

zkLogin: Onboarding the next billion users to web3

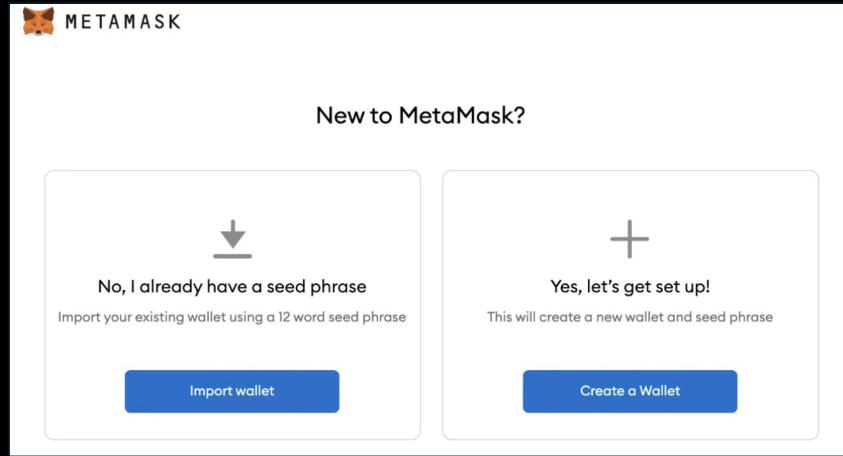
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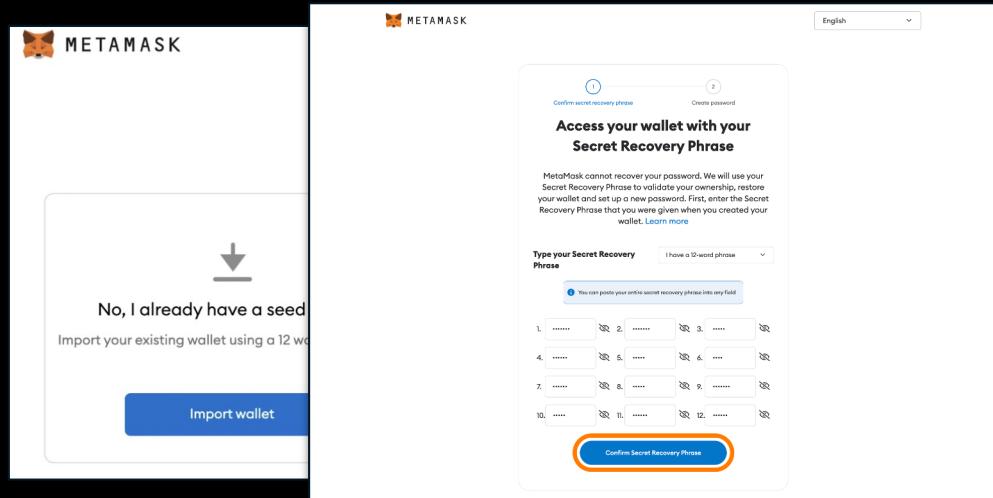
There are fewer than
100 million
active crypto wallets

and there are
BILLIONS
of web2 accounts

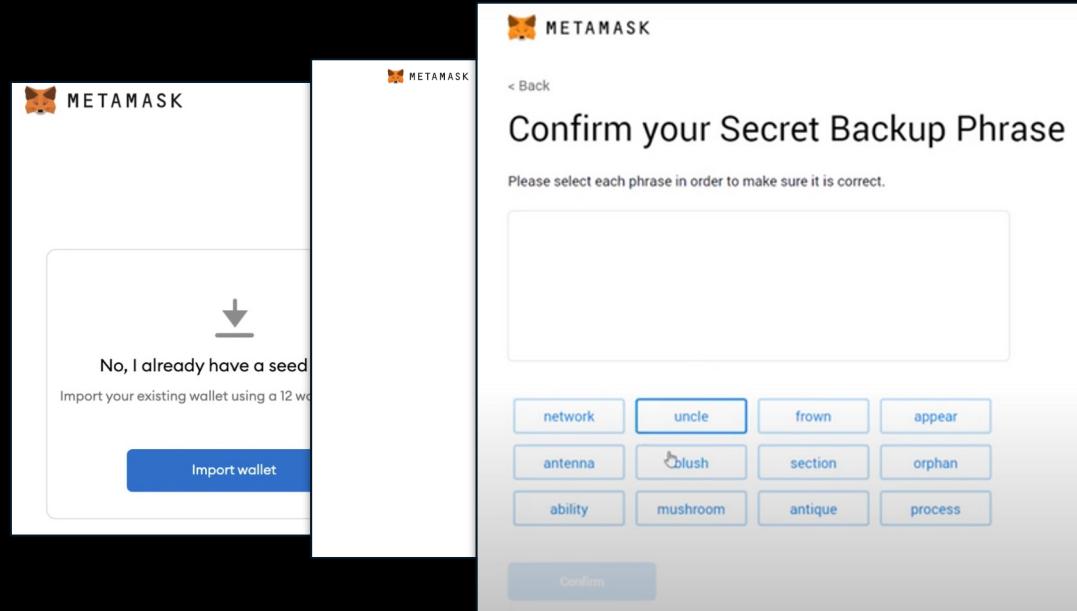
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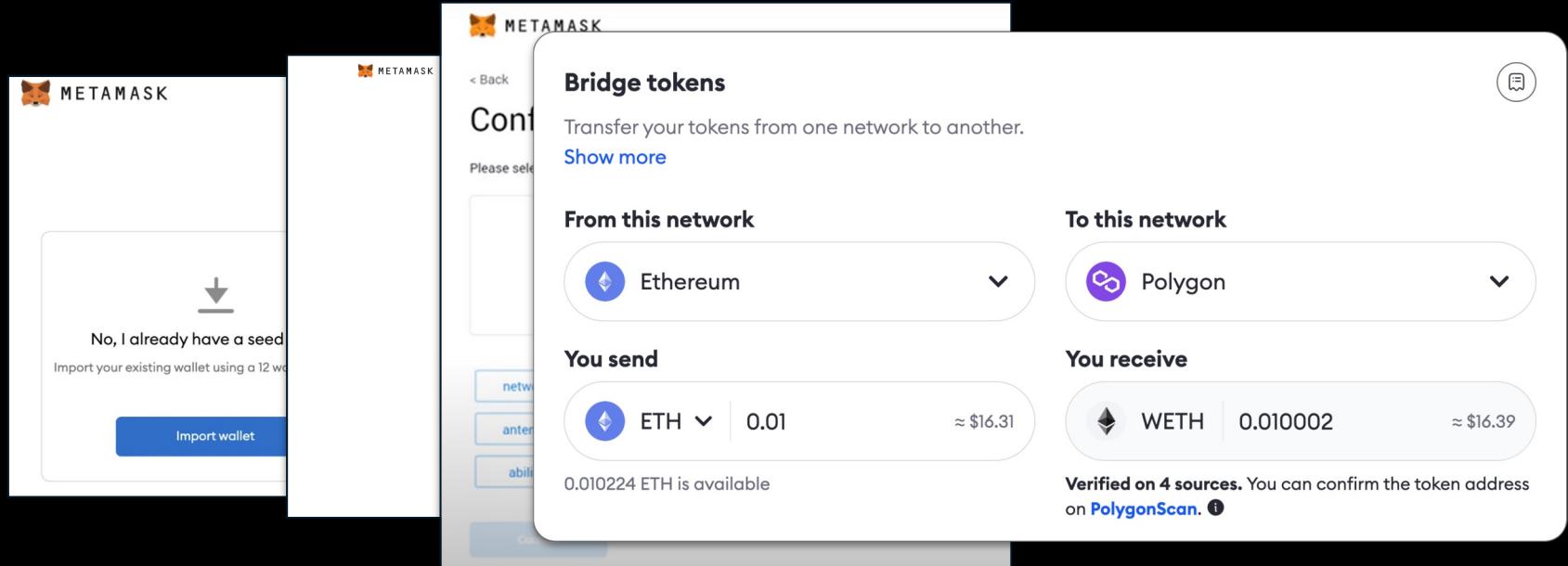
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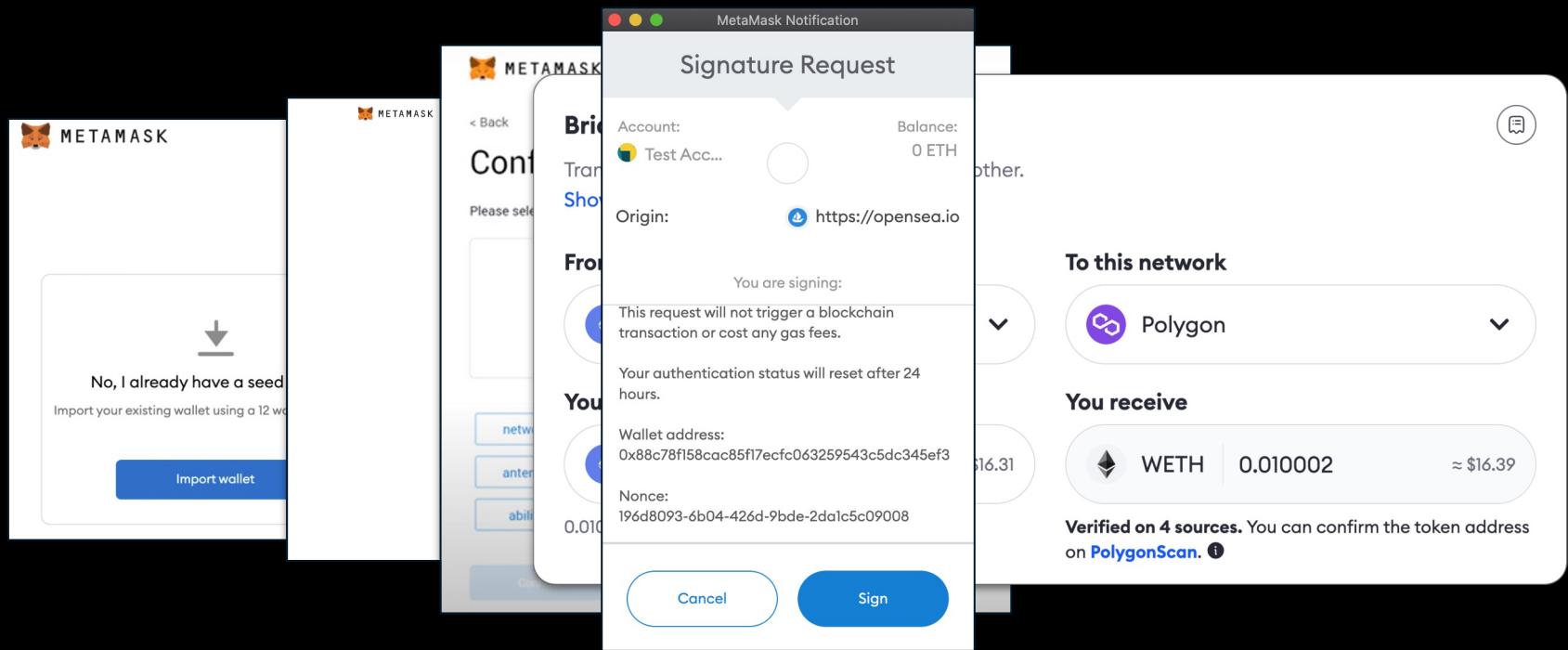
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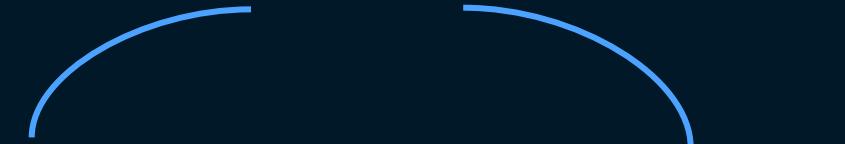
Mnemonics and keys are not going to get us mass adoption.

Complexity is the killer of adoption.

The ultimate killer dApp for blockchain, is accessibility.

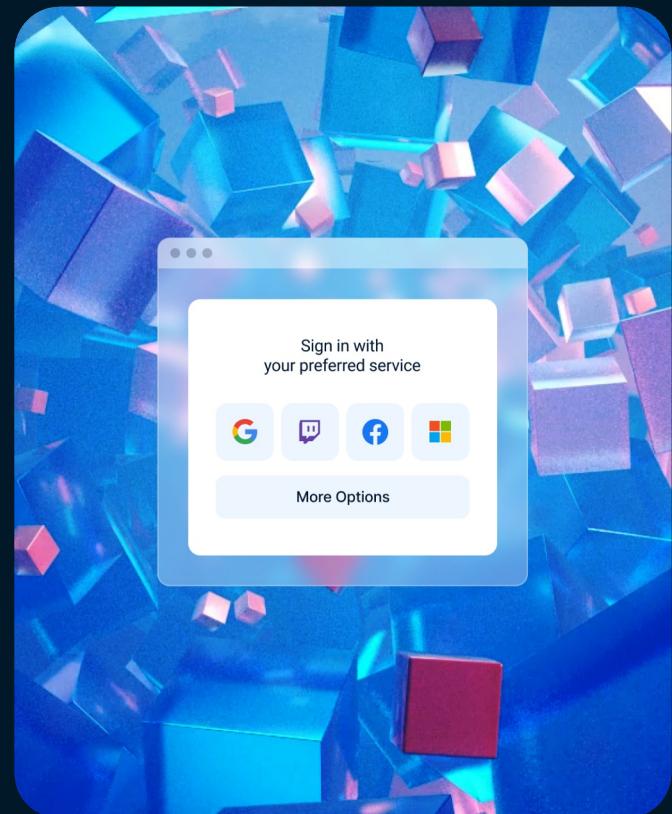
onboarding

discoverability

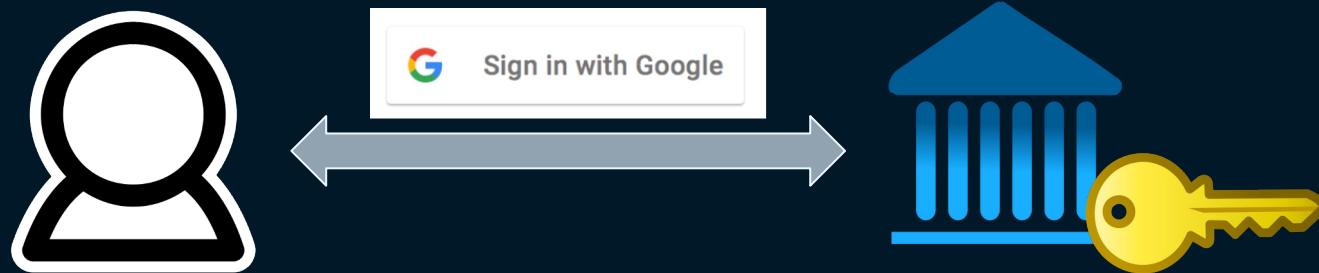


Can we make it as easy as signing in with Google, Facebook and co?

- People don't want to use separate passwords for each and every app, each and every web2 service
- Extremely likely they already have a Google, Facebook, Amazon account
- Solution: use OAuth to leverage these already existing accounts



Naive solution: OAuth + Custodial wallet

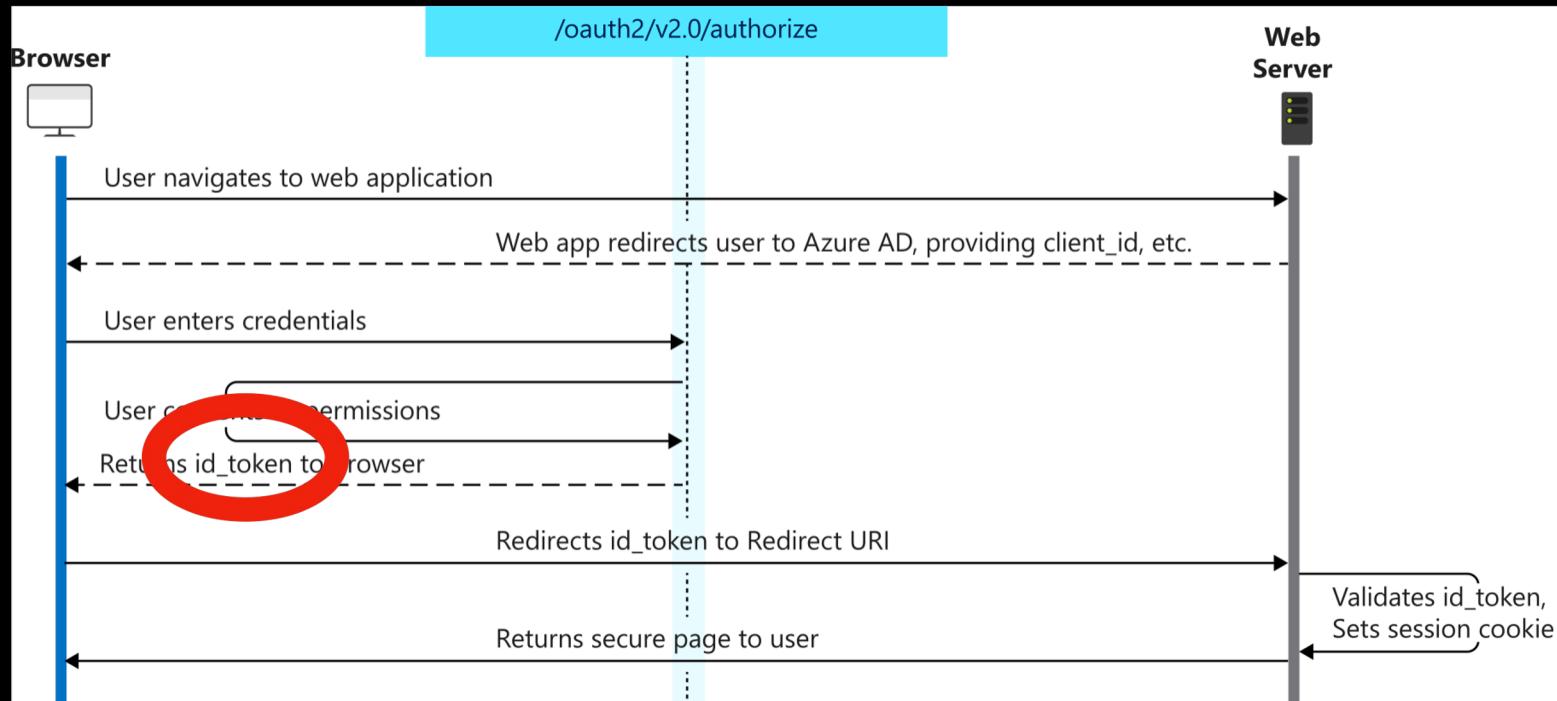


Can we avoid the trusted
custodian?

zkLogin: OAuth + Zero Knowledge Proof

Non-custodial
User-friendly
Privacy-preserving

OpenID Connect (an extension of OAuth 2.0)



JWT: JSON Web Token

Base64-encoded, RSA-signed

JWT as an alternative to a private key?

Encoded

PASTE A TOKEN HERE

```
eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdWIiOiJwaGlsaXBwZUBwcmFnWF0aWN3ZWJzZWN1cm10eS5jb20iLCJyb2xIjoiYWRtaW4iLCJpc3MiOiJwcmFnWF0aWN3ZWJzZWN1cm10eS5jb20ifQ.jW4cq__pkcq-r6H1Ebiq8toW-4Igstk1ibRgxECUhdxvZTzhvXqfrPewgtRHEApBXWpUqGqRY6LSj2Gk1xt306kxUaky-VT18jbL00V5HEQV0nL3VVgPv65ddGRYaC0uyzYcf6M1fA4PeFme9lL2ZTNtjiE00JjUR3LH1Dptm_u9_aQRtJ_IU8xiywctV1JLeQcMJFDXCS2N5oU0GkatuoJNbjMdSTg3BsU5yUsGLyuPnJTeUWJajin5e0NuBA1Bc6oLee6KtPAM8-1ufhHr1fpT78iGyrSQLpiVd2naPA0CvUyZ6W_4arnmZDKRF9N9z0R_Jxyfv5xFMi4G67EhA
```

Decoded

EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{  
  "typ": "JWT",  
  "alg": "RS256"  
}
```

PAYOUT: DATA

```
"sub": "philippe@pragmaticwebsecurity.com",  
"role": "admin",  
"iss": "pragmaticwebsecurity.com"  
}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
RSASHA256(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),  
  Lg8ulqDgdXLfwS/1HXV/0KcBOXBrIp  
  B4DW00c16zLZU7NTe657rWqKlwIDAO  
  AB
```

-----END RSA PUBLIC KEY-----|

A Google-issued JWT (decoded)

```
{  
  "alg": "RS256",  
  "kid": "96971808796829a972e79a9d1a9fff11cd61b1e3",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```



Sign in with Google

```
{  
  "iss": "https://accounts.google.com",  
  "azp": "575519204237-msop9ep45u2uo98hapqmngv8d84qdc8k.apps.googleusercontent.com",  
  "aud": "575519204237-msop9ep45u2uo98hapqmngv8d84qdc8k.apps.googleusercontent.com",  
  "sub": "1104634521",  
  "nonce": "16637918813908060261870528903994038721669799613803601616678155512181273289477",  
  "iat": 1682002642,  
  "exp": 1682006242,  
  "jti": "a8a0728a3ffd5dc81ecfd0ea81d0d33d803eb830"  
}
```

you can ask for email
and other personal info

Challenge 1: How to authorize a tx with a JWT?

```
{  
  "alg": "RS256",  
  "kid": "96971808796829a972e79a9d1a9fff11cd61b1e3",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

```
{  
  "iss": "https://accounts.google.com",  
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}
```

Inject a fresh pub key into JWT!

```
{"alg": "RS256",  
"kid": "96971808796829a972e79a9d1a9fff11cd61b1e3",  
"typ": "JWT"}]
```

replace *nonce* with
user provided data:

*ephemeral pub key +
expiration*

```
{"iss": "https://accounts.google.com",  
"azp": "575519204237-msop9ep45u2uo98hapqmngv8d84qdc8k.apps.googleusercontent.com",  
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```

We have a DIGITAL CERT over our fresh key + expiration



Challenge 2: How to identify the user without linking identities?

```
[{"iss": "https://accounts.google.com",
 "azp": "575519204237-msop9ep45u2uo98hapqmngv8d84qdc8k.apps.googleusercontent.com",
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aud =
walletID
sub = userID

*we could ask
for email too*

ADDRESS
???

Add a persistent randomizer: salt

```
["iss": "https://accounts.google.com",
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ADDRESS
 $\text{hash}(\text{providerID} + \text{walletID} + \text{userID} + \text{salt})$

Salt: A persistent per-user secret for unlinkability

Who maintains the salt?

- Client-side on-device management
 - Edge cases, e.g., cross-device sync, device loss need handling
- Server-side management by a “salt service”
 - Each wallet can maintain their own service / delegate it
 - Privacy models: Store salt either in TEE or MPC or in plaintext
 - Auth policies to the service: Either JWT or 2FA



ADDRESS

`hash(providerID + walletID + userID + salt)`

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Challenge 3: How to hide the JWT? SNARKs to the rescue!

```
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nonce =
eph. pubKey
+ expiration

Goal: Prove you have a valid JWT + you know the salt + you injected the ephemeral key into JWT

- Verify JWT's signature using Google's public key
- Verify the ephemeral public key is injected into the JWT's nonce
- Verify that the address is derived correctly from the JWT's userID, walletID, providerID + user's salt

Yellow => private inputs
Blue => public inputs

zkLogin tricks

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sample openID JWT token
signed by Google / FB

aud =
walletID
sub = userID

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nonce =
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+ expiration



ADDRESS
~hash(providerID + zkhash(walletID + userID + zkhash(salt)))

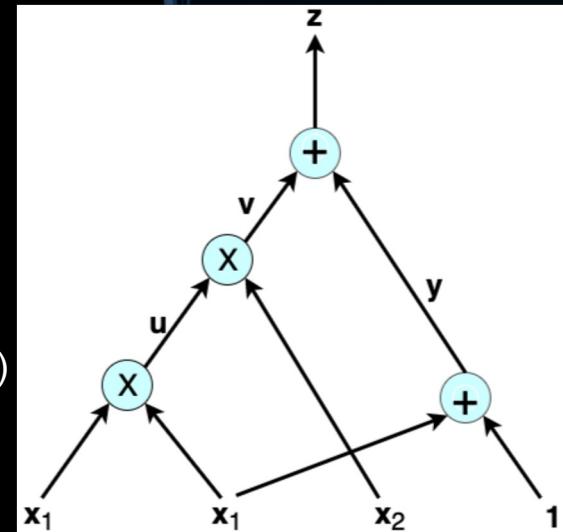
verify ZKproof &
+ verify eph key sig

Challenge 4: Prove + RTT in <3s

- We chose Groth16 due to its small proofs + rich ecosystem + fast prover
- But.. proofs are slow to generate on end-user devices
 - Make **ZKP efficient**: Hand-optimized circuit that selectively parses relevant parts of the JWT + string slicing tricks + ...
 - **Delegate proving** to an untrusted ZKP service
 - Open problem: How to delegate with privacy?

Circuit details

- Implemented in circom: ~1M R1CS constraints
- Key operations
 - SHA-2 (66%)
 - RSA signature verification (14%) using tricks from [KPS18]
 - JSON parsing, Poseidon hashing, Base64, extra rules (20%)
- Prover based on rapidsnark
 - C++ and Assembly based



zkLogin latency

These numbers correspond only to the first transaction of a session

Operation	zkLogin	Ed25519
Fetch salt from salt service	0.2 s	NA
Fetch ZKP from ZK service	2.78 s	NA
Signature verification	2.04 ms	56.3 μ s
E2E transaction confirmation	3.52 s	120.74 ms

Latency for most zkLogin transactions
is very similar to traditional ones!



zkLogin

single-click accounts w/

 Google

 Facebook

 Twitch

 Apple

 Slack

 Microsoft

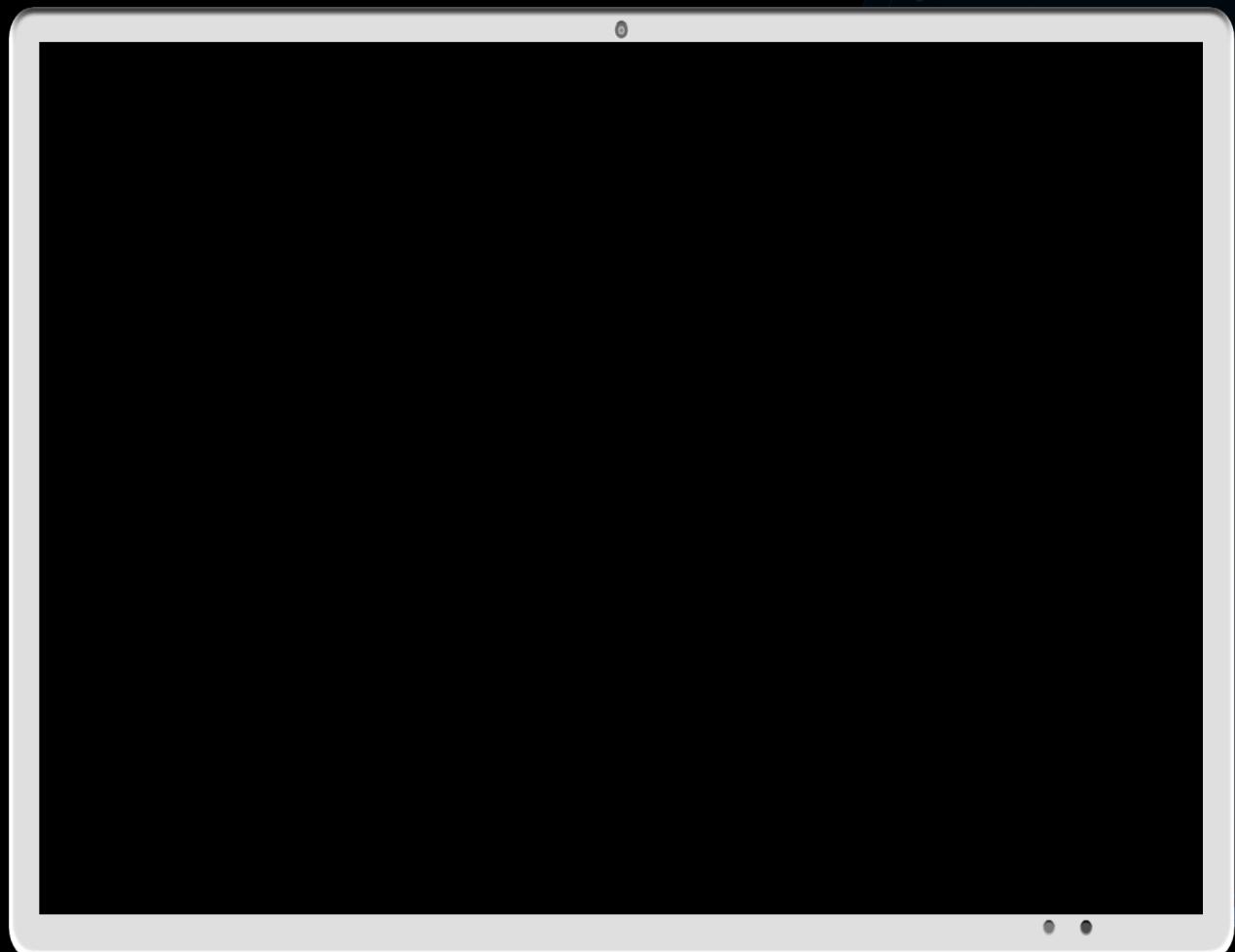
native authenticator

non-custodial

*discoverable, claimable

invisible wallets

semi-portable, 2FA



zkLogin goodies

Native auth, cheap

Not via smart contracts,
same gas cost as regular
sig verification.

ID-based wallets

Create email or phone
number based accounts.

Can also reveal identity
of an existing account
(e.g., email) fully or
partially (e.g., reveal a
suffix like @xyz.edu)

Embedded wallet

Mobile apps or websites
can natively integrate
zkLogin without the
need for a wallet popup!

2FA

Can do a 2-out-of-3
between Google,
Facebook and Apple. Salt
can also serve as a
second factor.

Hard to lose!

Thanks to robust
recovery paths of
Google, Facebook.

ADDRESS

hash(providerID + zkhash(walletID + userID + zkhash(salt)))

+

ZK
proof

ZK for authentication

How to SNARK sign-in with Google, Apple & FB



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zkLogin technical paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.11735>

Sui zkLogin docs: <https://sui.io/zklogin>