

ThreeFold Decentralization Manifesto v2.0.0

We need an upgraded conscious Internet

EQUALITY

Equality is the foundation for a fair world where everyone is given the opportunity to be empowered and to achieve their full potential.



AUTONOMY

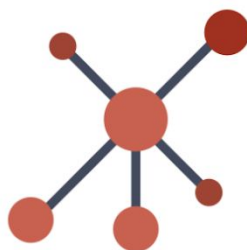
Being empowered to learn, partake, dream and succeed is fundamental to achieve peace and fulfillment of humankind's potential.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability ensures the future of life on earth. It is about adopting the behavior and mindset to minimize our footprint.

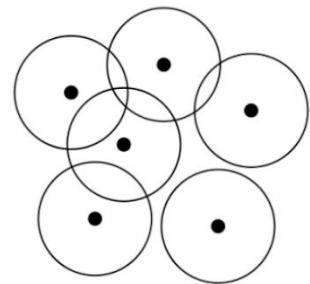
We agree that the world needs some healing and that raising consciousness is the way forward. This happens on 3 levels: physical (climate, pollution, ...), personal (spirituality) and digital. Our current internet is seriously broken, it needs to be fixed. We are upgrading the internet according to our values listed above.

From “stars” to “spheres”



Inequality
Ego
Fear

3D WORLD



Compassion
Love
Respect

+4D WORLD

A world organized as stars leads to lots of issues, many believe that happiness comes from having more money or being famous. Few dare to look inside for the source of change. A Sphere driven world would lead to a more purposeful & happy life. We believe in a new internet structured as spheres.

Upgraded Internet = “sphere” based

You are the center

You exist once.

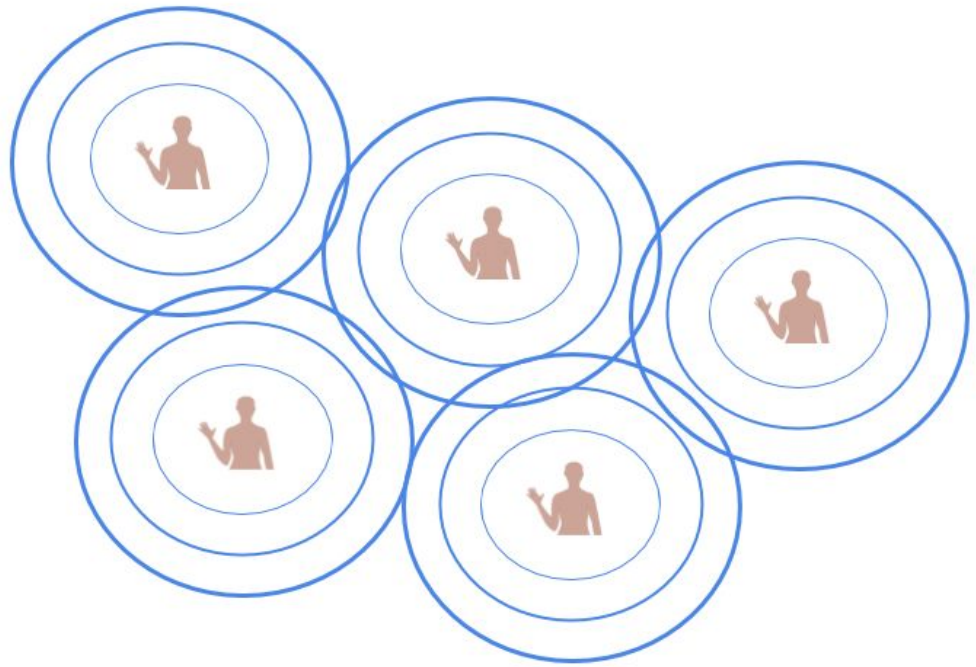
Personal Spheres

**PARTICIPATORY
ECONOMICS**

Ownership of your
data, identity, ...

Real Communication

Trusted Connections



+4D World

There is an alternative, a system where you are the centre of your digital life and only exist once in the upgraded Internet. This is a shift, it's the digital world upside down, you become your own “server”.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is not just about technology or business.

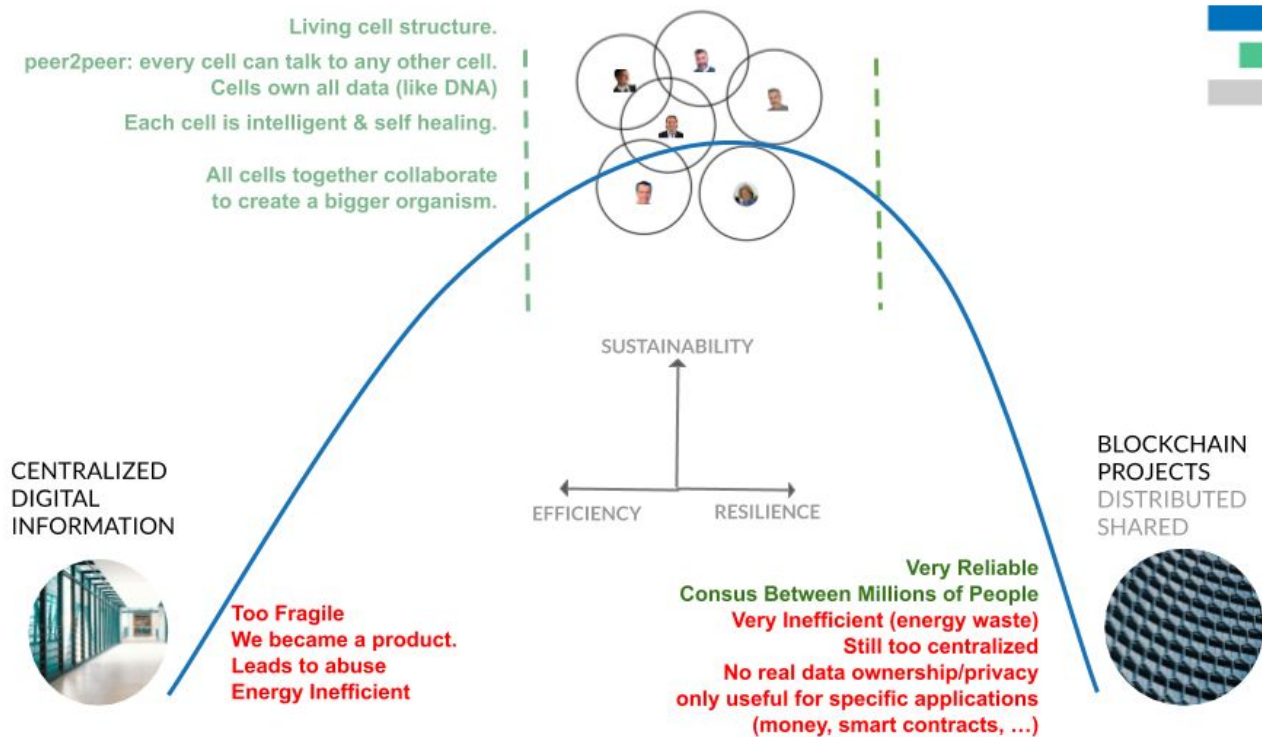


It's about Society

People need to realize again that they matter and can make a change, if 10% of us believe they can make change the world is a better place tomorrow, Let's together enable humanity to do that.

We need more digital consciousness.

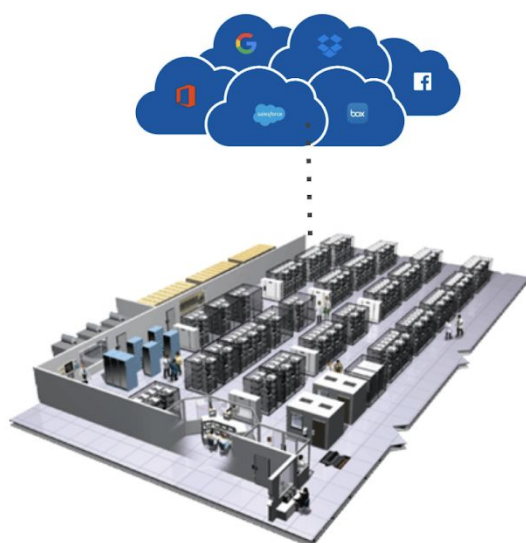
Blockchain: a good first step, but not enough



In nature, there is always a balance between efficiency & resilience. In our current world, there is way too much focus on efficiency which leads to instabilities. Blockchain is only a partial solution.

The solution: you as the centre of your own digital life.

The system we recommend is different. It works like nature, we are all like cells in a huge living organism which we create together (the new internet). You are your own server.

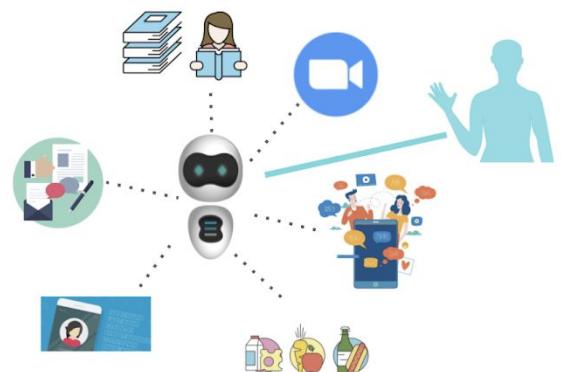


business model based on
lock-in, complexity &
non transparent business practices

UNSUSTAINABLE



your new digital life
with your always on
“digital twin” in the middle



don't be a product
small recurring fee per month
decentralized / fair / green

SUSTAINABLE

No Talk but Action

A lot of people realize something needs to happen and lots of people are talking right now. We are not talking, we have everything ready to go and give the world a new internet starting from what we have today.

This “upgraded internet” has the potential to deliver the following:

- Equal rights & chances for everyone
 - The missing 3 billion people gain full access to complete digital life for <1 USD per month
 - The power users get all their freedom & power back < 10 USD per month.
- Sustainability & Health
 - There is **no** need to build huge data centers or pollute our sky with hundreds of thousands of satellites or mobile antennas every 100m potentially damaging our health.
 - We can save 10 times in energy and minimize electrosmog.
- Sovereignty
 - Countries & People want to own their information, applications, data...
 - It's not normal that most countries need to get their apps & information from other countries many thousands of miles further, leading to a lot of harmful side effects (security, privacy ...)

**WE AS USERS AND FARMERS OF THE THREEFOLD GRID
DONT TALK BUT TAKE ACTION.**

**TOGETHER WE WILL ENABLE
AT LEAST 10,000 LOCATIONS WITHIN 2 YEARS.**



We are not a company we are a movement

By agreeing with this TF Decentralization manifesto we understand that we are part of a movement of many companies and individual people. We all together contribute by using or creating opensource technology and/or code/content. Our contributions are all licensed under an opensource license and can be used by the world.

TF Foundation (*) = an organization, the purpose of which is to promote the expansion of the TF Grid (our new internet), includes 2 company's today: Bettertoken BV (BE) and Threefold FZC. ThreeFold Foundation VZW ('TF Foundation') is a Belgian non-for-profit organization which owns 100% of the shares of Bettertoken BV and Threefold FZC, and which is governed by 9 people (also referred to as the "wisdom council" see https://wiki.threefold.io/#/threefold_councils). Originally both companies were owned by Kristof De Spiegeleer or his Incubator (for BetterToken and TF FZC) and Adnan Fatayerji (TF FZC) both residents in UAE. Adnan & Kristof started the ThreeFold idea (which is basically just a concept people can relate to or not) from these companies and have always acted in their respective capacity as directors of these companies. This structure would later evolve into the ThreeFold Foundation as it is known today. The ThreeFold Foundation has sold early capacity (in form of '(Internal) ThreeFold Tokens', or '(i)TFTs', together referred to as "TFTs") to some third parties. These buyers could use their TFT to buy IT capacity from ThreeFold FZC or Bettertoken BV until April 2020 or from the TFGrid in a decentralized way starting May 2020. More info about the foundation structure can be found in https://wiki.threefold.io/#/threefold_foundation

TFTech = TF Tech NV, a Belgian software company, creating the open-source software which is used by the Farmers of the TFGrid (as defined below). There is no commercial contract or any other contractual obligations between ThreeFold Foundation & TFTech. Both companies have similar interests but are fully independent from each other. TFTech does not "Farm" (i.e. create) any TFT (ThreeFold Token). TFTech's main interest is to expand the usage of the TFGrid because this new internet is the best reference for their technology. Eventually, TFTech wants to sell software and related services, and maybe (in the future) also hardware to offer certification on the TFGrid. Today, no Farmer or any other person active on the TFGrid has a commercial contract with TFTech yet related to the TFGrid Farming. The only relation between ThreeFold Foundation & TFTech is that some people work for both entities (such as Kristof) but these people have their separate duties in relation to these 2 organizations.

TFGrid (*) = is a concept which people can freely choose to become part of by connecting their IT capacity to a network which consists of lots of people together using and trusting the open-source technology developed by, amongst others, TFTech, and who together use that software to create a decentralized network of IT/Internet capacity. ThreeFold Foundation, through its affiliated entities Bettertoken and ThreeFold FZC, is also a farmer of some IT capacity (less than a couple of percent of the total IT Capacity on the TFGrid). No-one owns the TFGrid, everyone owns their own hardware (i.e. computer servers which we call "3nodes"). If there is proof that a certain 3node was connected to the TF Grid and remained up and running during an entire month, then the independent owner of the connected 3node (the "Farmer") gets a certain amount of TFTs. This concept is called "Farming" (i.e. minting of TFTs). These transactions are executed by using and running ThreeFold's open-source TFT minting software. As part of ThreeFold Foundation, the [Grid Council](#) need to vote on the outcome of this minting process using blockchain technology to make sure no mistakes are made by the software, once the TFT are minted there is nothing the ThreeFold Foundation can control or change, the TFTs are registered on a public blockchain and no-one from TFTech or ThreeFold Foundation or any other person in the world has access to how the blockchain works. Every account on Stellar (the blockchain which is currently used by the ThreeFold software) is only owned and managed by the owner of the relevant account - this is the very nature of blockchain. In relation to the TFT Farming (minting), eventually, no human will check the process anymore

and it will be 100% blockchain-driven. Today however we prefer to keep a human control on the automated process as we want to avoid any mistakes ('bugs') in the minting software.

The TFGrid by itself is already super peer2peer and decentralized but certain components or processes are still centralized. Read more about our roadmap of decentralization in

https://wiki2.threefold.io/#/decentralization_status.md

Please note that the aforementioned limited human interaction does not imply any promise or warranty of any kind, nor do we pretend that the open-source software we rely on would run without interruption or mistake. Also, the TFTs as such do not represent any stake or participation, nor did we provide any commercial/financial promises in respect thereof.

TFT = The ThreeFold Token

No-one owns the TFT, it's a blockchain asset, originally living on a Blockchain called Rivine, now on a public blockchain called Stellar. Every TFT has been the result of 3nodes (see on "Farming" above) providing IT capacity through the TFGrid. Every minting transaction (also the Genesis pool, see more on wiki.threefold.io) has been documented and registered in such a way that everyone can validate the integrity of the minting process. Today there are 2 versions of TFT. TFT1 = now called TFTA on the Stellar blockchain: these are all the ThreeFold Tokens that were mined till end April 2020. As from May 2020 onwards a new ThreeFold Token, TFT2 also called TFT on Stellar, has been created. This was required because we switched blockchain from Rivine to Stellar at the beginning of May 2020.

TDE = Token Distribution Event

ThreeFold Foundation has been working for years to organize this TDE, this has been done very openly with our community since the start. We have given this event different names in the past (at one point we called it an IEO, in the beginning, we called it PTO which stood for Public Token Offering). The aim was to (1) fundraise for the ThreeFold Foundation by selling TFTs to the public (see: <https://wiki.threefold.io/#/tdeoverview>) and (2) promote and increase the liquidity of the TFTs to the benefit of all token holders LONGER TERM. More than a million USD has thus been fundraised by the ThreeFold Foundation. To protect the interest of people acquiring TFTs and in order to make the TDE more successful we asked approval from our community to only allow a TFTv1 owner to sell his/her TFTs on certain public exchanges if the price is higher than USD 0.15 (launching price) + 2% per month (starting May 1, 2020). The introduction of the TFTs to such public exchange was only possible because of this fundraiser and the effort of the ThreeFold Foundation, so the large majority of our community saw that this was in their best interest and agreed to this. End of 2020, any TFTv1 will automatically convert to TFTv2. At time of writing of this document, a vote is being organized to allow all TFTv1 (TFTA) owners to vote on the conditions in which the TFT lists on the public exchanges.

TF Info = TF Foundation Information

Information as provided by the foundation to our community. This information today is hosted on a github account with url: <https://github.com/threefoldfoundation> and on our forum <http://forum.threefold.io/>

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(*) description is valid from July 2020

Decentralization ManiFesto

The TF Foundation will do everything possible to promote a ThreeFold Movement in the most decentralized possible manner. The Foundation believes a new Peer2Peer world is the future.

ThreeFold grid is the base layer which makes such a Peer2Peer world possible.

WE AS USERS AND FARMERS OF THE THREEFOLD GRID DON'T JUST TALK BUT TAKE ACTION. WE TOGETHER WILL ENABLE AT LEAST 10,000 LOCATIONS WITHIN 2 YEAR AND AS SUCH PROVIDE THE BASE LAYER FOR AN UPGRADED FREE INTERNET.

Decentralization is not an easy task, read here about how far ThreeFold went into its decentralization efforts: https://wiki.threefold.io/#/decentralization_status

We all together agree on the Digital Nation Decentralization ManiFesto

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By using the Services, you acknowledge that:

- you have sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters and are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of using or acquiring TFTs, and that you are able to bear the economic risk of such acquisition for an indefinite period of time.
- the Services (including the TFTs) involve risks, all of which you fully and completely assume, including, but not limited to, the risk relating to the possibility of limited or absent liquidity for the TFTs on the secondary markets (including the relevant online exchanges), the risk relating to price fluctuations of the TFTs on such secondary markets (including the relevant online exchanges), etc.
- the Services (including the TFTs) have or will be created and delivered to you at your sole risk on an “AS IS” basis.
- you have not relied on any representations or warranties made by ThreeFold outside this document, including, but not limited to, conversations of any kind, whether through oral or electronic communication, or any white paper. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, you assume all risk and liability for the results obtained by the use of any tokens (including TFTs) and regardless of any oral or written statements made by ThreeFold, by way of technical advice or otherwise, related to the use of the tokens.
- you bear sole responsibility for any taxes as a result of the use or acquisition of the Services (including the TFTs), and any future acquisition, ownership, use, sale or other disposition of TFTs held by you. To the extent permitted by law, you agree to indemnify, defend and hold ThreeFold harmless for any claim, liability, assessment or penalty with respect to any taxes (other than any net income taxes of ThreeFold that result from the sale of TFTs) associated with or arising from your purchase, use or ownership of TFTs.

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