## A short defense of "Web3"

- Originally coined by Gavin Wood (Ethereum co-founder)
  - Advocates for reorganizing web applications around decentralizing protocols, blockchain technologies, and token-based economics
- Distributed ledger technologies are useful for some things, but are largely overhyped
- Decentralized finance (Defi) is noise. You can safely ignore it.
- "Web3" is posturing
  - Marketing term driven by startups, consultants, and VC/PE firms to sell products & build hype.
  - "Cloud"

## Agenda

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What is digital identity?

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Why is digital identity important?

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How can we improve digital identity in web apps?