



Contributing to Caw: Coders' Cacophony

My name is Taylor Hulsmans, I have been developing in the Ethereum space passionately for about 5 years now. You may know my work from the 2018 ICO phase coin HedgeTrade, which briefly hit position 20 on coin market cap, my contributions under my old github username joe-mcgee, or the concentrated liquidity and token bridging research I created for Sigmalex. My crypto story can be found here <https://etherscan.io/enslookup-search?search=joe-mcgee.radicle.eth> . Unfortunately, my government started financially censoring political dissidents extra judicially, so as a show of solidarity I walked off my job, looking for a new way to contribute to society that doesn't empower those who've seem to have forgotten the sanctity of life and the importance of basic human rights.

It was soon after that I stumbled upon the Caw manifesto on Reddit (https://www.reddit.com/r/SatoshiStreetBets/comments/up121h/caw_white_paper_decentralized_social_network/). Now, decentralized social networks have been close to my heart, having closely studied the economics, psychology and technology of platforms like facebook, 4chan and twitter and kept up with innovation attempts like Odysee, Steemit, the Fediverse, Hydrachan, and Zeronet, having going as far as even creating my own with technologies like Logchat <https://github.com/taylorhulsmans/logchat> . When I saw the amount of liquidity down on CAW, its relentless addition to many exchanges, combined with this open call for implementations. I saw potential success where all of these other technologies came up short. We get the meshnet of the Fediverse, the crypto incentives of Odysee and Steemit, and a potential level of free speech that cant be corrupted with bad photos like Hydrachan and Zeronet. To top it off it can, unlike VC backed projects, it leverage the limited amount of dev talent in the space much more efficiently, as one Caw implementation will make all others spawn much more quickly, and there's no interview processes to

deal with, just code and community. So i began implementing the manifesto at <https://github.com/Cawdrivium/Cawdrivium> and looked to embed myself in its metaverse.

I choose Cawdrivium, a social network for the classically liberal arts for several reasons. The first being the ethics conversation of permanent data, A host of individuals in my country got to experience what it was like to have the authorities break into their social media accounts to make the ‘assume-the-worst-of-them’ accusations of their intent and character. And, as the world drives towards the extremes, and tolerance fades, this sort of behaviour will become all too common. With traditional social media, one can delete themselves from the informationscape, but that will not be possible here. I feel that algebra, geometry, music and astronomy are conservative focal points for permanent identity that doesn’t cause more problems than good looking years or decades into the future.

Secondly, I choose Cawdrivium after hearing the critiques of modern education online from Peter Thiel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1T-RkxC5pVU&ab_channel=Ramble and Elon Musk https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXdfRYyzbmU&ab_channel=ThenotsoboringMan . The current education institutions build high and narrow, information is monopolized over the ignorant for profit, and in the critical moments when the public needs to hold power to account, like when it was politically convenient to make faulty testkits too big to fail, it becomes glaringly apparent that these knowledges will not be able to grow taller, at the pitchfork of the mob, without it first growing wider. In ancient Greece everyone was considered a slave until they became educated in the Trivium and Quadrivium to obtain liberalis, the quality of being a freeman. This is the gift Cawdrivia users stand to bring to each other, far and wide.

Thirdly, The cryptographic incentives of contributing the Cawdrivium simultaneously accumulates a treasury that can be spent by the community. This can be used to solve the Guerrilla open access problem of Aaron Swartz in a way never before dreamed. Elbakyan's <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2016/04/a-spiritual-successor-to-aaron-swartz-is-angering-publishers-all-over-again/> sci-hub can be funded. Pay walled journals like Elsevier can simply be bought out, and a new distributed and cryptographically incentivized peer review system can take its place.

The \$CAW token is a community focal point for decentralized social networks to which I have taken keenly towards. It is a robust technologically and the manifesto is on point to the realities of social media. I am building Cawdrivium as a source of inspiration for all future Caw implementors and to create a new vision of global education and the affordment of the autonomy of the mind to each other. Come, let us Educate ourselves educating each other, let us become a nation of innovators, instead of a nation of imitators, let us create together the lapis quadratus, a nation of philosopher kings.

For the unfained lovers of knowledge,
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