

Online Identity

Identity Abstraction

Your view:

Their view:

Raw view:

Data forms Account, Account represents Identity, Data forms Identity  
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# The Subject of Online Identity

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## Thesis

→ *An ideal Internet requires a player first mindset grounded in an anonymous foundation with active participation in the identification and profitability of player data.*

**The Internet:** the global system of interconnected computer networks that uses the Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP).

**Metaverse:** *The Internet* as a Game experience.

**Identity (avatar):** A character of *internet as a game*.

**The Web:** An information system enabling documents and other web resources to be accessed over the Internet.

**Identity (online):** The state of *data interactions online*.

**Identity (corporate):** The *data associated* with an identifier.

**Identity (government):** *Account* of a person, document, and story.

**KYC:** The legal obligation to *collect, verify, and store* customer records to prevent terrorism and money laundering.

**Identity (social):** A formed *perception of self or other*.

**Online User:** The end-user of being online, *an internet explorer*.

**Verified Identity:** A receipt of proof to have sourced original data for recognized data processing.

**Account:** The record of an individual collection of data and associated authorization to act as.

**Profile:** The accessible individual public record of a collection of data; often associated as part of an account.

**Credential:** A piece represented in a profile or identity; *authorization, achievement, credit, token*.

**Protocol:** A formal system of computer rules

**IP:** A protocol for routing and addressing packets of data for travel across networks online.

**Interface:** The place at which unique systems meet.

**Operating System:** the software that supports a computer's basic functions (scheduling, applications, peripherals)

**Online:** connected to, served by, or available via a system and especially a computer or telecommunications system

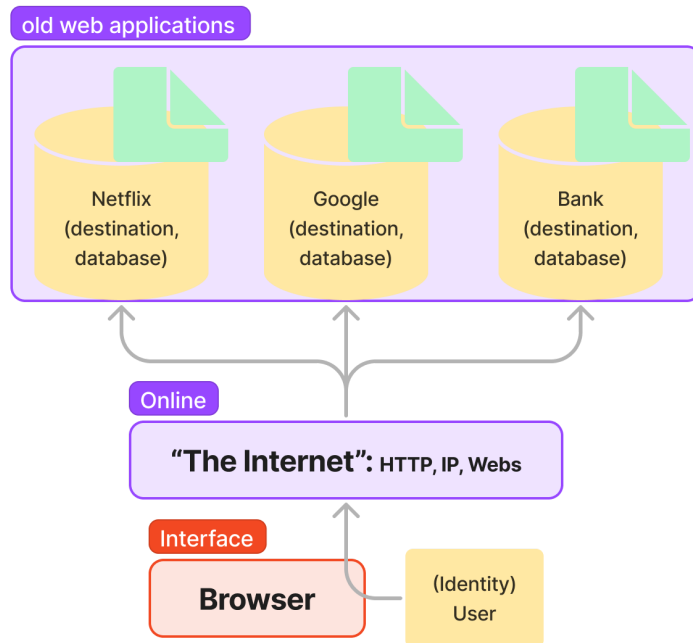
**Interoperable:** The synchrony of utility in unique systems for a single sovereign-data.

**Composable:** The ability to create unique combinations of interacting components.

*tip: "Identity is a rigid designator; something that designates the same object in all possible worlds in which that object exists and never designates anything else."*

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## Internet Evolution



The Internet is currently under construction, and with it comes shifting dynamics of ownership, authority, and experience.

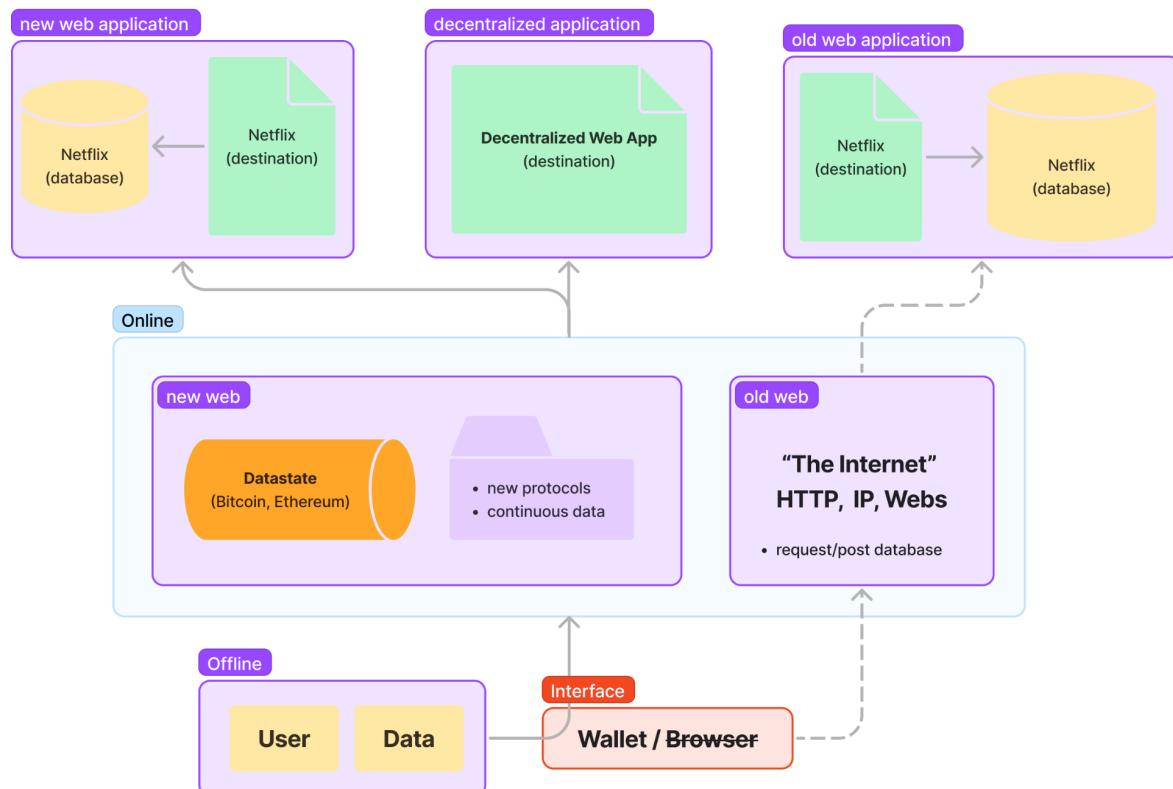
To simplify, the experience of the internet today is in finding a destination, a website, and signing up. The user performs operations that add to the sum of data collected for that account of the website.

Although this form of data ownership has long dominated the internet, a new form of sovereign ownership has begun emerging as a result of blockchain technologies.

The formidable first example, Bitcoin, is a network, protocol, and decentralized application for transferring wealth across the internet without permission.

Bitcoin is internet value, an online protocol of wealth, and an accounting ledger of immutable

monetary transactions with verifiable history.



This phase change has enabled a large collective of people to work toward a somewhat common goal of decentralized and permissionless internet, their ideology is referred to as *web3*.

It allows for massive collections of transactions to be presented as an active global state; a permissionless but actively expensive immutable ledger.

Although seemingly irrelevant, web3 has the potential to completely renovate the experience of being online; to arrive at a new destination where the starting point is not the beginning, the next stop in a continuous journey.

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## The Online Game

The Great Online Game at length is the ability to see the Internet as a massive online gamespace. That is not to say google search becomes Tetris, it is to say I am leveling up the character of this paper's author by writing it.

Are you playing? Identity as a representation of self allows for the sum of data that references an individual to be considered an identified object; to the game, this object is a player, avatar, character, or puppet. When removing the notion of this game as VR, 3D, or even graphically relevant, it can be left plainly explained as a text-based MMORPG.

That is to say your character might just be the Account, Profile, User, or otherwise identifiable endpoint of newly created actions. In real life, the collection of data processes which comprises your American online/offline identity is known as REAL ID. To Ethereum, the collection of data tied to an individual is called the soul, the endpoint of which is an address.

New web enables a sovereign superpower, the ability to not be erased. That is it. If your google account is a game character- **A game character that the player and host control.**

An ideal web3, as it relates to the great online game, as it relates to the origins of Ethereum- **A game character that the player delegates all control.**

## Metaverse

Today <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Text-based game</li><li>• Gamification of internet</li><li>• Role-based-purpose, work</li></ul>	Visual <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internet functions as a graphical game interface</li><li>• Formation of mass co-ops</li></ul>
Immersive <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3D materialization of Internet</li><li>• Online Community Recognition</li></ul>	Integrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online/Offline visual interface</li><li>• Augmented reality</li><li>• Human: Computer Interface</li></ul>

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## Dissecting a Connective Software Application

The application can be viewed in a variety of context; most recognizable is a separation between **frontend** and **backend**.

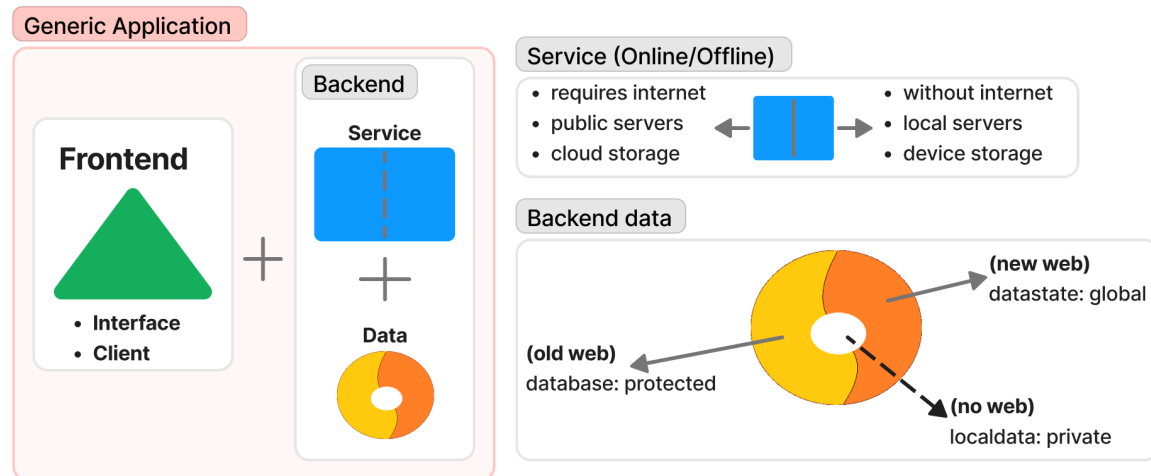
Another possible separation is **data** and **service**.

The dependency of service being **online** and **offline**; chrome provides an **offline game service** at *chrome://dino/*.

The current toggle of data connectivity separates what is considered online “**cloud data**” and offline “**local data**”.

Further curation of sufficiently decentralized datastates could **reduce private database loads**; most notably, the *Account* table.

Arguably this could have negative side-effects for private companies such as lost earnings on user data and incomplete identification profiles.



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## Preloaded Internet Data

What is a datastate? I'm referring to the active state of recognizable and sufficiently-decentralized blockchains. Blockchains, protocols, the current state, transaction history, and identity pointers.

Made simple, sharing a *Facebook* profile with other platforms and services sounds fine; this is making *Facebook* whatever anyone wants.

It is relegating the responsibility of identity repository from private company to public service.

Preloaded data is what sits behind the unlocking door of interoperability.

It is account, inventory, storage, information, history, identity, and anything it could be. The result is new, the app is new, and the data of old are left to be mined.

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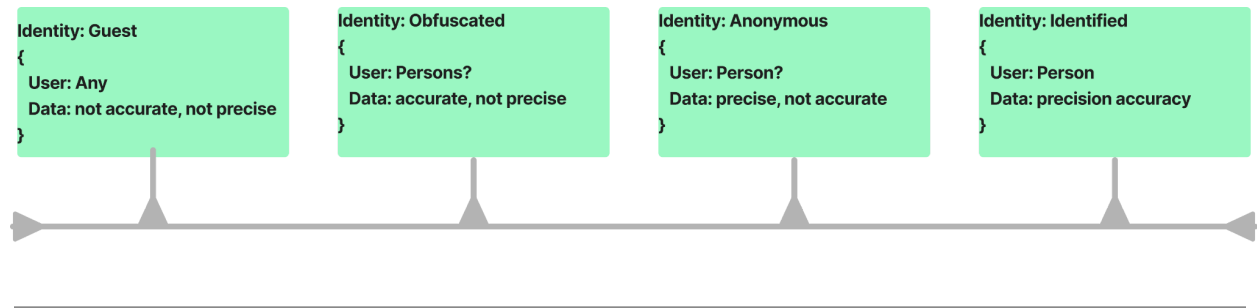
## Identification Abstraction

Identification is the continuing process of completely assembling all data related to an identity.

As the internet exists beyond the borders of individual government, identification of any national citizen cannot be enforced outside of those services like ISP, IP, Account, History.

Anonymity and non-personalization do not always create an ideal experience.

Nor does the absence of regulation and elected governance.



## User Identity

<b>Functional User Identity Domains:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Social</li><li>- Legal</li><li>- Commerce</li><li>- Art</li><li>- Gaming</li><li>- Business</li><li>- Education</li><li>- Security</li><li>- Group</li><li>- Guest</li><li>- Object (robot)</li></ul>	<b>Anticipated User Identity Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reputation</li><li>- Money</li><li>- Signature</li><li>- Auth</li><li>- Identification</li><li>- History</li><li>- Appearance</li><li>- Inventory</li><li>- Messaging</li><li>- Storage</li><li>- Recovery</li><li>- Settings</li><li>- Groups</li><li>- Networks</li><li>- Badges</li><li>- Delegation</li><li>- Attestation</li></ul>
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## Agent

Before web clients and during the time of old age internet, most software application were their own Agent. As it relates to Identity, the user Agent is a connected software interface for online actions.

Agent, an identity-bearing agent, an agent of manipulation upon identity, can be viewed at the micro-level (fragment of identity) or macro-level (a holistic identity). In either case, there is a dispute over control and identity management which might resemble the principal-agent problem.

At this time, the delegation of responsibility is mostly non-optional, the place where identity is registered will most often have the ability to modify or remove said identity completely.

Ethereum is making huge progress toward the delegation of responsibility for an identity; this takes shape in social recovery, multi-party computing wallets, and most plainly, writing the delegated parties in code.

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## Browser

A computer just turned on and the browser opened.

Maybe a few browsers, perhaps they even serve a specific purpose like gaming or education.

A wallet browser could effectively become an online explorer and consumer IAM (identity access management) tool.

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## Super(App)

The super app is not new technology but it certainly appears to be something that will thrive in the new web ecosystem. Wikipedia calls super apps “a mobile or web application that can provide multiple services”.

These apps essentially act as a WYSIWYG for customizing the individual user application, drag and drop, extend the core app with micro-apps. These micro-apps are probably the result of a developer ecosystem, possibly even an open one.

Such apps which make use of decentralization might be more resistant or further utilize interoperable data.

This phenomenon also exists with protocols, the set of protocols functioning together, an open ecosystem of builders, and possibly hundreds or thousands of resulting end-client apps of high customization. The new “internet” may be a publicly organized super-wide protocol of recognized endpoints and piping. The idea of verse, possibly even multiple connected versions of online could exist based on unique sets of protocols chosen by most users.

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## Fin

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