# Matrix: An open network for secure, decentralized communication

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#### A bit about me

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- I currently am teaching CSCI 400 Principles of Programming Languages and I have previously taught CSCI 406 Algorithms and CSCI 564 Advanced Computer Architecture.
- I started at Beeper in July.

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#### Overview

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