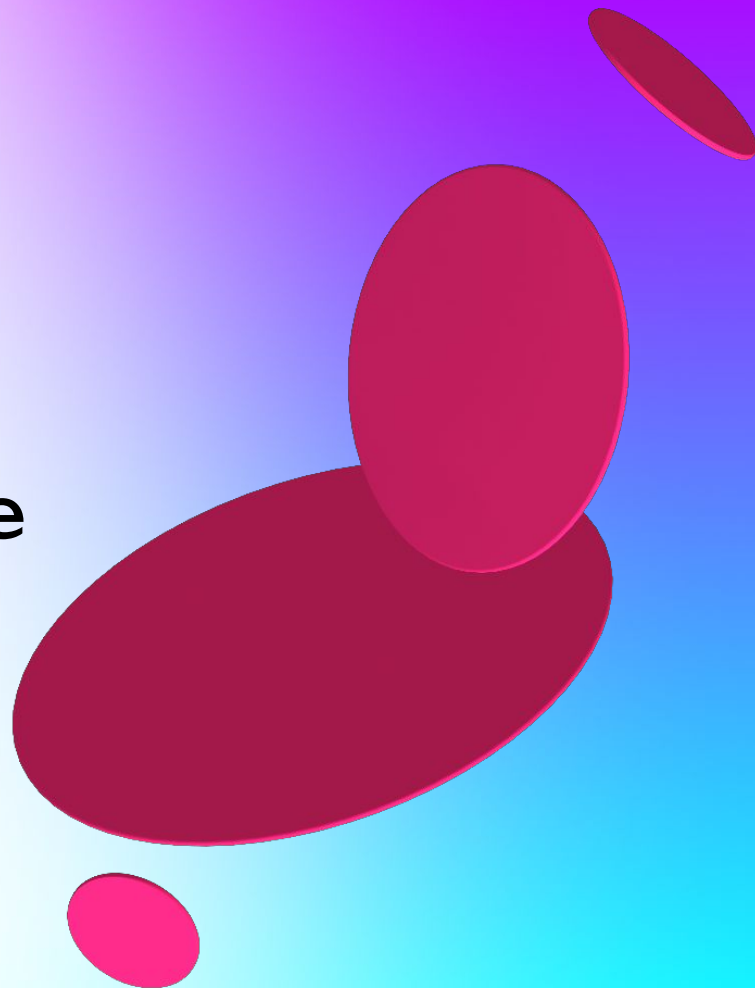Polkadot

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Navigating Developer Liability in Open Source Blockchain Projects

Introduction

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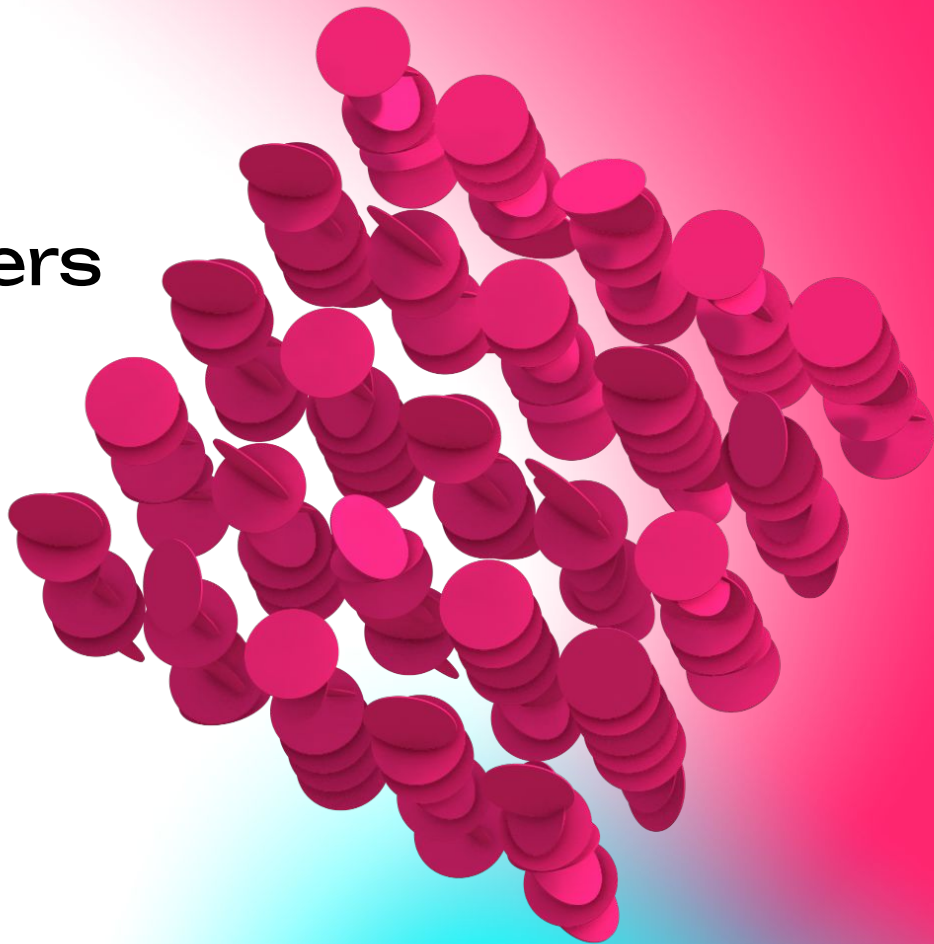Image courtesy of Chrissy Hill

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Caveats and Disclaimers

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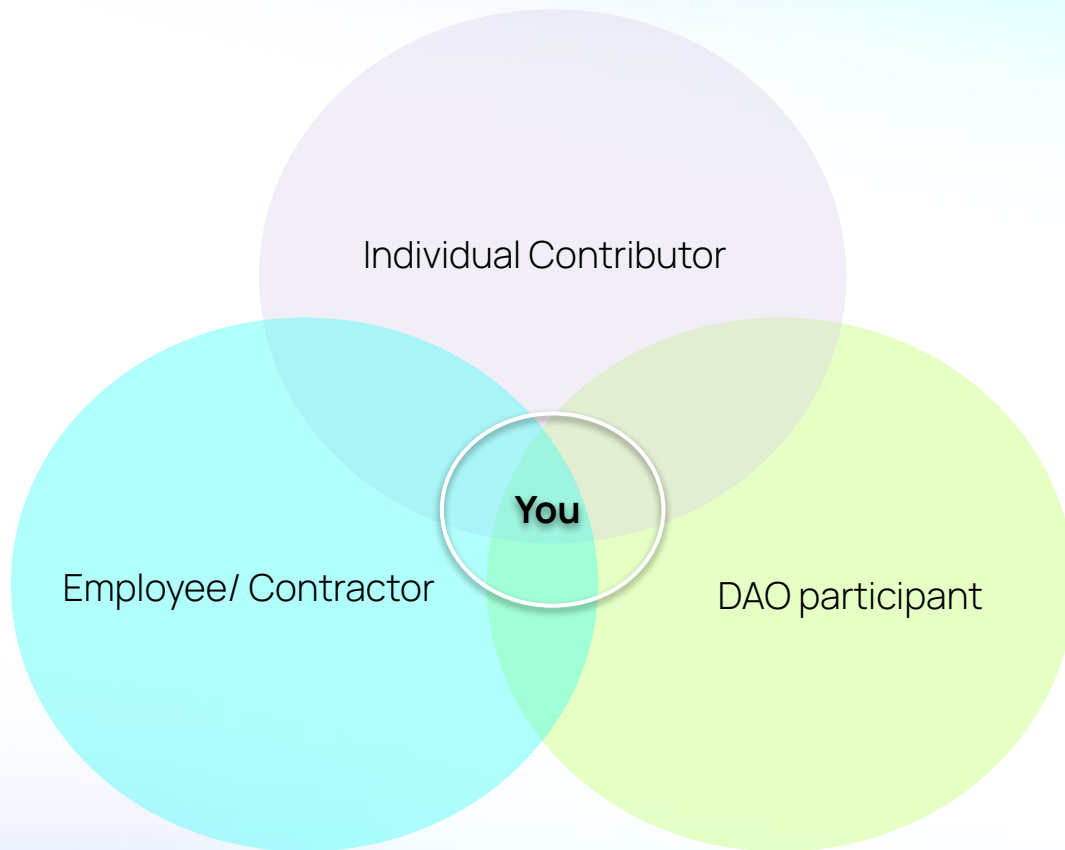

The risks/types of developer liability ⚠️

Notable Cases 📝
POV Blockchain lawyer

How to mitigate and protect yourself ✅

Individual Contributor

Employee/ Contractor

You

DAO participant

Who are ya, what ya doing?

Types of Risks and Liability
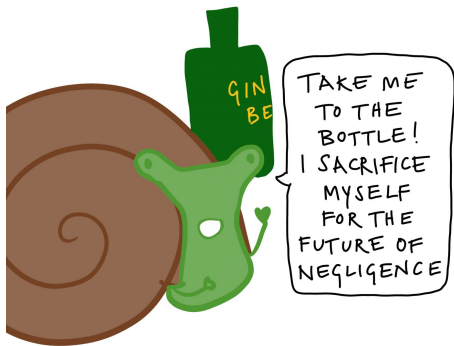
Civil

➔ Contractual, negligence, tort, duty of care

Criminal
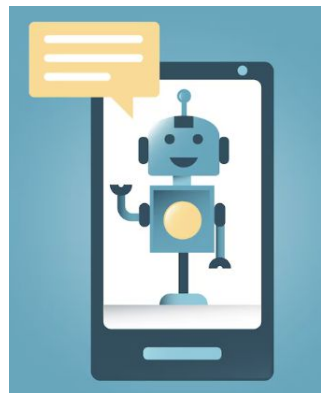
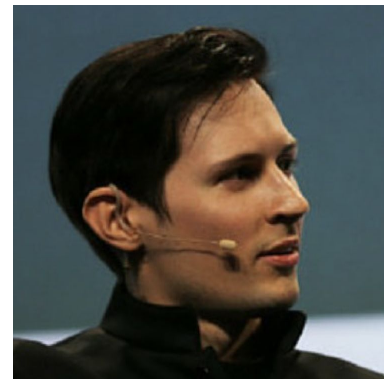➔ Facilitating illicit criminal activity

Case Studies

Tornado Cash

Tulip Trading

OokiDAO

Telegram

How to protect yourself

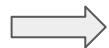Legal = BFF
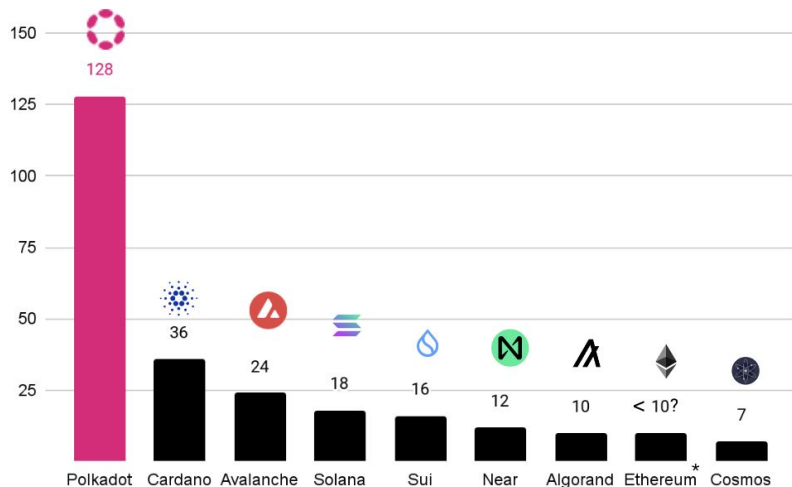
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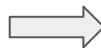

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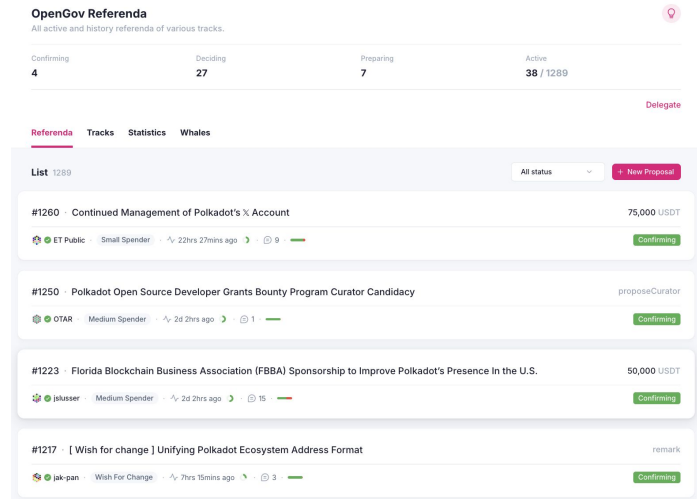
How to protect yourself

Choose Decentralisation 📣

150
128
125
100
75
50
36
24
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< 10?
7

Polkadot Cardano Avalanche Solana Sui Near Algorand Ethereum Cosmos

Sources: nakaflow.io, https://cexplorer.io/nakamoto (November 2024)
* Ethereum previously averaged low single figures - data no longer available

Dabble with DAOs carefully

OpenGov Referenda
All active and history referenda of various tracks.

Confirming **4**   Deciding **27**   Preparing **7**   Active **38** / 1289

Delegate

Referenda   Tracks   Statistics   Whales

List 1289   All status ∨   + New Proposal

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⬡ ET Public   Small Spender   · ⌁ 22hrs 27mins ago · 💬 9   ▬▬   Confirming

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Source: https://polkadot.polkassembly.io/opengov

Key Takeaways

DYOR- Know Your Project

Collaborate with Legal

Proceed with Caution

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Any questions?

Thank you