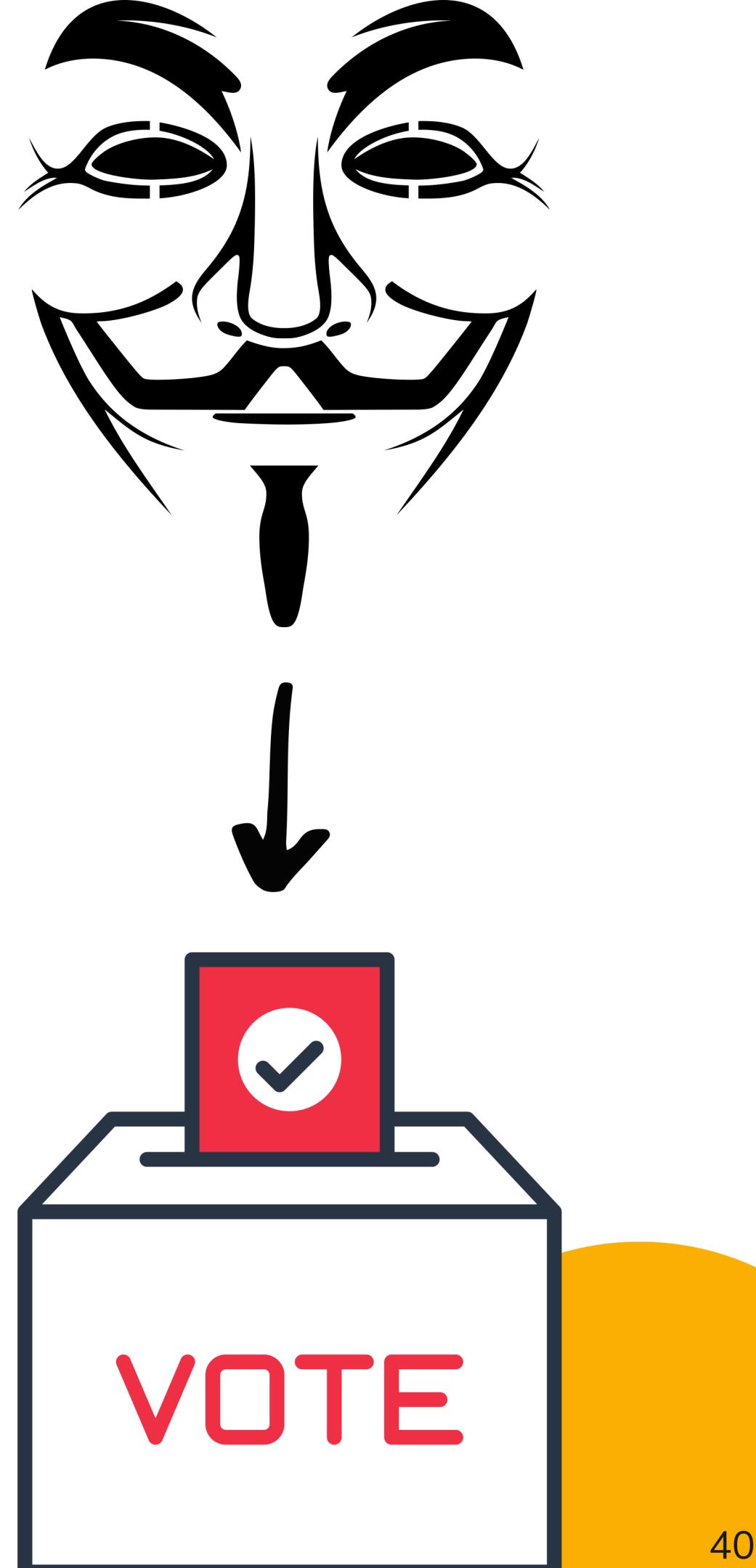




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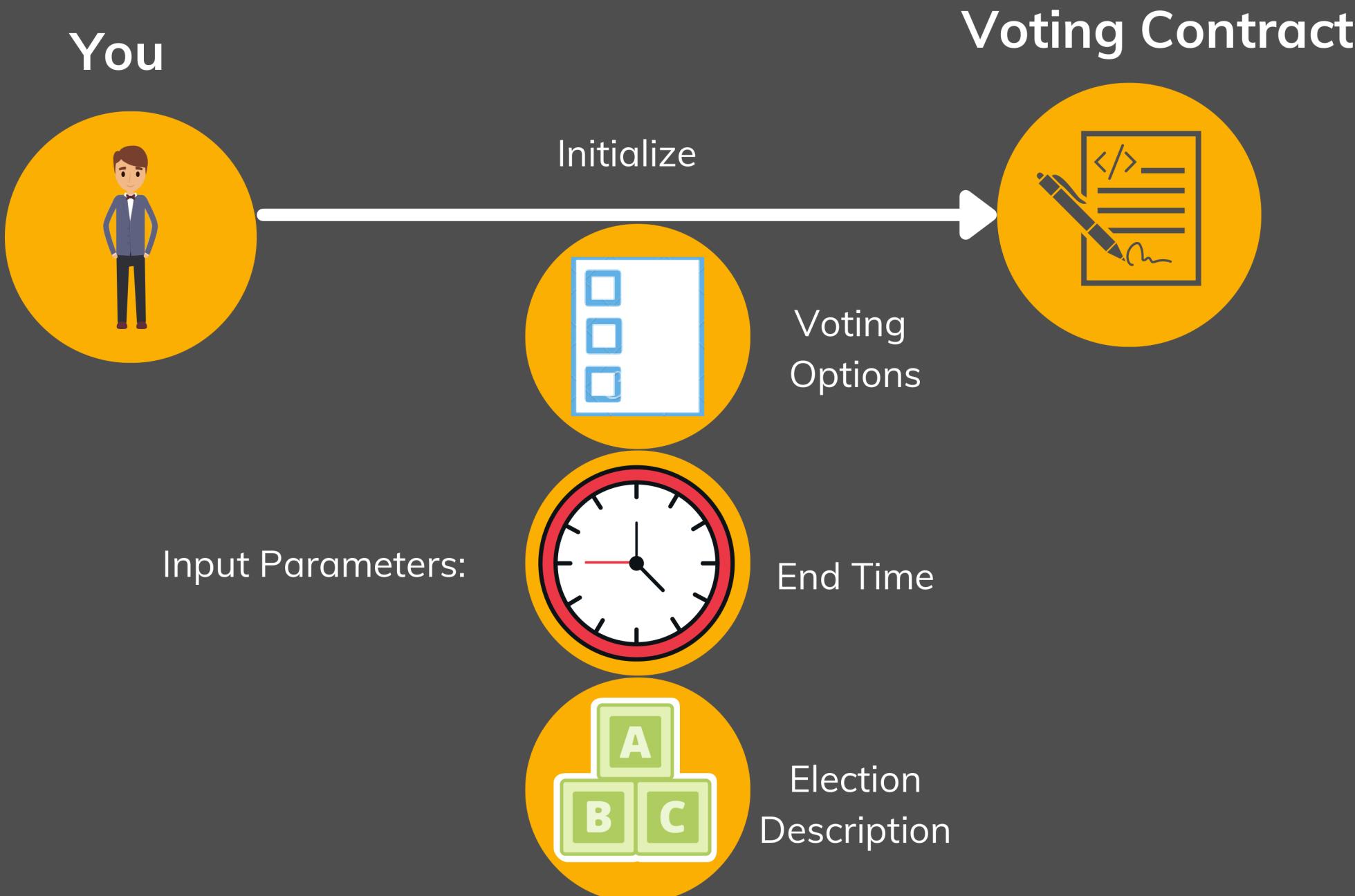
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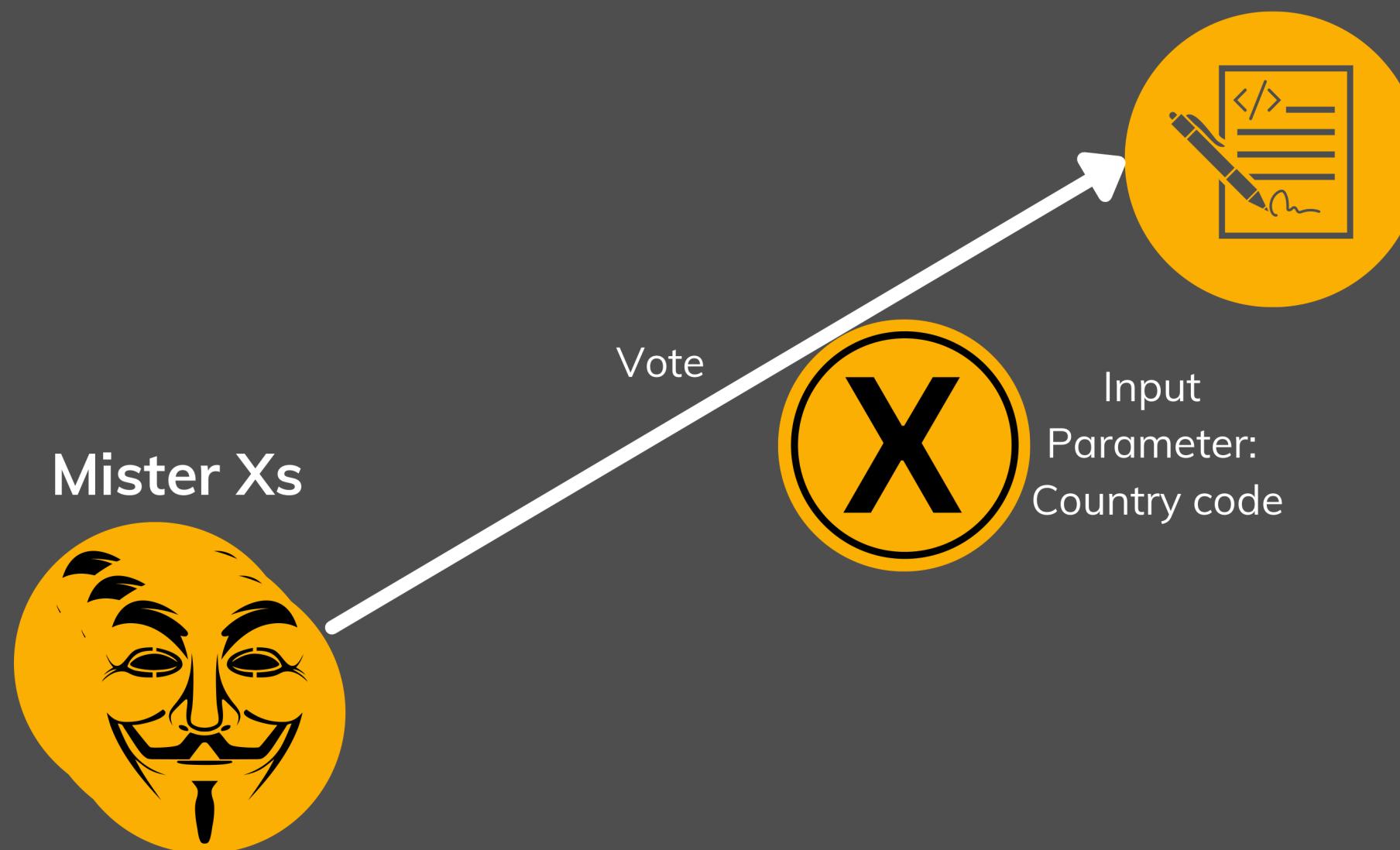
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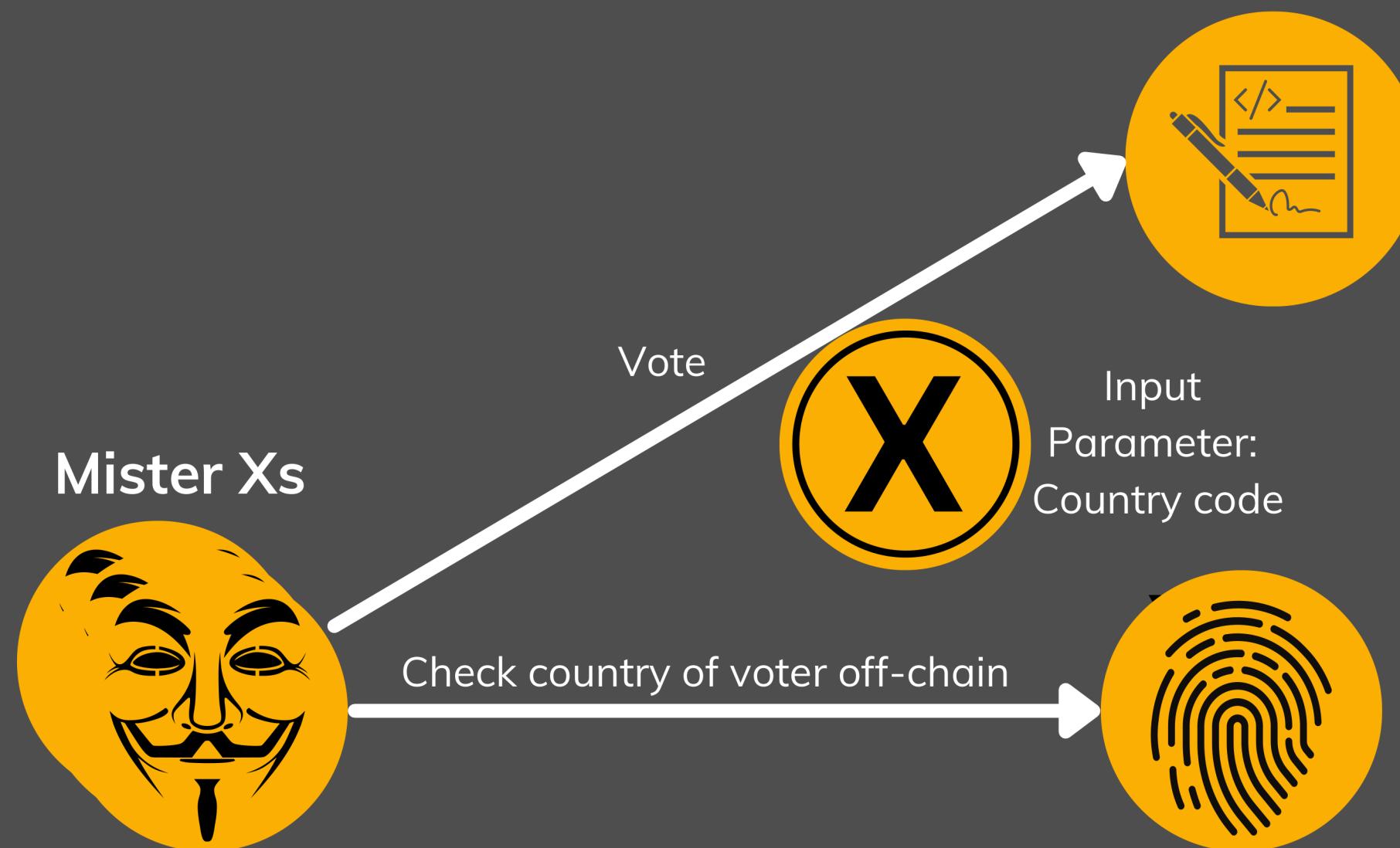
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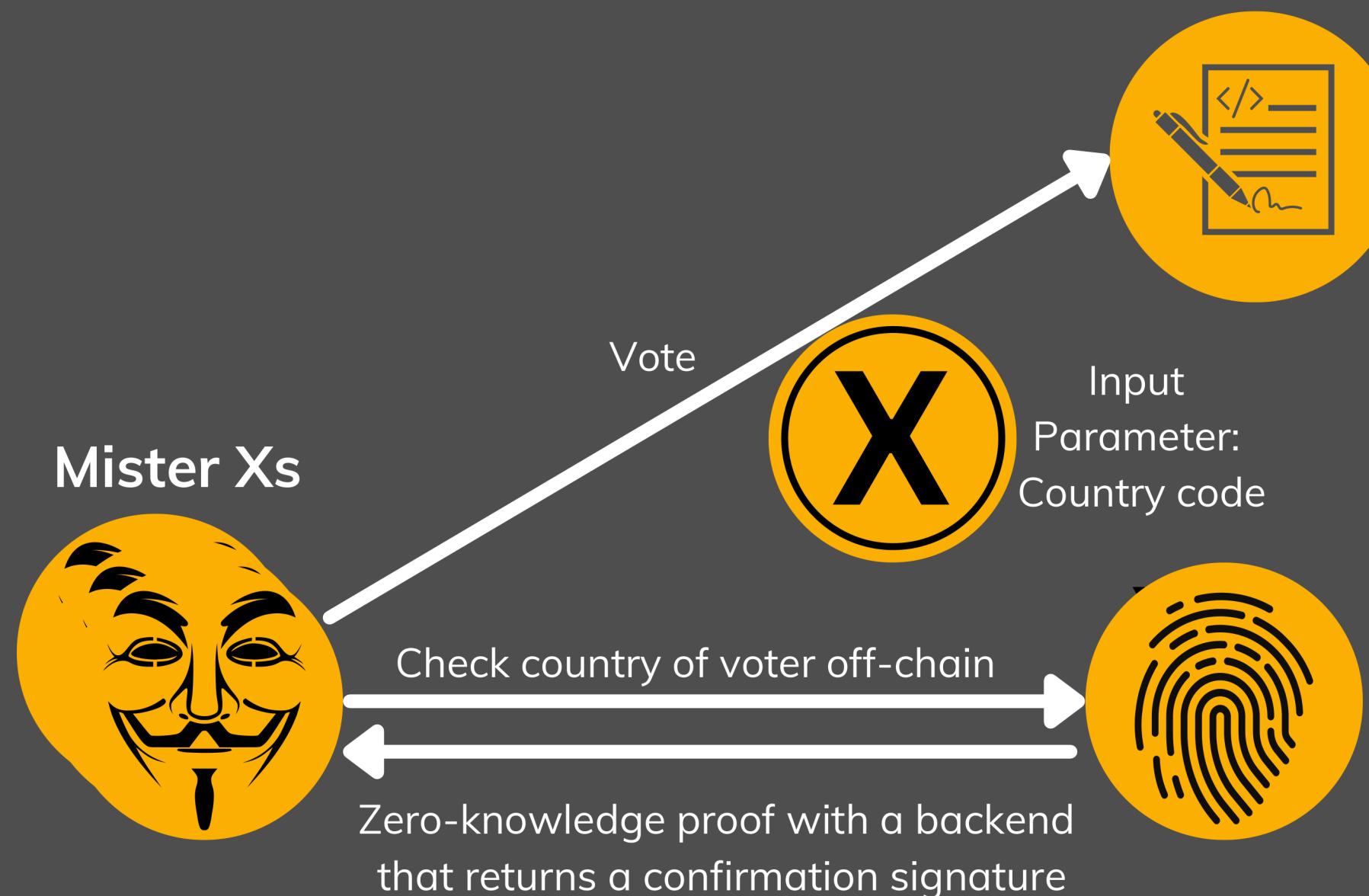
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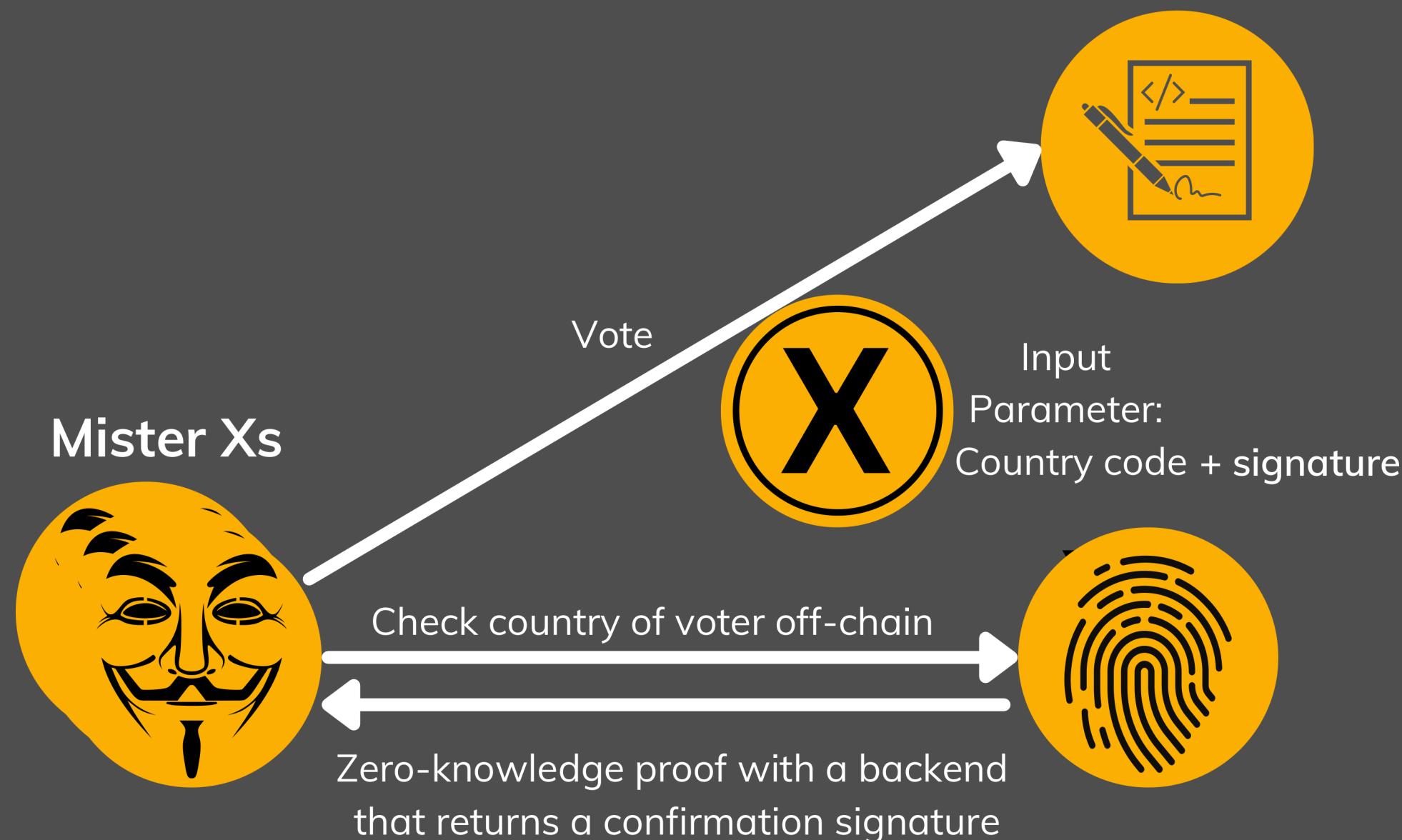
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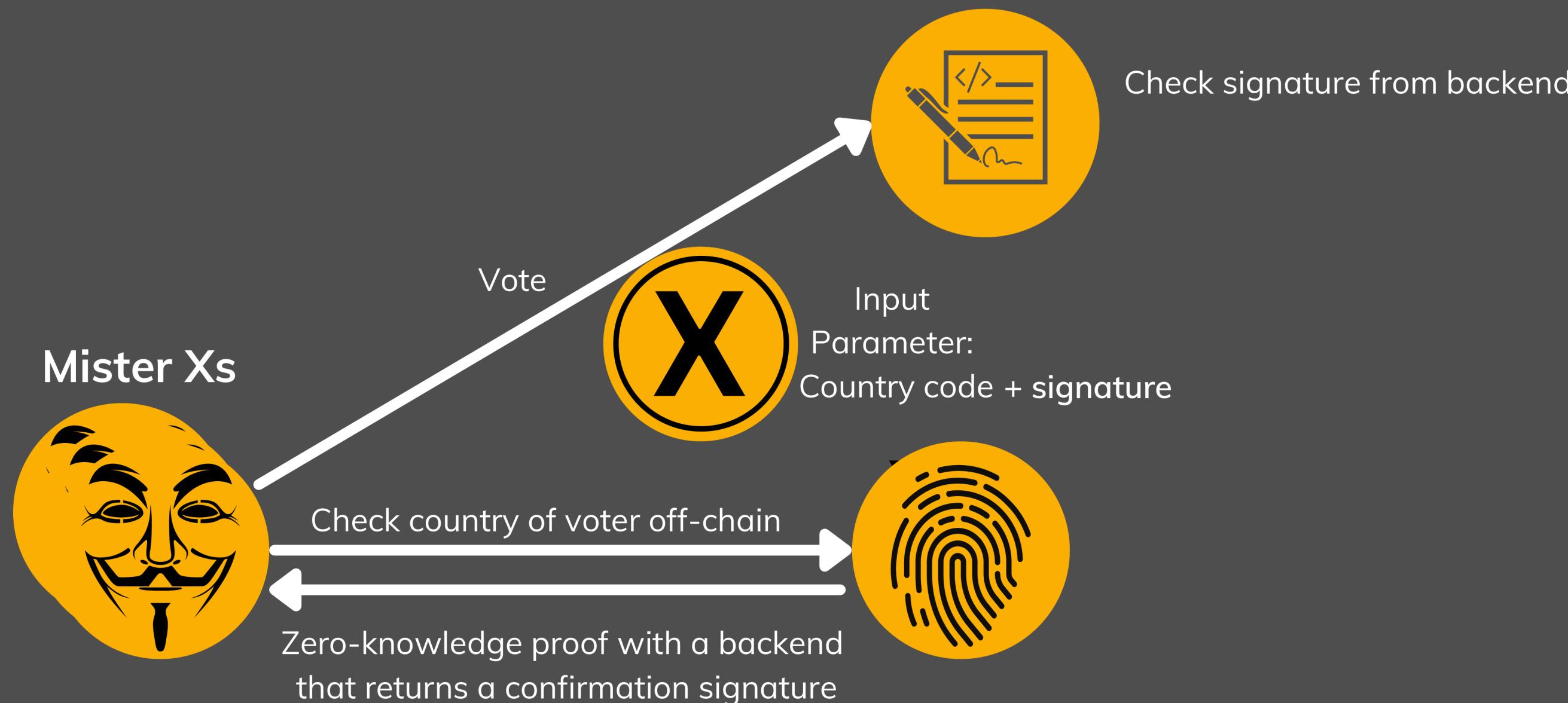
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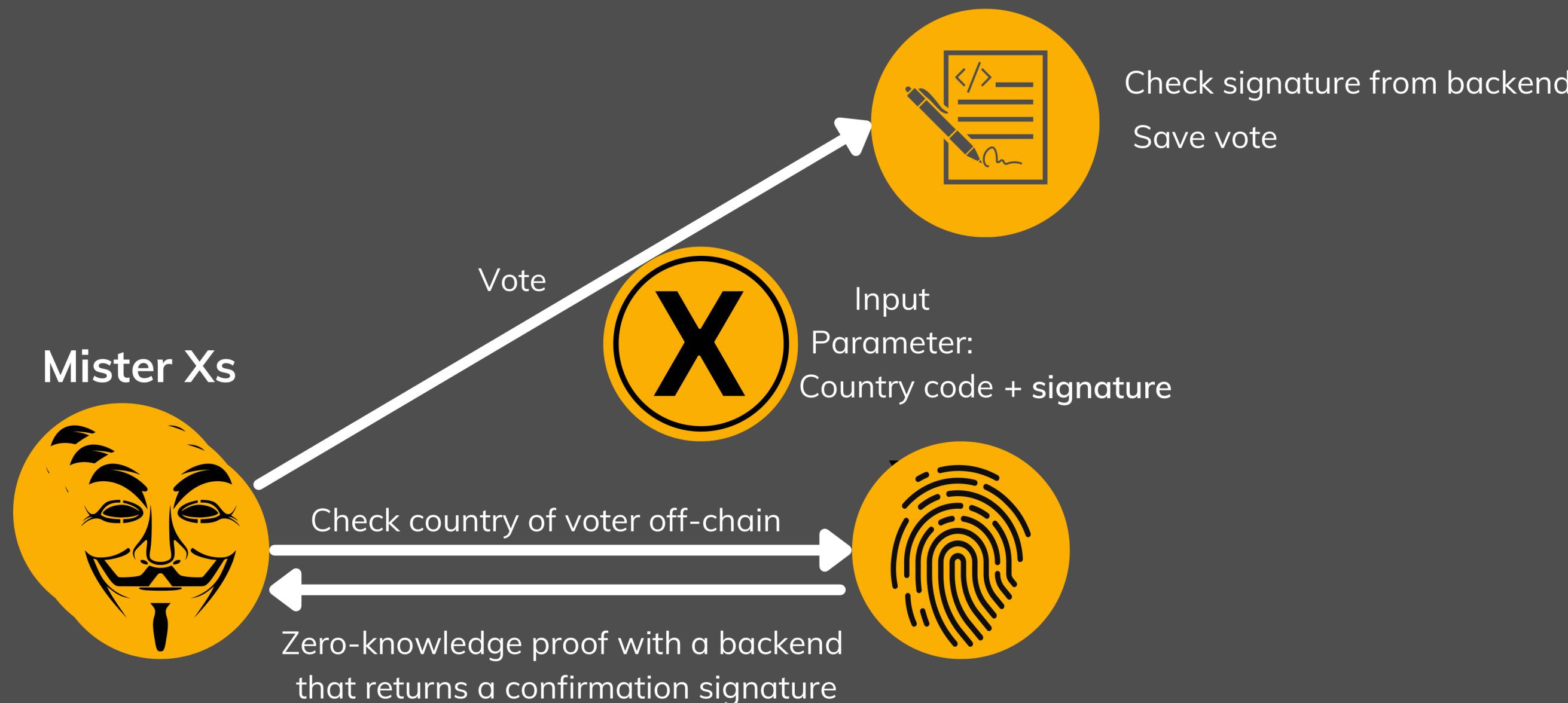
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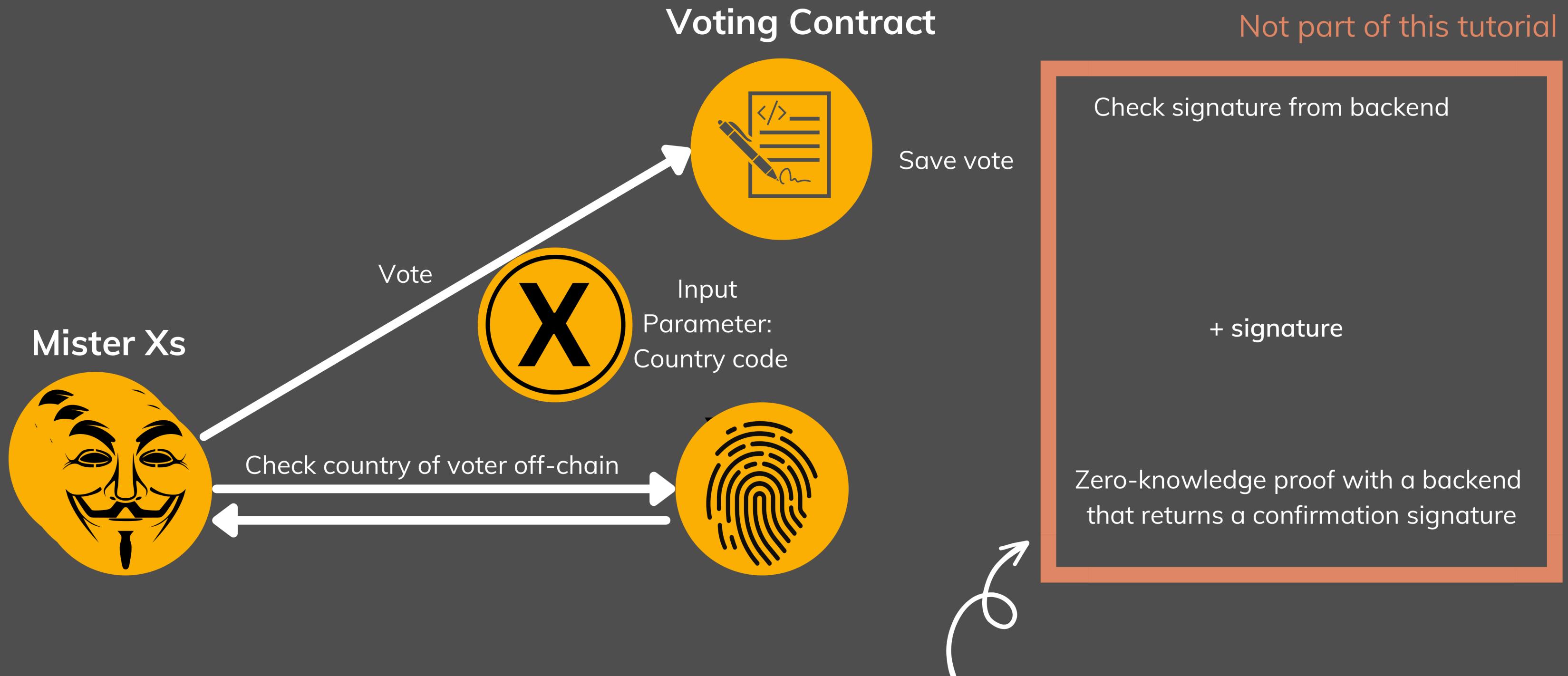
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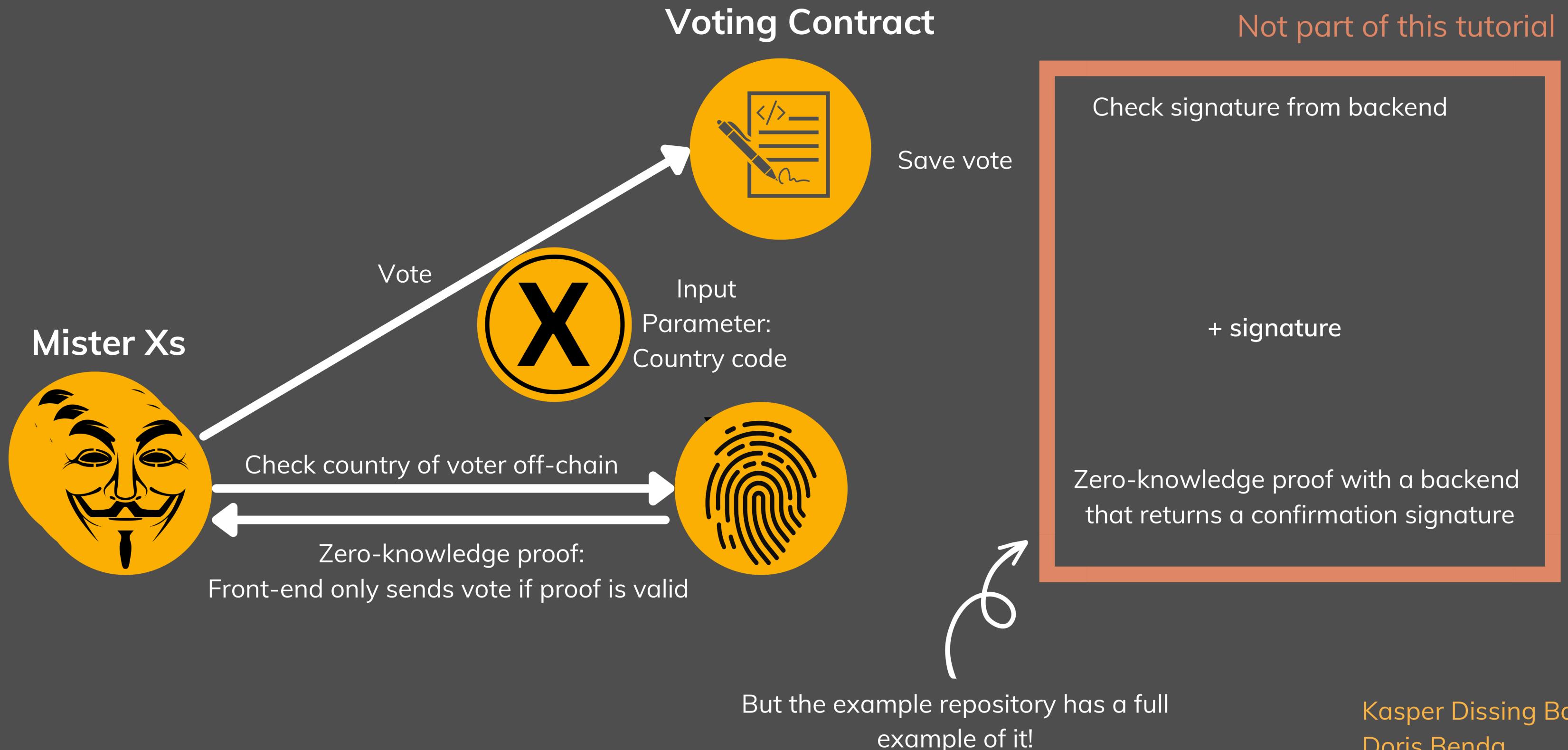
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But the example repository has a full example of it!



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Installing prerequisites



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- Rust programming language
 - <https://www.rust-lang.org/tools/install>
- Concordium Client
 - <https://developer.concordium.software/en/mainnet/net/installation/downloads-testnet.html>
- Cargo Concordium
 - `$ cargo install --locked cargo-concordium`
- Cargo Generate
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- Concordium Visual Studio Code Extension
 - <https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=Concordium.concordium-smart-contracts>
- Concordium Browser Wallet (shown tomorrow)
 - <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/concordium-wallet/mnnkpffndmickbiakofclnpoiajlegmg>



Writing the Voting Smart Contract



**Smart contracts
onto the chain!**



Additional Resources

- Our documentation:
 - <https://developer.concordium.software/en/mainnet/net/guides/graviton-hackathon.html>
- Repository for the smart contract:
 - <https://github.com/Concordium/voting-workshop>
- General support:
 - <https://support.concordium.software/>



Additional Resources

- Testnet dashboard:
 - dashboard.testnet.concordium.com
 - testnet.ccdscan.io
- Public Concordium testnet node:
 - node.testnet.concordium.com
 - port 10000 (GRPCv1) and port 20000 (gRPCv2 and gRPC-web)



Questions?



The end

Happy hacking &
see you
tomorrow!



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Concordium Front-end Integration

VOTES



A voting-themed demo
to kickstart your journey
as a dApp developer
on Concordium



In this Presentation

Here's what we'll cover:

Recap of The Problem

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Browser Wallet

Building a dApp frontend for voting

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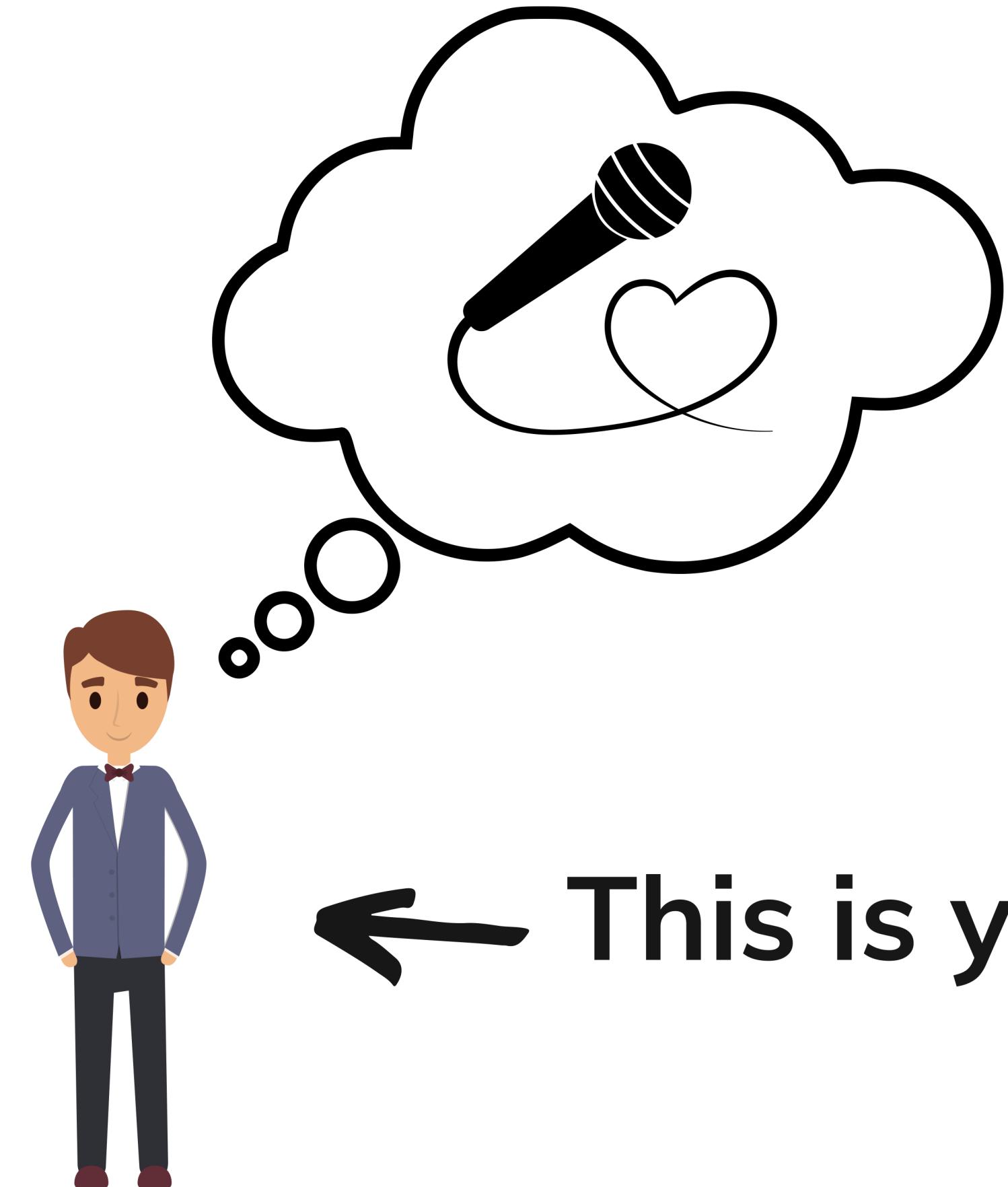
Recap of The Problem



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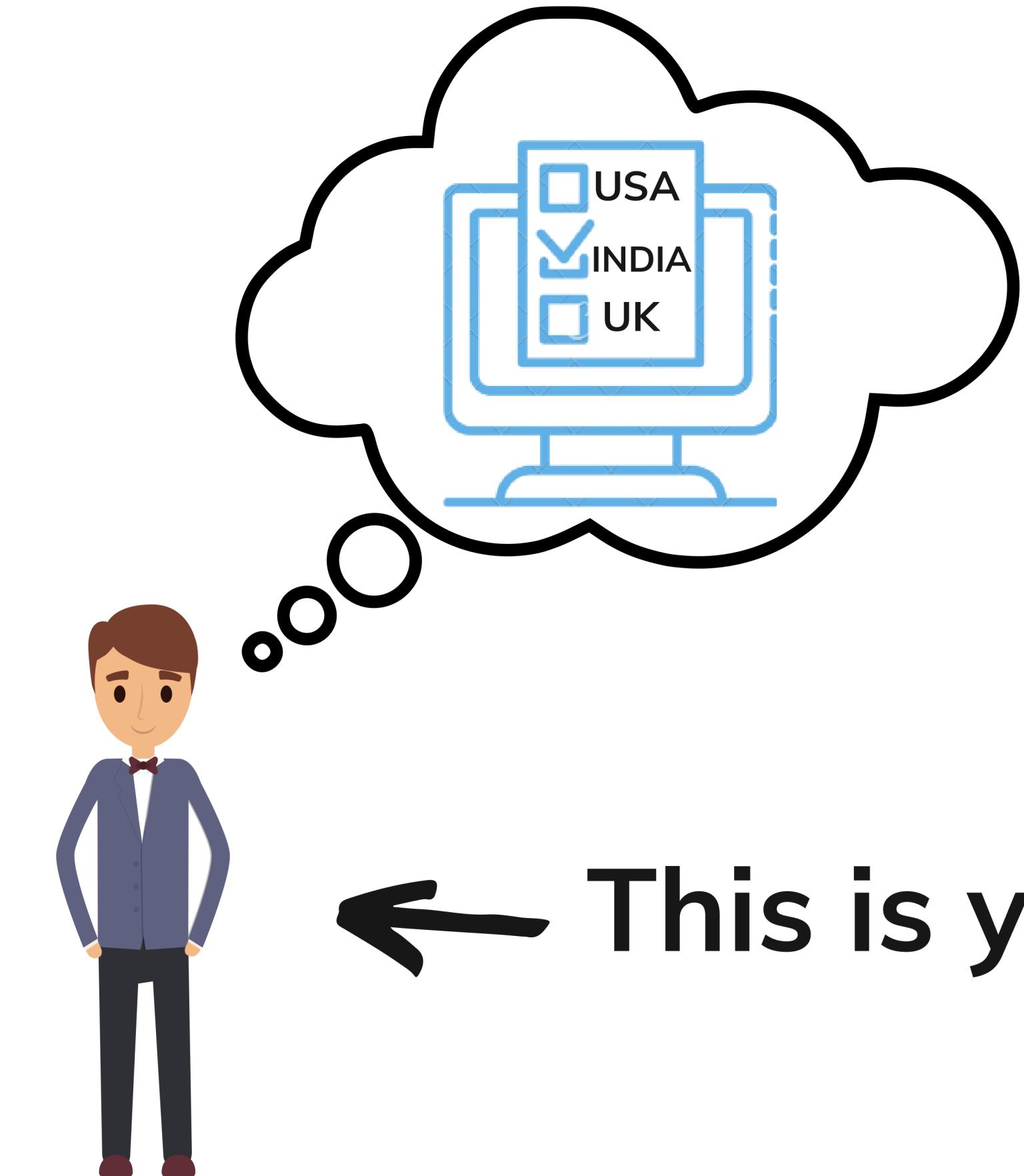
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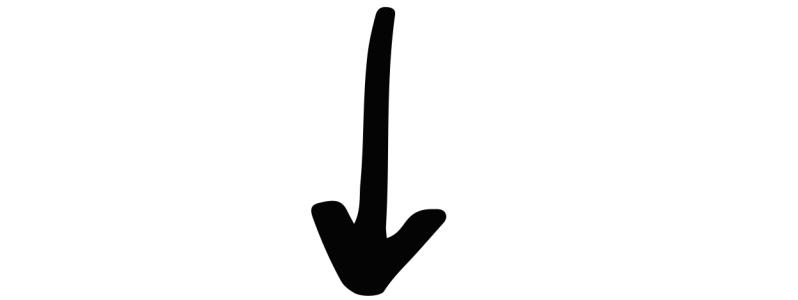
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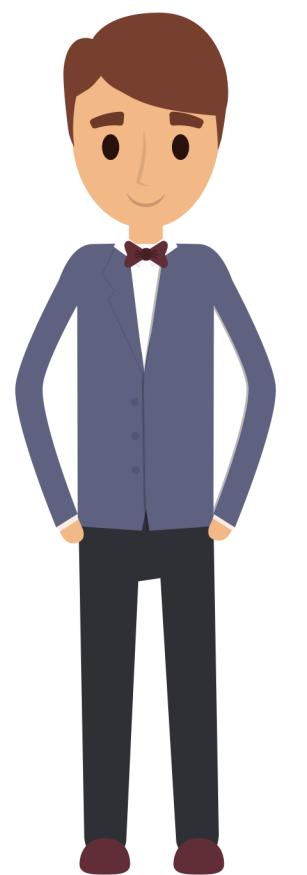
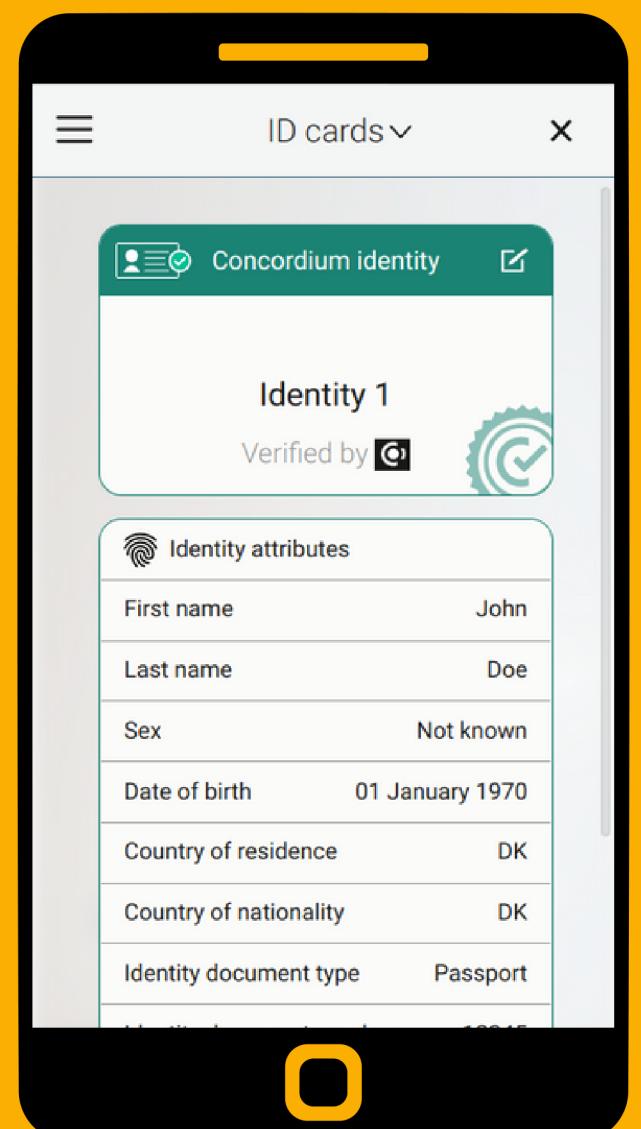


**Mister X should
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vote for their
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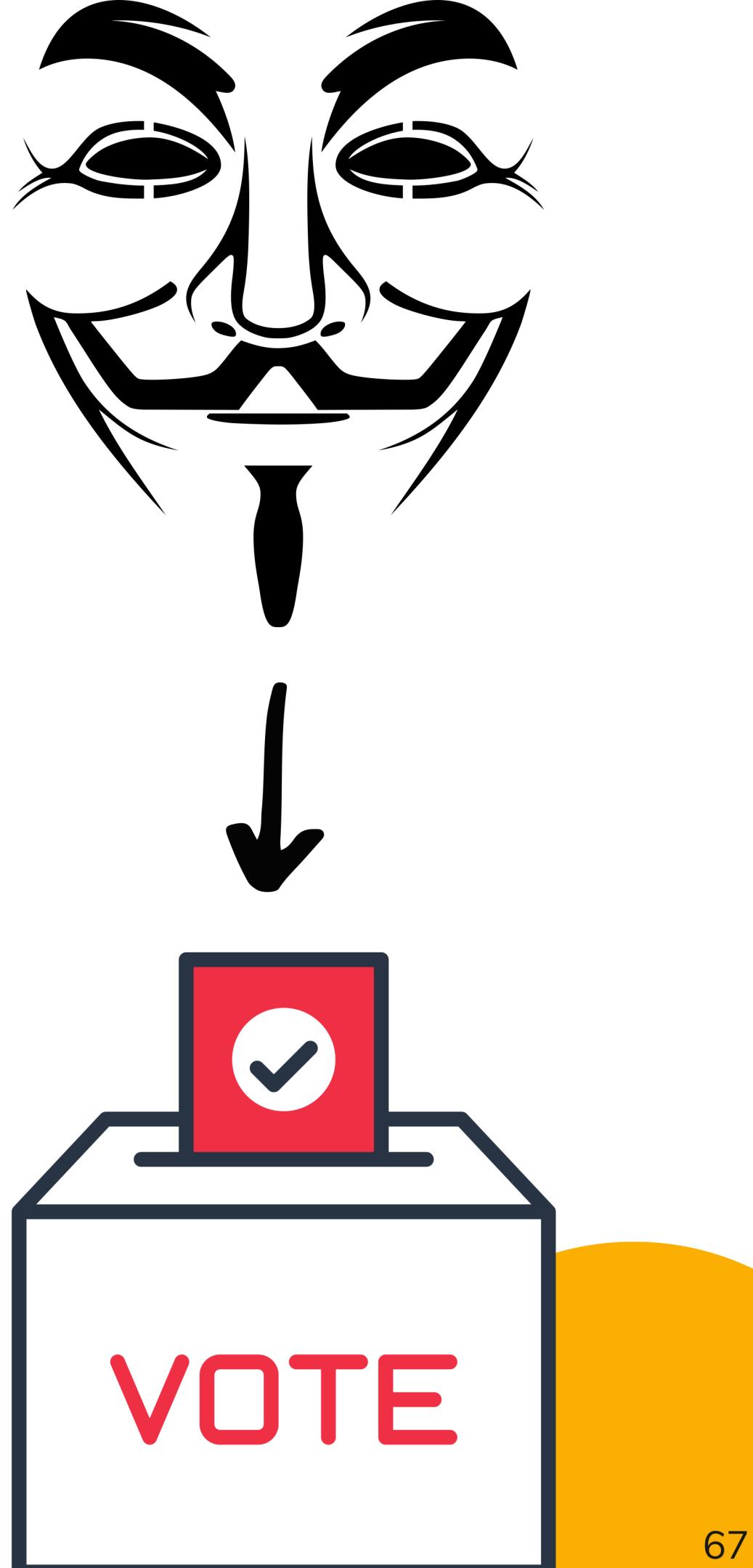




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Concordium and its identity layer





Front-end Integration



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Browser Wallet



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Concordium Browser Wallet

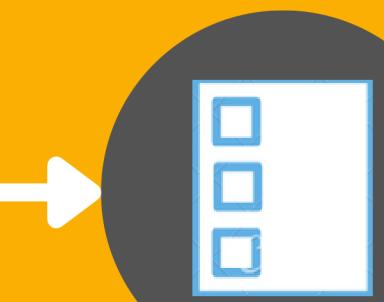
- A browser wallet is a piece of code that can be added as an extension to supported browsers such as Chrome.
- The browser wallet allows you to interact with the chain:
 - -> Reading data from the chain
 - -> Writing data to the chain (aka. sending transactions)
- The browser wallet hosts the **private keys** corresponding to the accounts of the user and a link that points to a server that hosts a **Concordium node**.

Let's download the testnet browser wallet:

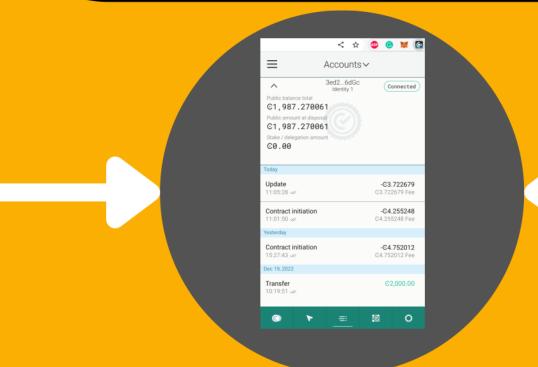
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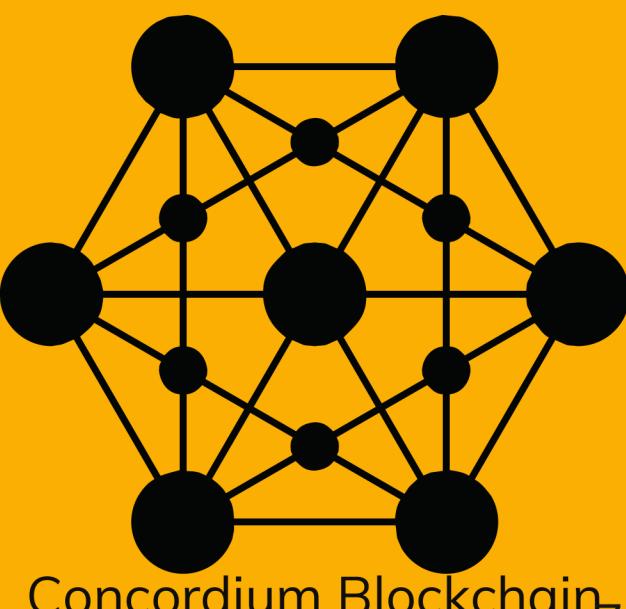
User



Front-end (Webpage)



Concordium Browser Wallet



Concordium Blockchain

The screenshot shows the Concordium Browser Wallet interface. At the top, it displays the account balance: Public balance total **C1,987.270061**, Public amount at disposal **C1,987.270061**, Stake / delegation amount **C0.00**. Below this, there is a section for the last update with a timestamp of 11:05:28 and a fee of C3.722679. The interface also shows a "Connected" status and a circular icon with a checkmark. On the left, there is a sidebar with a menu icon and a "Connected" status. The main area shows a table of recent transactions, including "Contract initiation" at 11:01:50 and "Contract initiation" at 15:27:43, both with fees of C4.255248. There is also a transfer entry at 10:19:51 with a fee of C2,000.00. The date Dec 19, 2022, is highlighted in blue.



Initializing The Smart Contract



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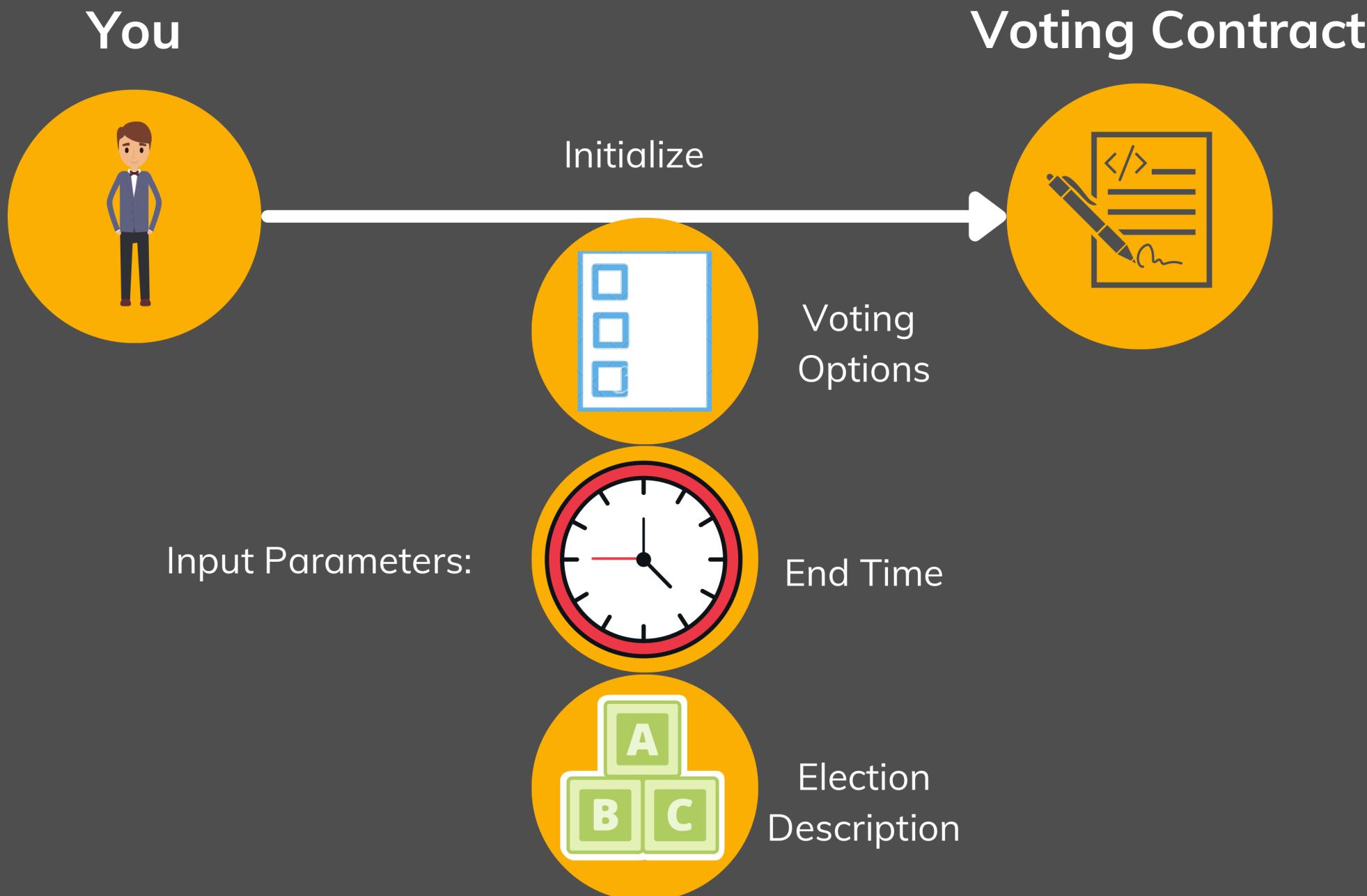
Identity Based Voting™

You





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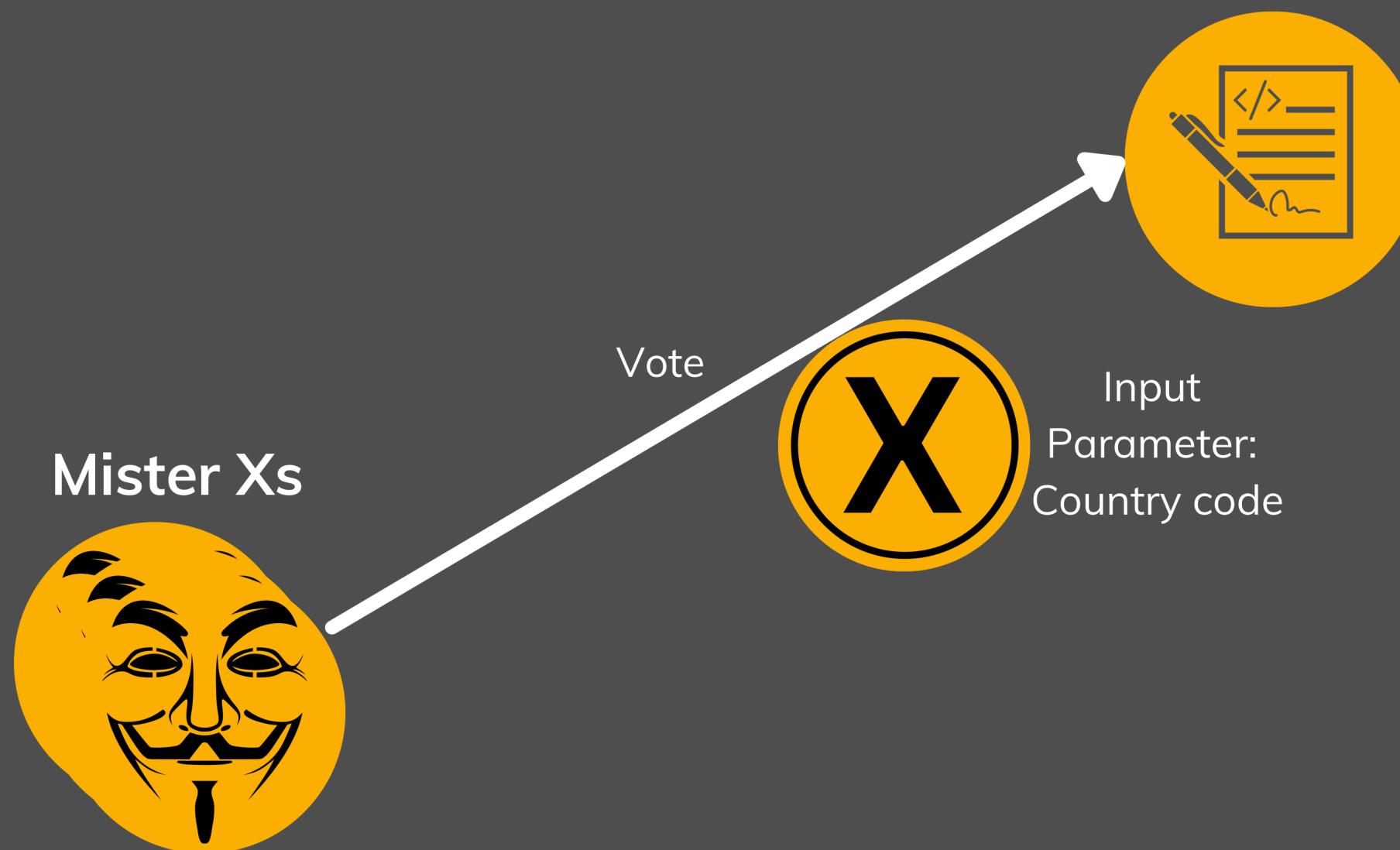


Voting



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Voting Contract



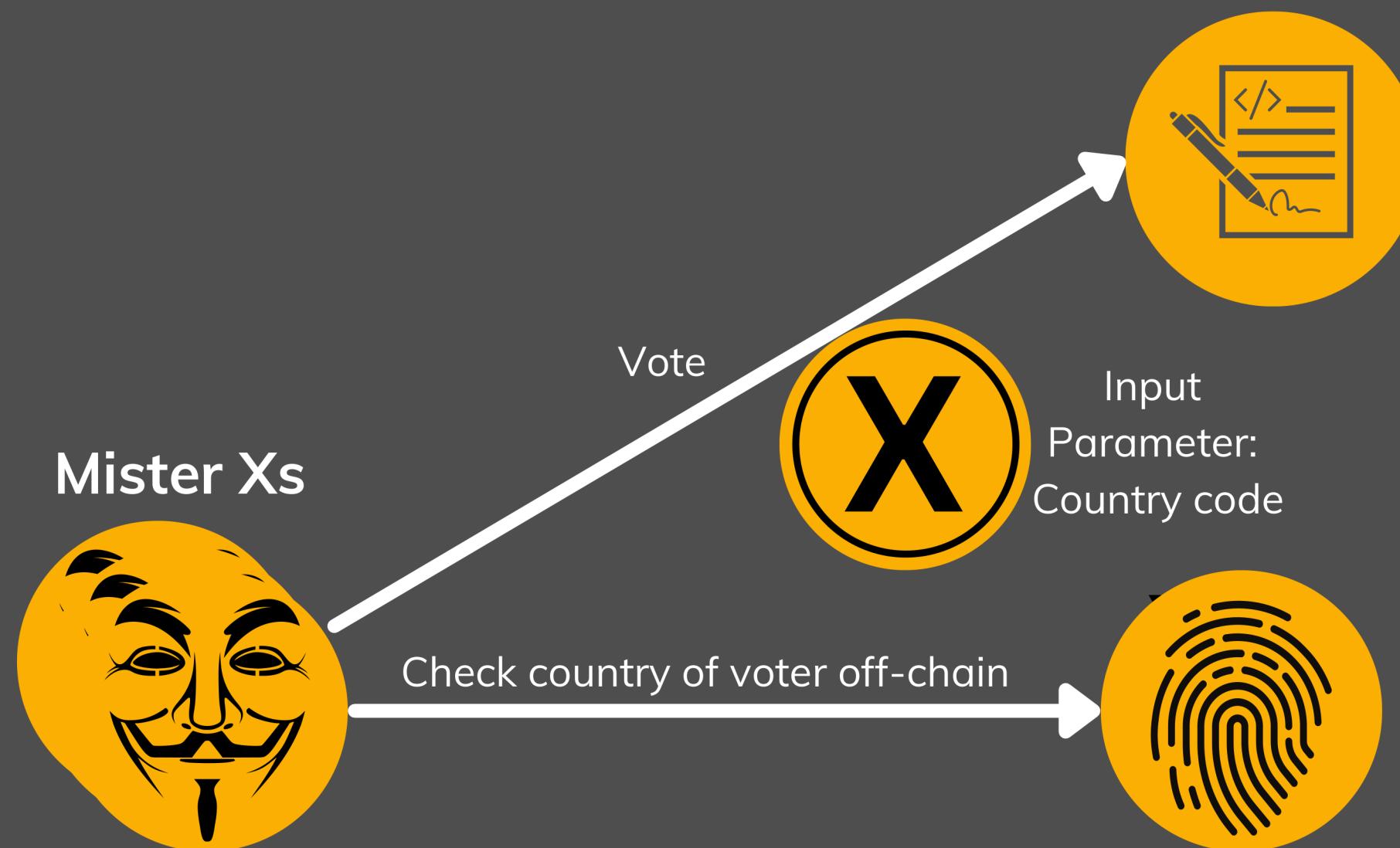


Identity-checked voting



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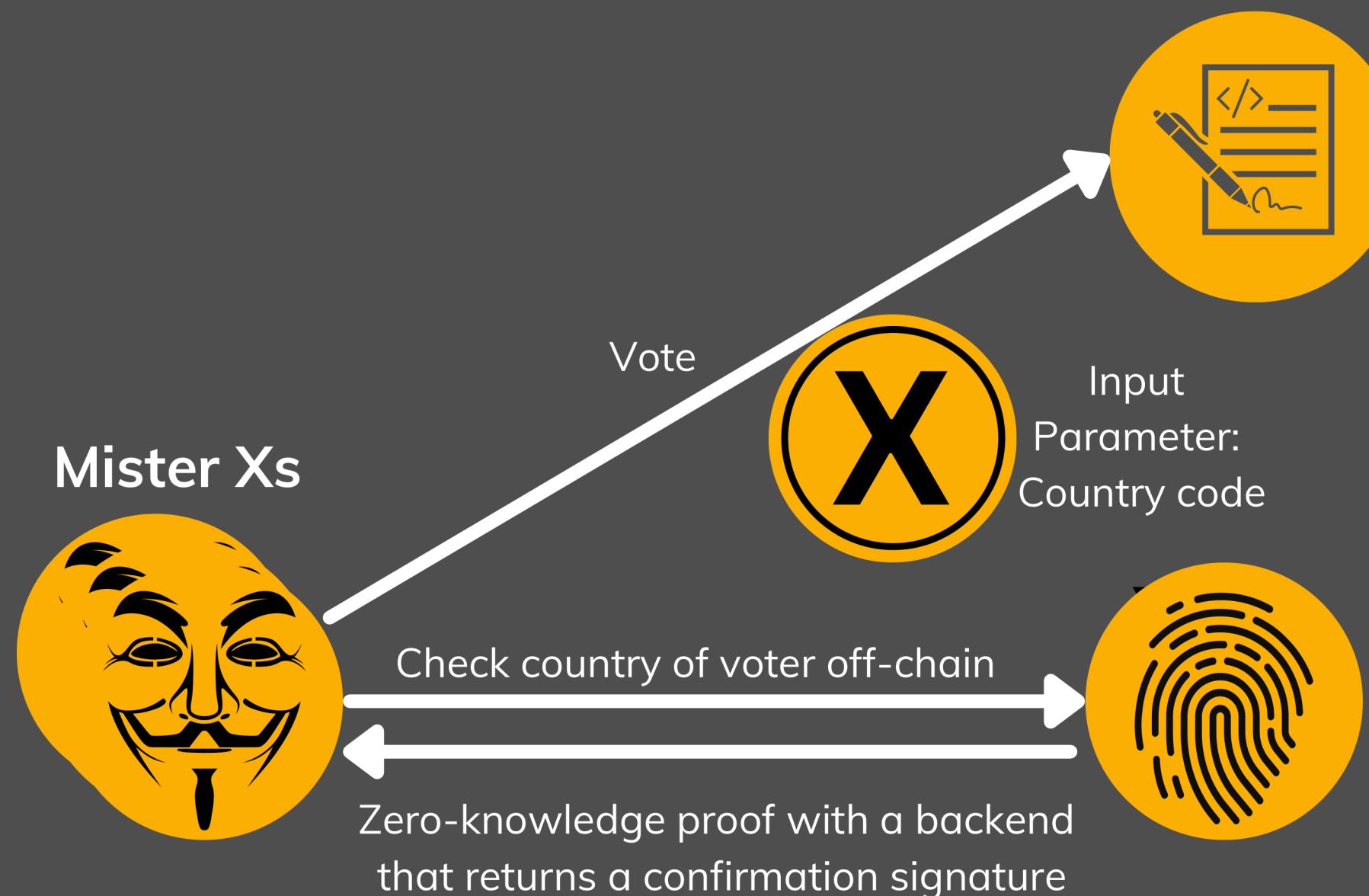
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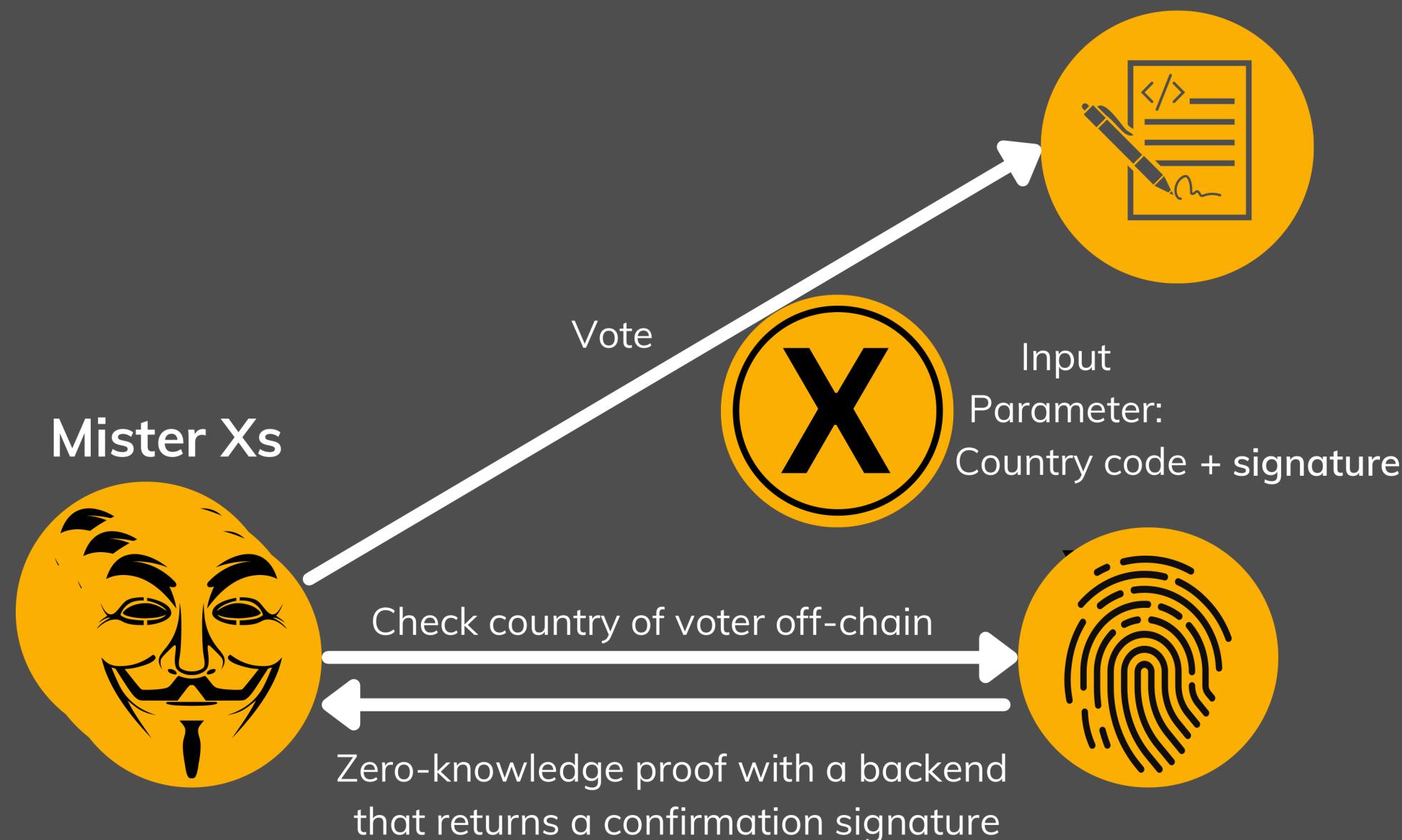
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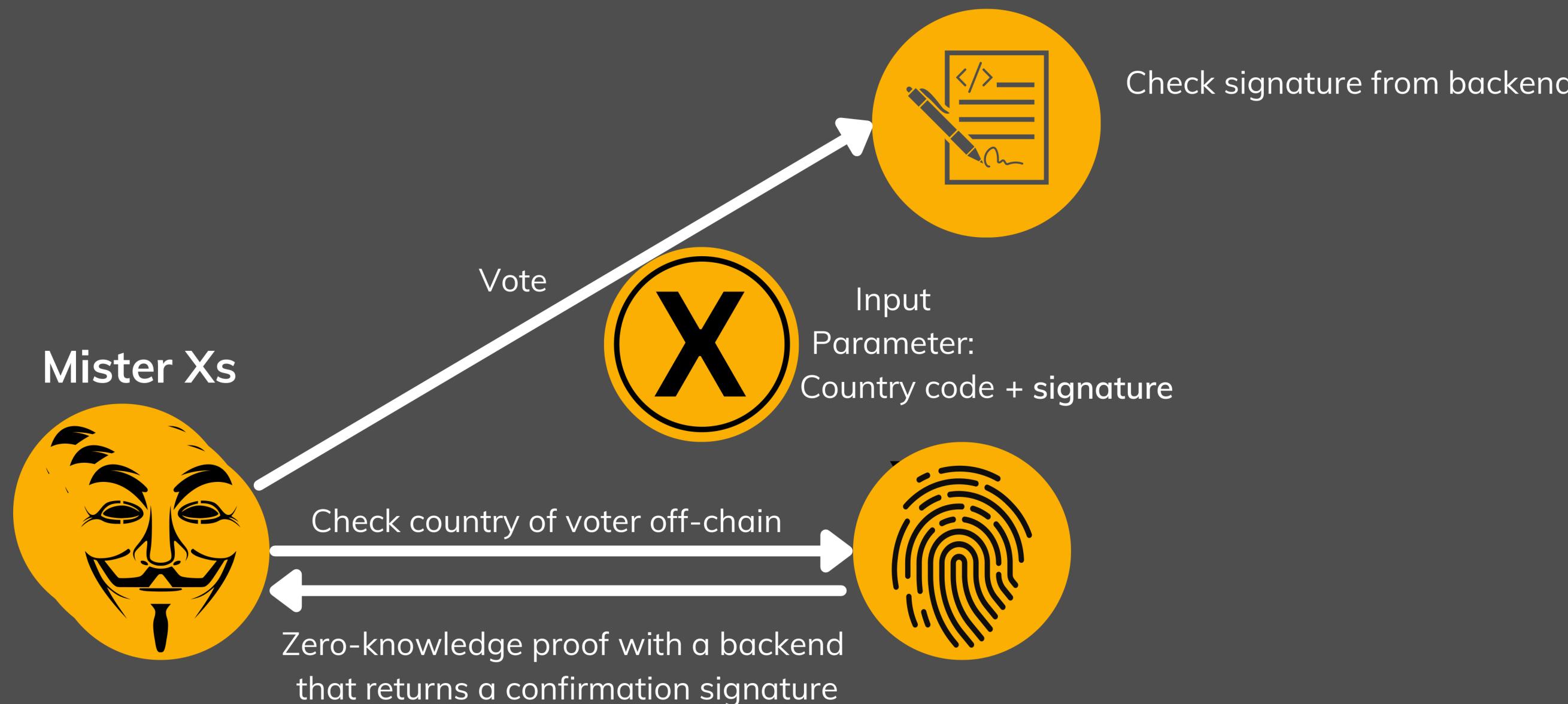
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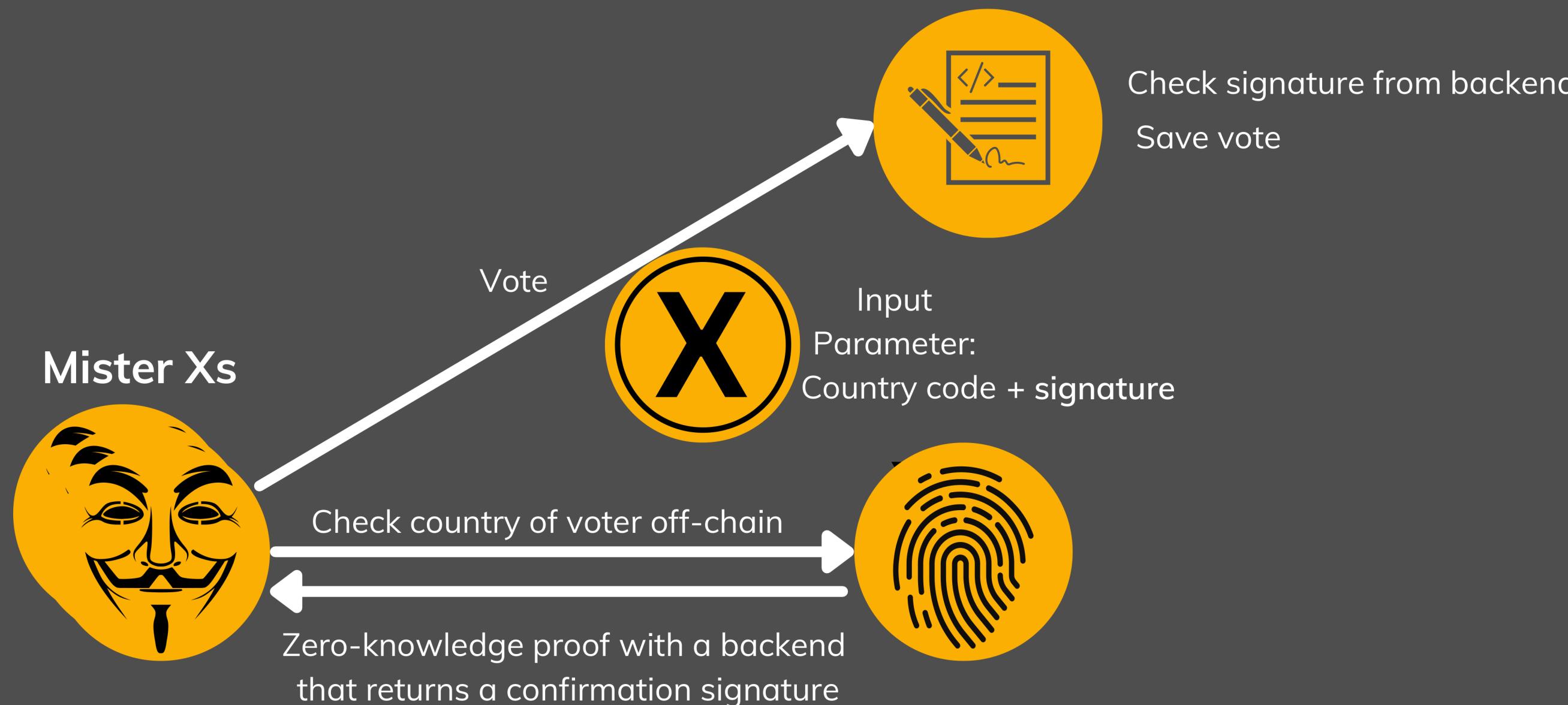
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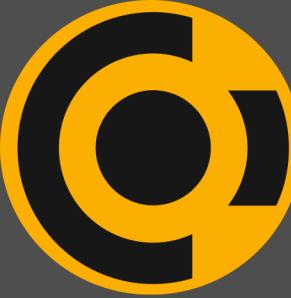




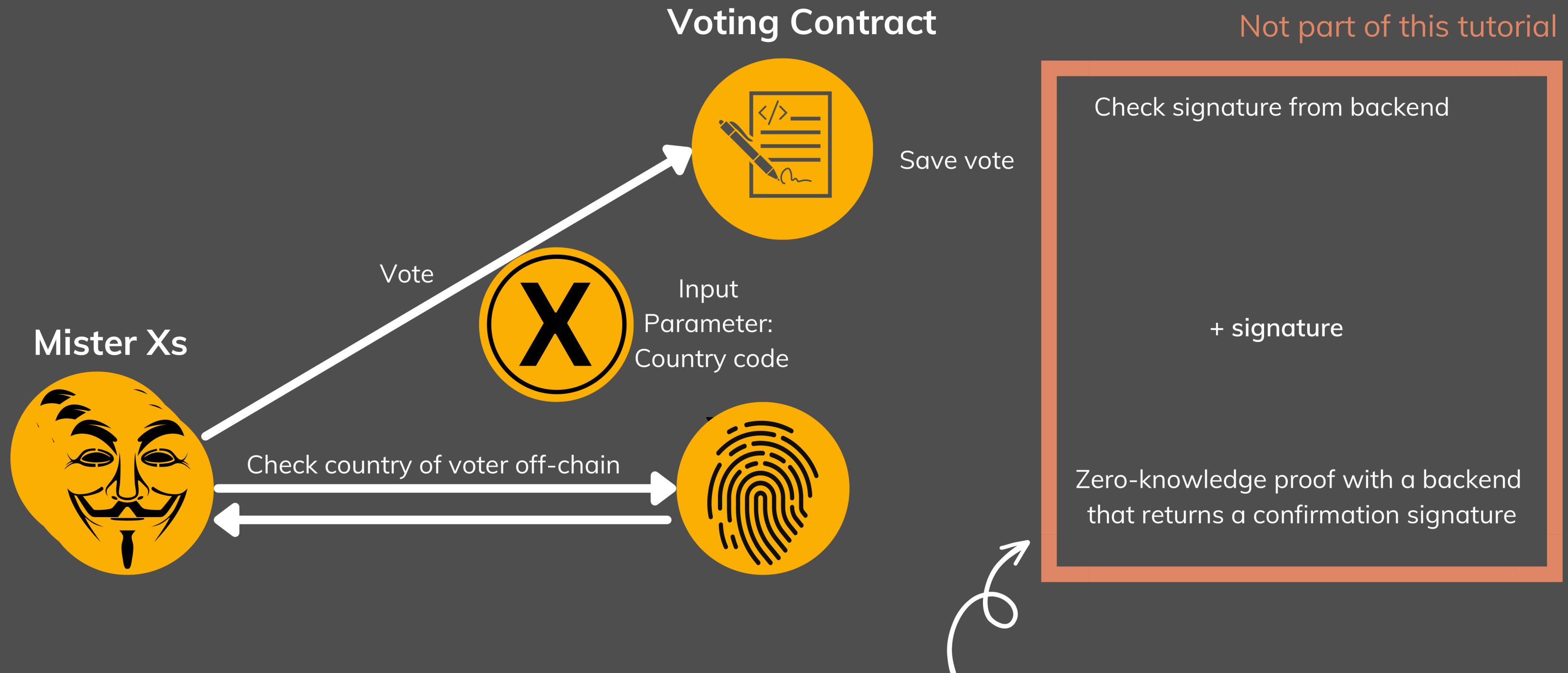
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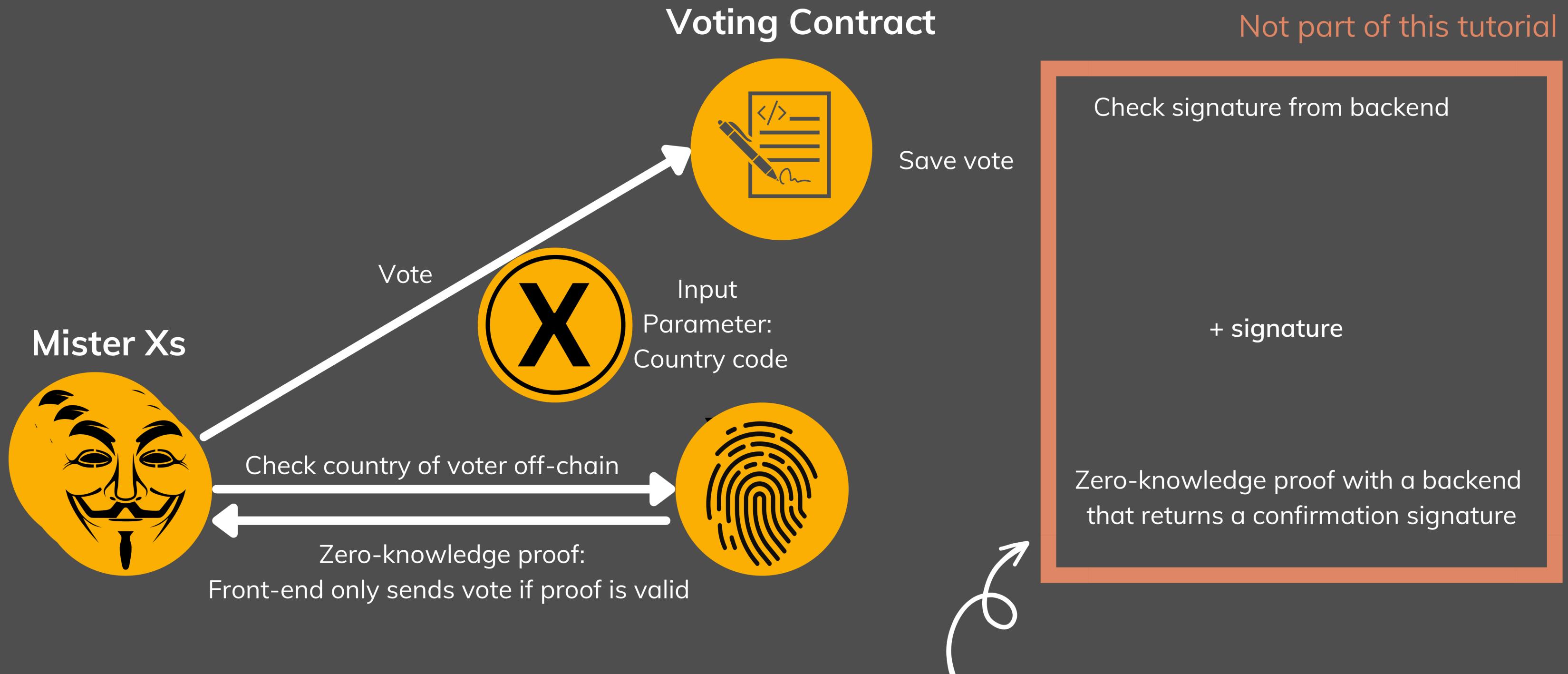
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Why Building On Concordium



Blockchain + Identity = C



“Concordium is a science-based, Proof-of-stake, Public, Permissionless Blockchain with Identity built into the core protocol layer ...”

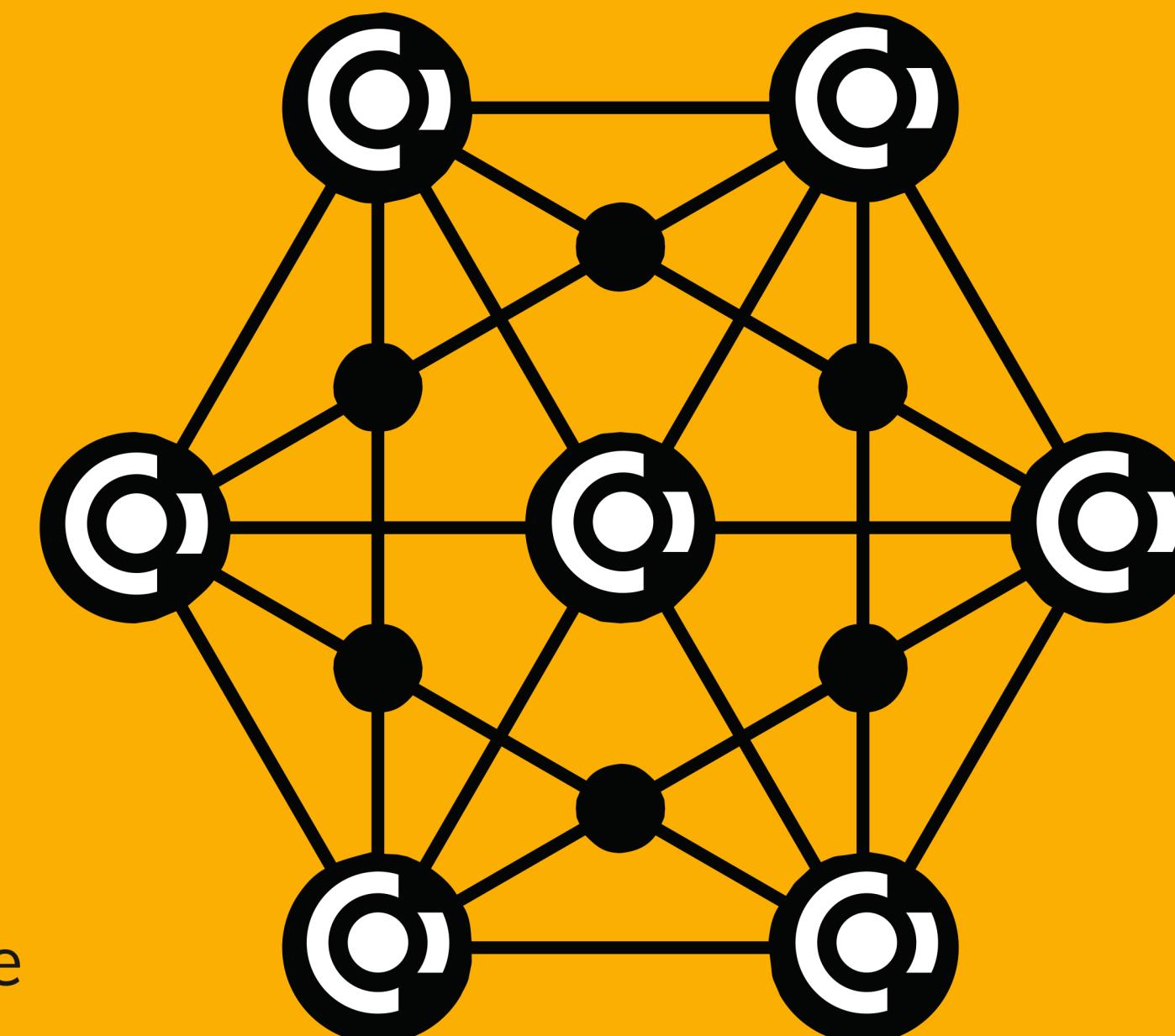


Blockchain + Identity = C

Blockchain: Stores transactions that cannot be deleted

Proof-of-stake: Eco-friendly. Weighted lottery tokenomics

Public: Anyone can run a node



Permissionless: No central control

Science-based: Built by scientists

Identity: Requires ID check to open Accounts



Blockchain + Identity =

- Unique and Innovative Identity Features:
 - Balance privacy with accountability through its ID layer
 - Zero-knowledge proofs
- Smart contract capabilities and the growing ecosystem of dApps and partners:
 - <https://concordium.com/developer-ecosystem/>
 - <https://concordium.com/partners/>
- Growing company - Always looking for new talent:
 - Great Tech Team (<https://concordium.com/team/>)
 - Explore our open positions or just apply (<https://concordium.com/careers>)
- Roadmap and company website:
 - <https://concordium.com/>



Ideation session



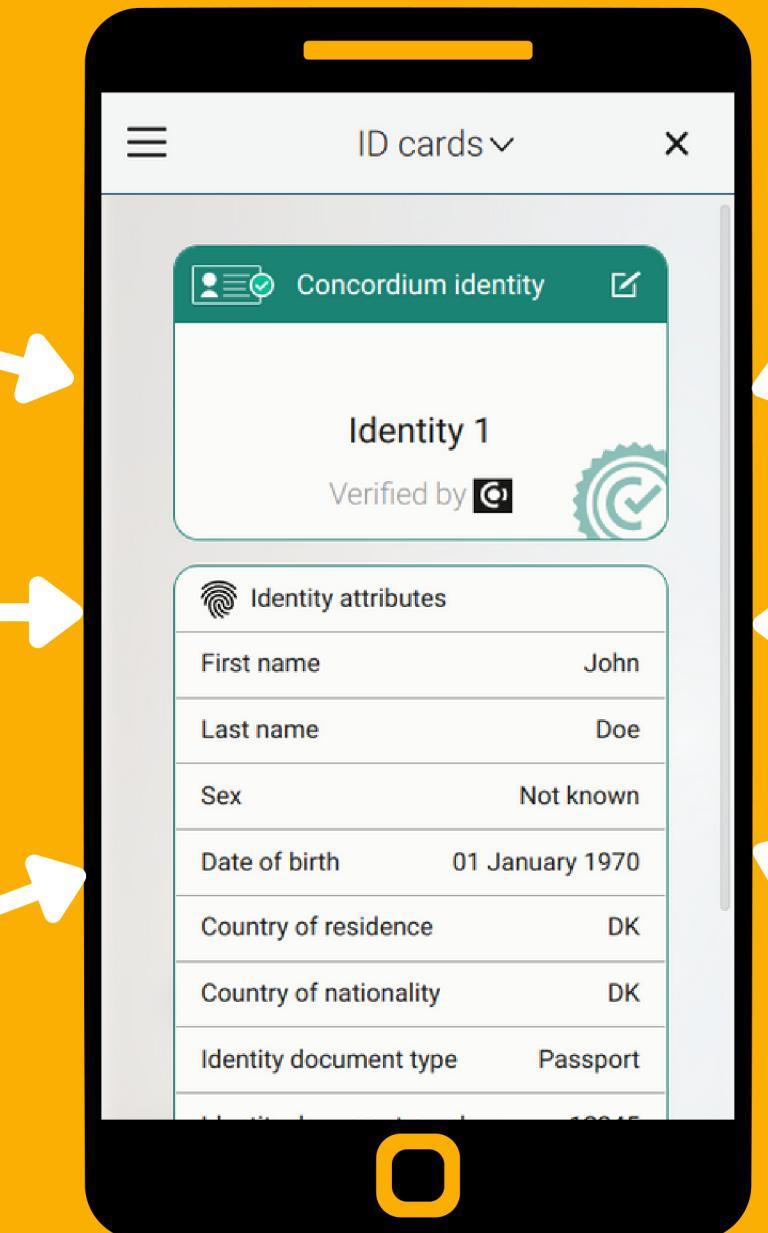
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Flyer Card



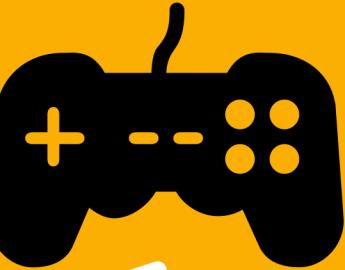
Employment Relation



Education
Certificates



Are you older
than 18?



Who are you? Really?



Are you a
participant of
this event?





Additional Resources

- Developer documentation:
 - <https://developer.concordium.software/en/mainnet/net/guides/learn-about-concordium.html>
- Hackathon info:
 - <https://developer.concordium.software/en/mainnet/net/guides/graviton-hackathon.html>
- Front-end examples:
 - <https://github.com/Concordium/concordium-browser-wallet/tree/main/examples>
 - <https://github.com/Concordium/concordium-dapp-examples>
- Hosted front-ends:
 - <https://piggybank.testnet.concordium.com/>
 - <https://wccd.testnet.concordium.com/>
 - <https://voting.testnet.concordium.com>
 - <https://gallery.testnet.concordium.com>
 - <http://signmessage.testnet.concordium.com>



Additional Resources

- Node-SDK:
 - <https://github.com/Concordium/concordium-node-sdk-js>
 - <https://github.com/Concordium/concordium-node-sdk-js/tree/main/packages/common>
- Tutorials:
 - <https://developer.concordium.software/en/mainnet-smart-contracts/tutorials/index.html>
- Concordium Academy:
 - <https://academy.concordium.software/>
- This presentation with code examples:
 - <https://github.com/Concordium/voting-workshop>
- General software support:
 - <https://support.concordium.software/>



Full dApps



<http://developer.concordium.software/en/mainnet/net/guides/dapp-examples.html>



Questions?



**Good Luck For
The Hackathon**

**Reach Out To Us
If You Have
Questions**