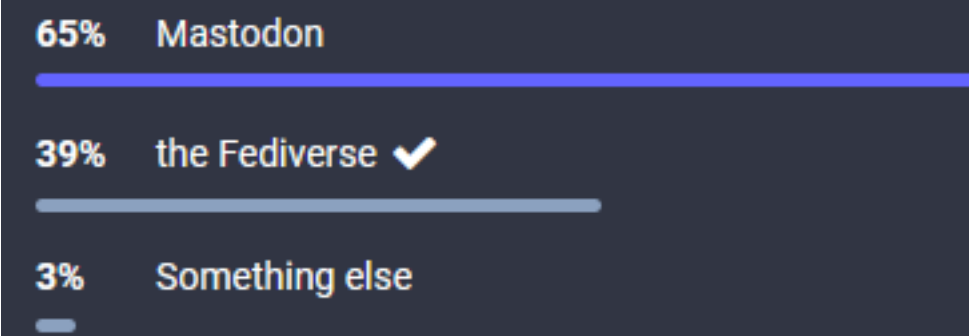




**blaine**  
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When you talk about the network of servers that enable you to read this message, do you and/or people you know normally say "mastodon" or "the fediverse" (or something else entirely)?



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# Songs on the Security of Networks

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Recent moves by Eugen Rochko (known as **Gargron** on fedi), the CEO of **Mastodon-the-non-profit** and lead developer of **Mastodon-the-software**, got some people worried about the **outsized influence** 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-the-software 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

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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**.

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