



## Songs on the Security of Networks a blog by Michał "rysiek" Woźniak

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## Mastodon monoculture problem

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Recent moves by Eugen Rochko (known as Gargron on fedi), the CEO of Mastodon-thenon-profit ♂ and lead developer of Mastodon-the-software ♂, got some people worried d about the outsized influence d Mastodon (the software project and the non-profit) has on the rest of the Fediverse.

Good. We should be worried.

Mastodon-the-software is used by far by the most people on fedi. The biggest instance, mastodon.social, is home to over 200.000 active accounts as of this writing. This is roughly 1/10th of the whole Fediverse , on a single instance. Worse, Mastodon-thesoftware is often identified as the whole social network, obscuring the fact that Fediverse is a much broader system comprised of a much more diverse software ...

This has poor consequences now, and it might have worse consequences later. What also really bothers me is that I have seen some of this before.

## As seen on OStatus-verse

Years ago, I had an account on a precursor to the Fediverse. It was based mainly around StatusNet-the-software (since renamed as GNU social ) and the OStatus protocol ...

