## Accounting for Good

tech for creating resilient communities & ending money



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## Proposing a **general rule**:

When a group of people becomes able to move each other's resources around, assistance in coordinating those resources becomes necessary.





& recycle bin

light switches,

sanitize door knobs,

phone & stair rail

clean oven door,

refridgerator and

front of cabinets

Daily straighten towels keep clothes, toys towels off the floor wipe the sink after brushing teeth keep toilet paper

dust & organize craft/game shelves wipe walls & radiator

Weekend scrub toilets, sinks, floors & heaters mirrors, walls, tub, shower,

stocked

Daily sweep downstairs floors & water the

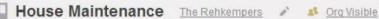
garden or shovel

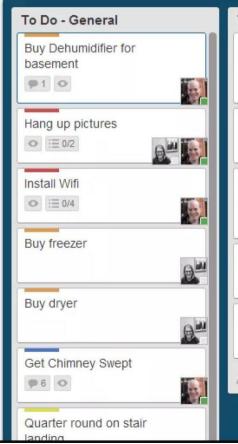
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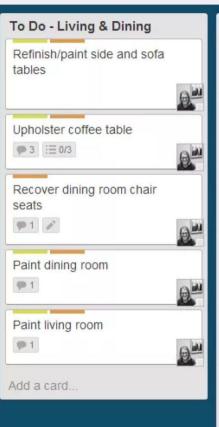
Weekend shake out the floor mats, sweep stairs, mop living room, dining room and kitchen & weed the garden

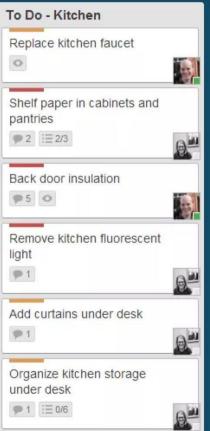




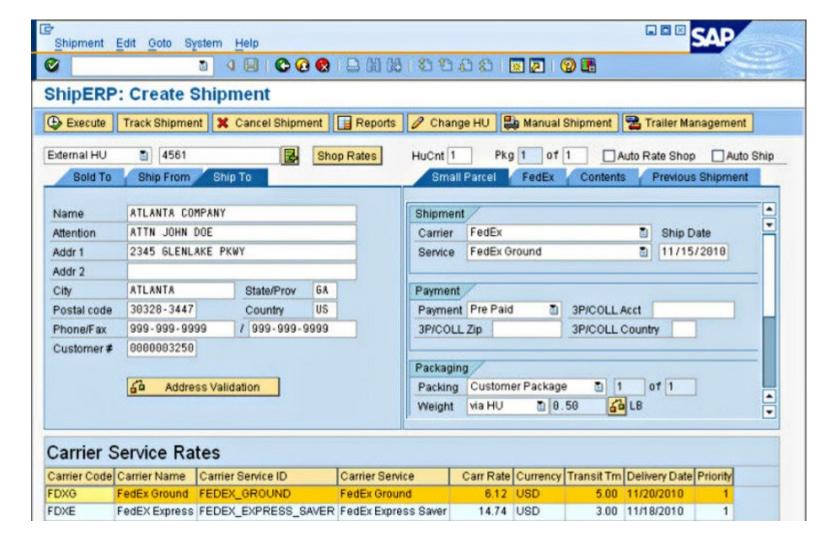




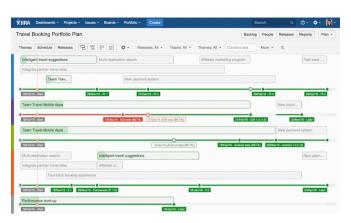




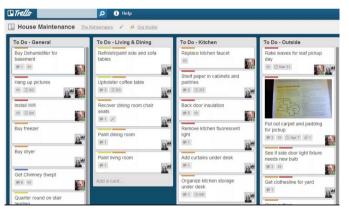




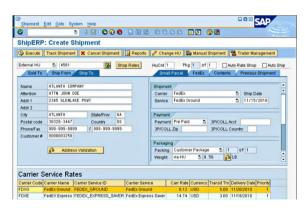










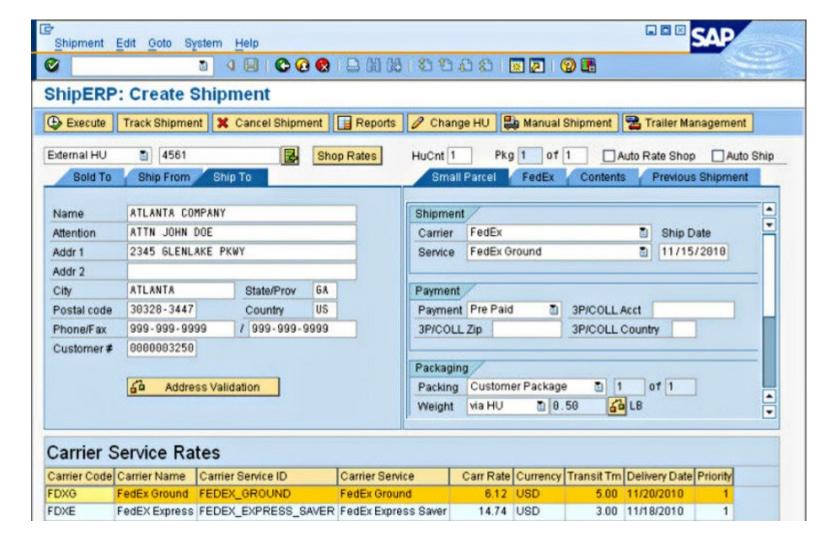


These are all technologies.

## Proposing another **general rule**:

The better a group is at coordinating resource use, the more they outperform other groups.





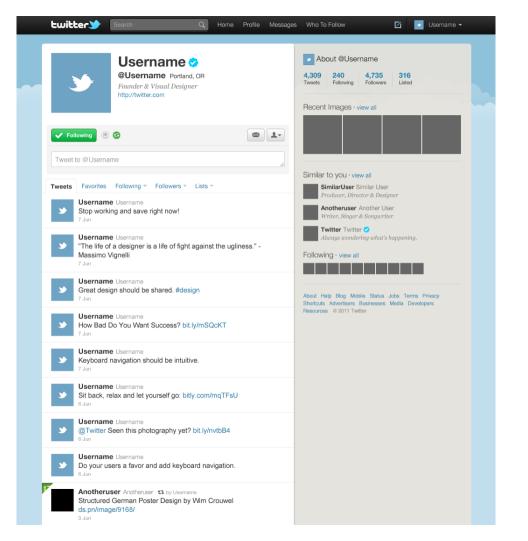


## **Fundamental goal**

Tech needs to be simple.

## **Upgrading our language** for better resource management

Fixing our planet means restoring the depth once lost from our communication.



### How to define 'outperform'?

### The goal is:

- Have confidence that the choices you make create the best possible outcomes for the long-term joy and survival of yourself and all others.
- Never do accounting again, have it done for you;
- Never do compliance again, have it emerge from the way you do accounting;
- ...and in the process, prove that your choices create such outcomes and nurture a deep understanding of the consequences of your actions in the world.











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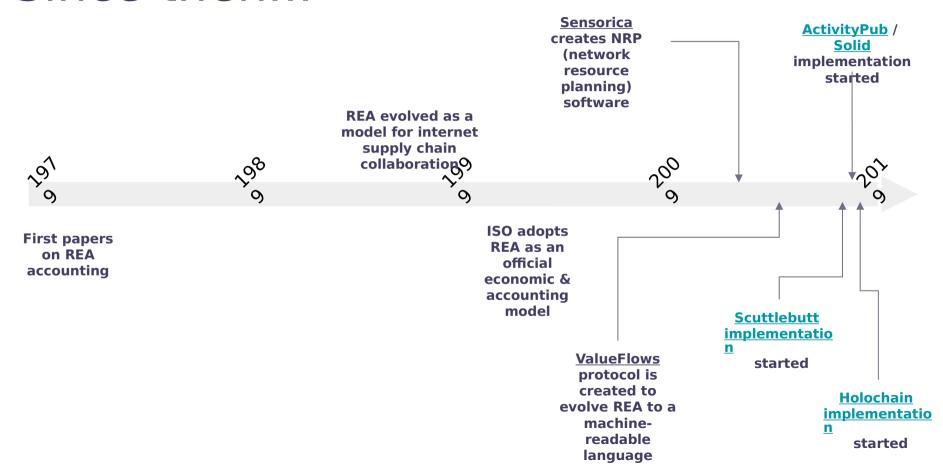
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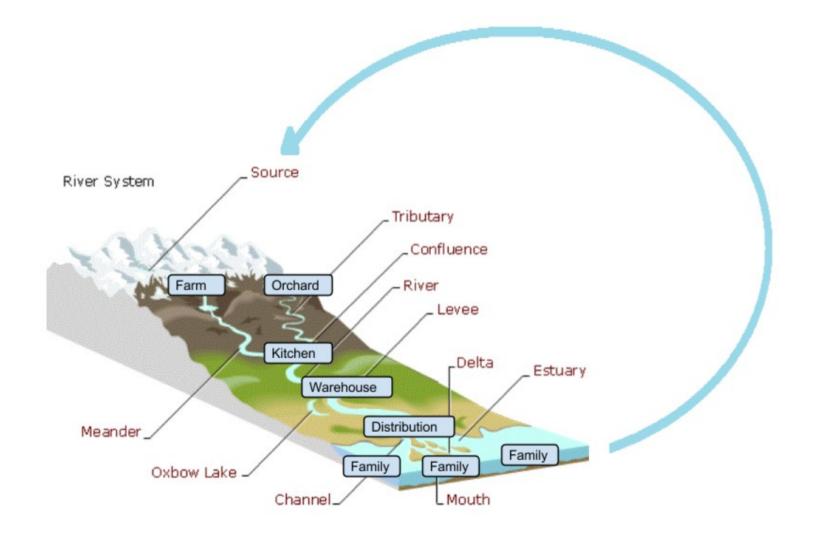


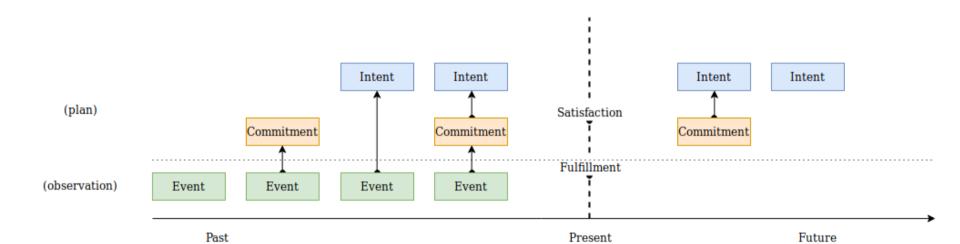
(\***REA** = resource / event / agent)

## **REA accounting** is accounting for a new age.

### Since then...

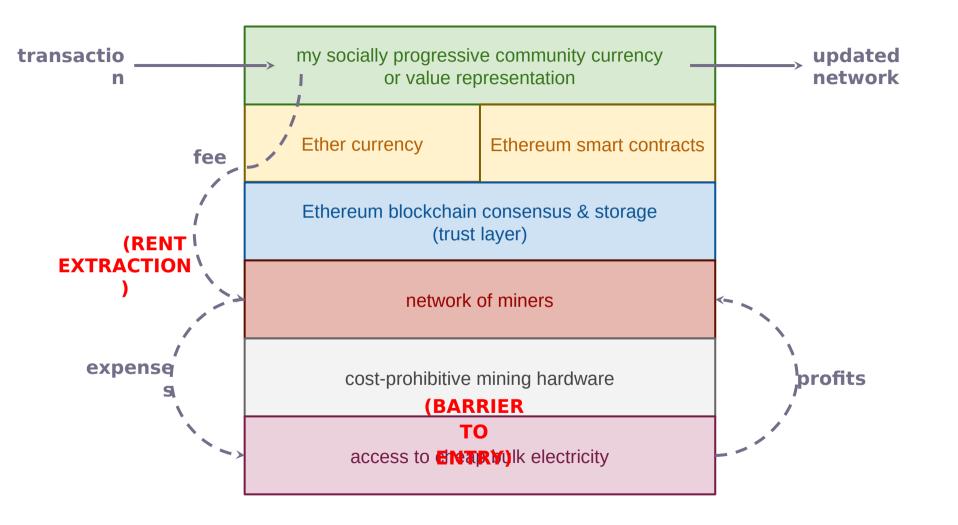


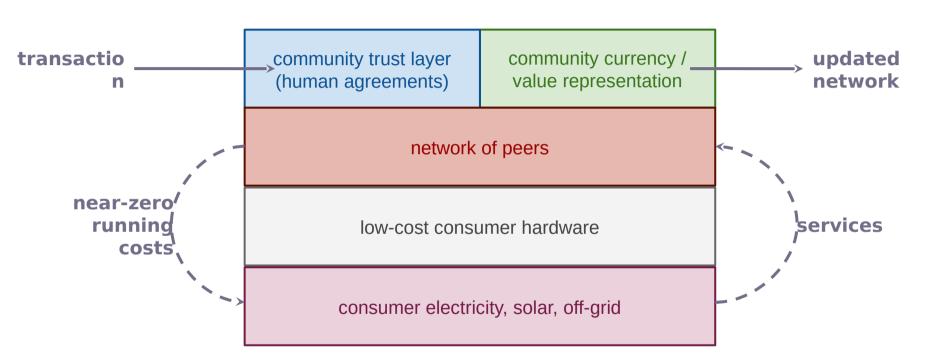




(At least, blockchains which have cryptocurrencies are.)

# Blockchains are global capitalism.





### **Fundamental goal**

We must own the technology we use.

Rent extraction creates systems of oppression



predictive behavioura I models









behavioural manipulation

commodificati on



censorship



fake news

## Accounting systems are systems of meaning.

## **Fundamental goal**

Tech needs to be human.

monopolisation



slave labour



Dan Murphy's

creeping acquisitions



mass-produced, imported goods



intensive industrial agriculture





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anti-competitiv practises

low profits for farmers & suppliers





fossil fuel

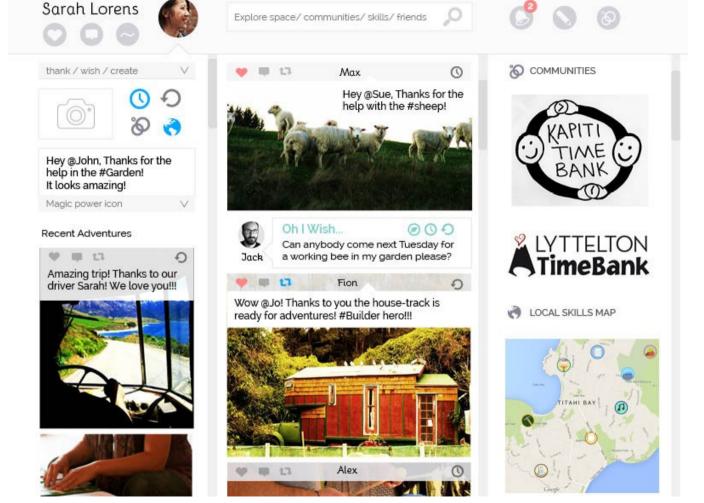
greenfield acquisitions



(someday, this will mean AI)

## We need our own systems of meaning.

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https://github.com/utunga/thankful/blob/master/doc/theory.md

## The end of money

In one interpretation, REA accounting is fundamentally about **bringing back the barter system** (or perhaps a gifting economy).

Once we use the **same language** to describe **all resources**, they can all be **exchanged interchangeably**. We don't need money as a stand-in anymore.

## Why would we need money?

- 1. A unit of account
- 2. A store of value
- 3. A solution for the "double coincidence of wants"

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When money shall be recognized in the law, when it is defined, when its volume, magnitude, dimensions, limits are set forth as precisely, fixed as unchangeably, and protected as securely from alteration, as are now the dimensions of the yard-stick, the pint-pot, and the pound-weight, then, and then only, will money perfectly resemble other measures; for then only will it become a concrete thing of known dimensions. When this comes to pass, Aristotle's definition of its function will resume its original correctness, and money will be as fit in fact, as it is now only in theory, to measure the relation called **value**.

Alexander del Mar, The Science of Money (1885)

- Things we need:

  "protocol councils" for resource sharing networks
  - This process with **listing** the **goods** & **services** you have available & want to trade
  - Then figure out which concepts and meanings you're going to describe them by
  - (We're creating more documentation and learning material to make this process easy- would you like to help us?)
  - Once we have these parts, our app toolkits come in to help you build out off-grid distributed apps quickly (see Open App Ecosystem)
  - Start small; with individual communities & eco-villages, then federations of local communities, then community networks...



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Perhaps 2019 should be the year of the rural economic biome.

Agricultural communities create wealth from soil, sun, water and seed.

They **increase** the **value** of **raw materials** by cleaning, processing and preserving them.

Excess is aggregated for transport to larger markets.

**Wealth** is **captured** and accumulated by **families** for food, education, housing and medical care.

Wealth is deployed by communities for water, energy,



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#### Where to learn more

http://valueflo.ws/

https://gitter.im/valueflows/welcome (chat)

#### **Case studies**

http://mikorizal.org/groups.html http://locecon.org/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ixgp8\_B9g5A (whv)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKrScVH0NIY
(how)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g-7Xopde 463xW0dGSDwZudhWlUFLzBhnJLzxOBxDEqE/edi t

### Some existing applications

https://github.com/valueflows/vf-apps http://nrp.sensorica.co/ http://www.fifthseason.com/

#### **History and future visions**

http://mikorizal.org/futures.html https://github.com/django-rea/rea-app/wiki#backgro und-info

### **Theory & research**

<u> https://msu.edu/~mccarth4/</u>

http://www.jeffsutherland.org/oopsla2000/mccarthy/ mccarthy.htm

https://www.iso.org/standard/67199.html

http://mikorizal.org/BeyondTheEnterprise.html

### **Holochain work stream & ecosystem** (my current focus)

https://github.com/holo-rea/holo-rea

https://github.com/holo-rea/ecosystem/wiki/Coordinating-the-REA-community-of-practise