



#DIGITALISATION AND #ARTIFICIALINTELLIGENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Open source investigation tools (OSINT),
digitalised files, videolinks in justice

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Key topics

- Technical issues (internet caches, proxy servers, encryption, deep/dark web, etc.)
- Legal issues (evaluation of the search results, reliability and credibility of authentication, search across jurisdictions)
- Challenges posed by websites, social networks, emails and other computer-generated or stored documents
- Presenting internet searches in court
- e-Evidence Digital Exchange System (e-EDES)
- Videoconferencing
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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English

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Thursday, 9 October 2025

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:30 **Welcome and introduction to the programme**
NN Hellenic School of Judges & Laviero Buono

PART I: TECHNICAL ISSUES AND BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERNET ARCHITECTURE AND CONCEPTS

Chair: Laviero Buono

09:35 **Open-source tools and computer forensics**

- Geo-location tools for social media and photos
- Tracing domain name owners, origin of an email and blacklist checks
- Investigating Web 2.0 – social networking, blogs and online gaming
- Protecting your privacy when investigating online

Bilal Sen

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Break

11:30 **Fighting 2.0 crimes with Web 3.0 possibilities**

- Crypto 101: technology, definitions and more
- (Ab)use of crypto
- Blockchain explorers: understanding transactions, following the money
- Different crypto services: what data to expect?

Lilija Mažeikienė

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

PART II: LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE COLLECTION AND THE PRESENTATION OF E-EVIDENCE IN COURT

Chair: Bilal Sen

13:30 **Data retention – data protection vs. the risk of systematic impunity**

- Significance of data retention for the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed online and offline
- Jurisprudence of the CJEU
- State of play of legislation on EU and national level

Michael Rothärmel

14:00 Discussion

14:15 **E-evidence in criminal cases: the SkyECC saga**
Joachim Meese

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Break

Objective

This seminar addresses various challenges linked to digitalisation that judges, prosecutors and lawyers in private practice working in the field of EU criminal justice will have to face in the years ahead. Some of these challenges such as the exchange of electronic evidence, videoconferencing, use of open source intelligence, artificial intelligence, digital technology, etc. are here to stay and will become the 'new normal'.

This event is part of a large-scale project sponsored by the European Commission entitled "judicial training to prepare criminal justice professionals to #digitalisation and #artificialintelligence". It consists of 12 seminars to take place in various EU cities over the period 2024-2027.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, court staff and lawyers in private practice, who are citizens of eligible EU Member States participating in the EU Justice Programme (Denmark does not participate), Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Moldova and Ukraine.

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PART III: VIDEOCONFERENCING AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- 15:30 **Artificial intelligence and the challenges ahead for legal practitioners**
Joachim Meese
- 16:00 Discussion
- 16:30 End of first day
- 19:30 Dinner offered by the organisers

Friday, 10 October 2025

Chair: Joachim Meese

- 09:30 **Videoconferencing in the era of artificial intelligence**
- Key success factors for transnational use of videoconferencing in judicial procedures in the EU
 - Simplification (or possible complication) in criminal procedures and trials
- Sabina Klaneček*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 **The nexus between artificial intelligence and digital investigations**
Anna Illamaa
- 11:00 Discussion
- 11:15 Break
- Chair: Michael Rothärmel*
- 11:45 **“Seeing is believing” no longer stands: deepfake technologies and the evaluation of evidence**
Julija Kalpokienė
- 12:30 Discussion
- 12:45 End of seminar and light lunch

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Recent work carried out by the European Union on AI and Digitalisation

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2	Council Decision (EU) 2023/436 of 14 February 2023 authorising Member States to ratify, in the interest of the European Union, the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime on enhanced cooperation and disclosure of electronic evidence	
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5	<u>Regulation (EU) 2023/2844 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2023 on the digitalisation of judicial cooperation and access to justice in cross-border civil, commercial and criminal matters, and amending certain acts in the field of judicial cooperation</u>	
6	<u>Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market For Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act)</u>	

Other EU criminal justice documents

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A1-01	Protocol (No 36) on Transitional Provisions
A1-02	Statewatch Analysis, "The Third Pillar acquis" after the Treaty of Lisbon enters into force, Professor Steve Peers, University of Essex, Second Version, 1 December 2009
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A2) Court of Justice of the European Union

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A2-02	European Parliament Fact Sheets on the European Union: Competences of the Court of Justice of the European Union, April 2023
A2-03	Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union, <i>OJ L 111, 17 April 2019</i>
A2-04	Consolidated Version of the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union (01 August 2016)
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A3) European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)

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A3-02	Guide on the case-law of the European Convention on Human Rights: European Union law in the Court's case-law, Council of Europe, updated on 31 August 2022
A3-03	Case of Grzeda v. Poland (Application no. 43572/18), Strasbourg, 15 March 2022
A3-04	Case of Mihalache v. Romania [GC] (Application no. 54012/10), Strasbourg, 08 July 2019
A3-05	Case of Altay v. Turkey (no. 2) (Application no. 11236/09), Strasbourg, 09 April 2019

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A4-08	The Law Society, "Brexit no deal: Criminal Justice Cooperation", London, September 2019
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A4-20	Scottish Parliament Information Centre, Briefing, Brexit: Impact on the Justice System in Scotland, Edinburgh, 27 October 2016

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B3-20	Council Framework Decision of 26 June 2001 on money laundering, the identification, tracing, freezing, seizing and confiscation of instrumentalities and the proceeds of crime (2001/500/JHA)

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D4-18	Victim Support Europe
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E2-02	Eurojust Guidelines on Jurisdiction
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AI Forensics: Tool and Target of Investigation

The nexus between AI and digital investigation

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Introduction

- Definition of AI forensics
- Two perspectives:
 1. AI as a tool for investigation
 2. AI as an object of investigation
- Importance in policing, cybersecurity, law

AI refers to systems that display intelligent behaviour by analysing their environment and taking action – with some degree of autonomy – to achieve specific goals.

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IMAGE ANALYSIS



How AI is Enhancing Digital Forensics

- Applications:
 - - Image/video enhancement
 - - Pattern recognition
 - - Predictive analytics
- Benefits: faster, more accurate
- Challenges: data quality, bias

Enhanced Image and Video Analysis

The screenshot displays the Cellebrite I ASK THE EXPERT interface. The left sidebar shows the 'Analyzed Data' section with a list of categories. The 'Images (9029) (33 known files)' category is selected, and the 'Cars (661)' sub-category is highlighted. The main window shows a grid of image thumbnails, mostly of cars, with a filter applied. An 'Extract text from files (OCR)' dialog is open on the right, providing instructions on how to use the OCR feature.

Analyzed Data

- Application (569)
- Calendar (128)
- Calls (332)
- Contacts (2266) (1)
- Devices & Networks (611)
- Location Related (1674)
- Manual Data Collection (10)
- Media (9448)
 - Audio (61)
 - Images (9029) (33 known files)**
 - Cars (661)**
 - Credit cards (422)
 - Documents (1483)
 - Drugs (81)
 - Face (3237)
 - Flags (230)
 - Handwriting (197)
 - Maps (18)
 - Money (94)
 - Nudity (1120)
 - Photo ID (325)
 - Tattoos (535)
 - Weapons (1707)
 - Unclassified (2387)
 - Videos (358)

Extract text from files (OCR)

Magnet AXIOM can extract text from certain files using optical character recognition (OCR). AXIOM Examine displays the extracted text in a separate preview, called Text extracted from OCR.

Extract text from the following types of artifacts:

- ☒ PDF documents
- ☒ Pictures

Select the items to be processed:

- ☒ All items in the case
- ☐ Items in the current view

CANCEL **PROCESS ARTIFACTS**

AI as a Challenge—New Forms of Digital Evidence

AI-Generated Content and Deepfakes

This is where AI becomes your adversary.

Deepfake audio and video that can convincingly impersonate anyone. Video evidence that appears authentic but is completely fabricated.

AI-generated documents that mimic writing styles perfectly. Imagine a forged email that matches someone's communication patterns so well that traditional authentication methods fail.

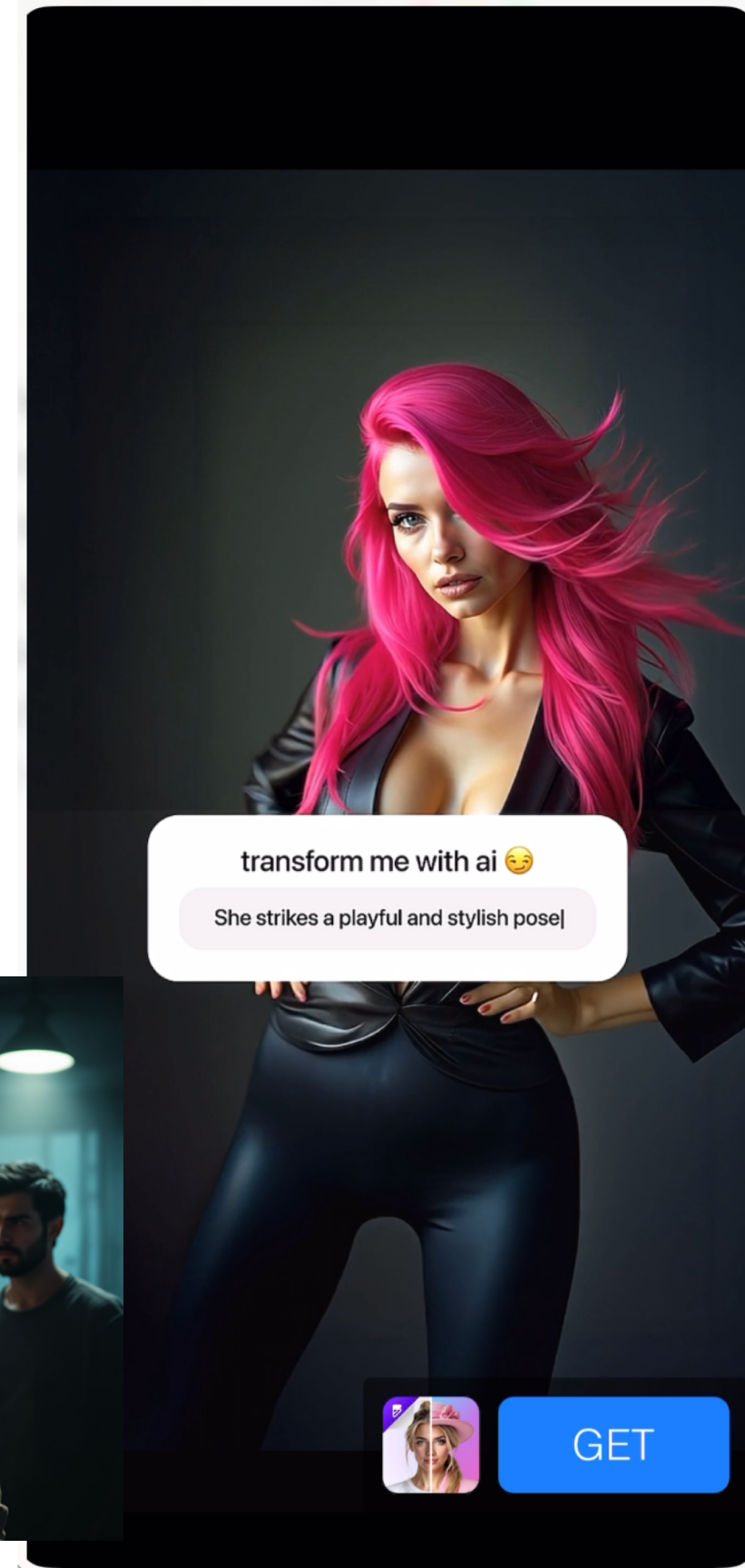
Synthetic identities created by AI for fraud, combining real and fake information in ways that pass conventional verification.

Legal implications for you: The authenticity of digital evidence can no longer be assumed. You must ask: Was this content created by a human or AI? Has it been manipulated? What technical analysis was performed to verify it?

AI: Crime Deepfake

A man had violently assaulted his wife after receiving **explicit images** that appeared to show her with another man. The husband claimed he'd received these images from his wife's ex-boyfriend via messaging app and believed they proved infidelity.

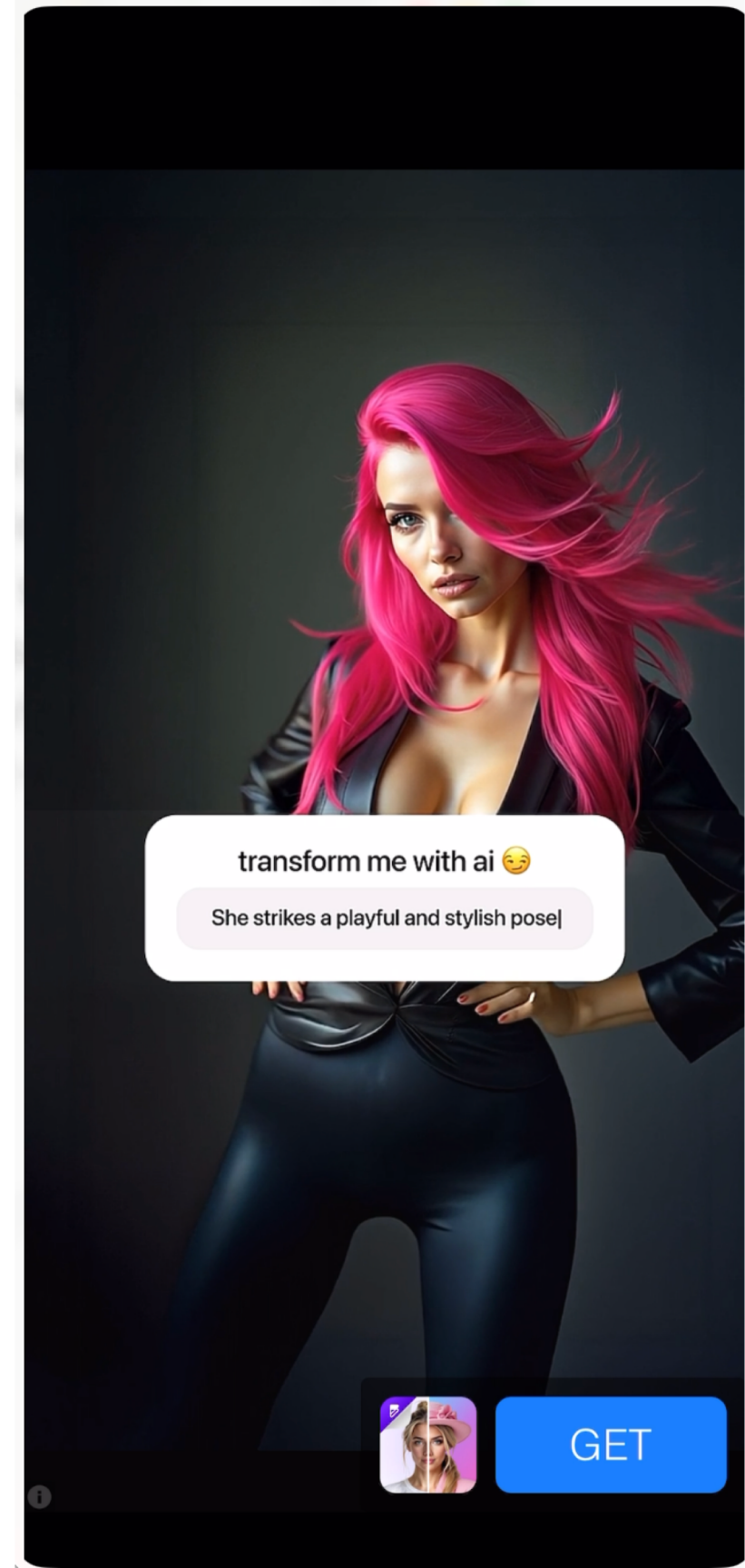
The wife maintained the images were fake—that she had never been in those situations.



AI: crime usage

The technology left fingerprints:

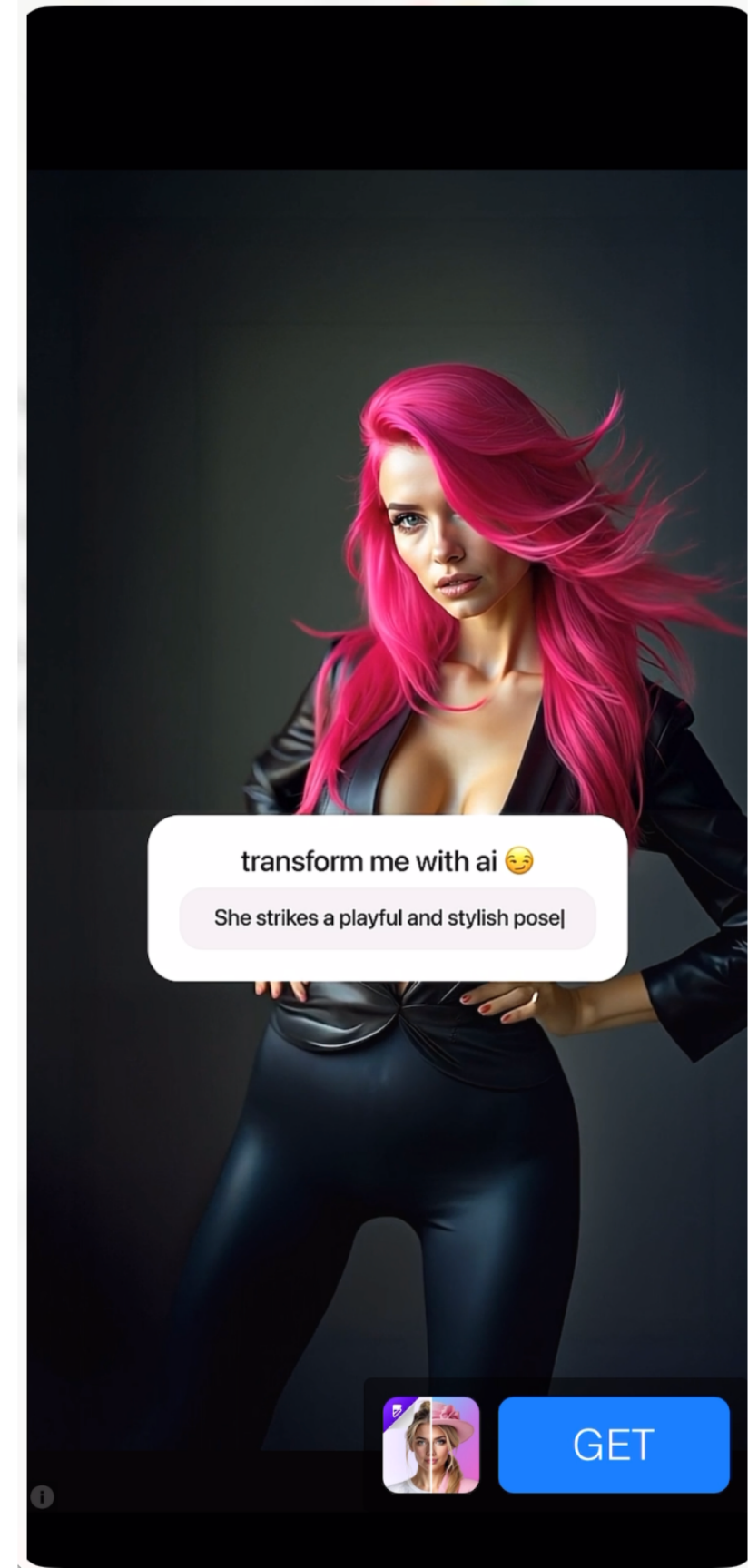
- 1. Lighting inconsistencies** – photo zooming, the face was lit from one direction while the body was lit from another—physically impossible in a single photo.
- 2. Skin tone mismatches** - The facial skin tone didn't precisely match the body, a subtle discrepancy invisible at normal viewing distance.
- 3. Edge artifacts** - There was subtle blurring around the hairline and face boundaries where the AI tried to blend the face onto the body.
- 4. Digital noise patterns** - The noise in the facial area differed from the rest of the image—a telltale sign of manipulation. Error Level Analysis (ELA) which revealed different compression levels between the face and body.
- 5. Metadata** - The EXIF data showed the image was created with photo editing software, not captured by a camera.



AI: crime usage

Seized ex-boyfriend's laptop:

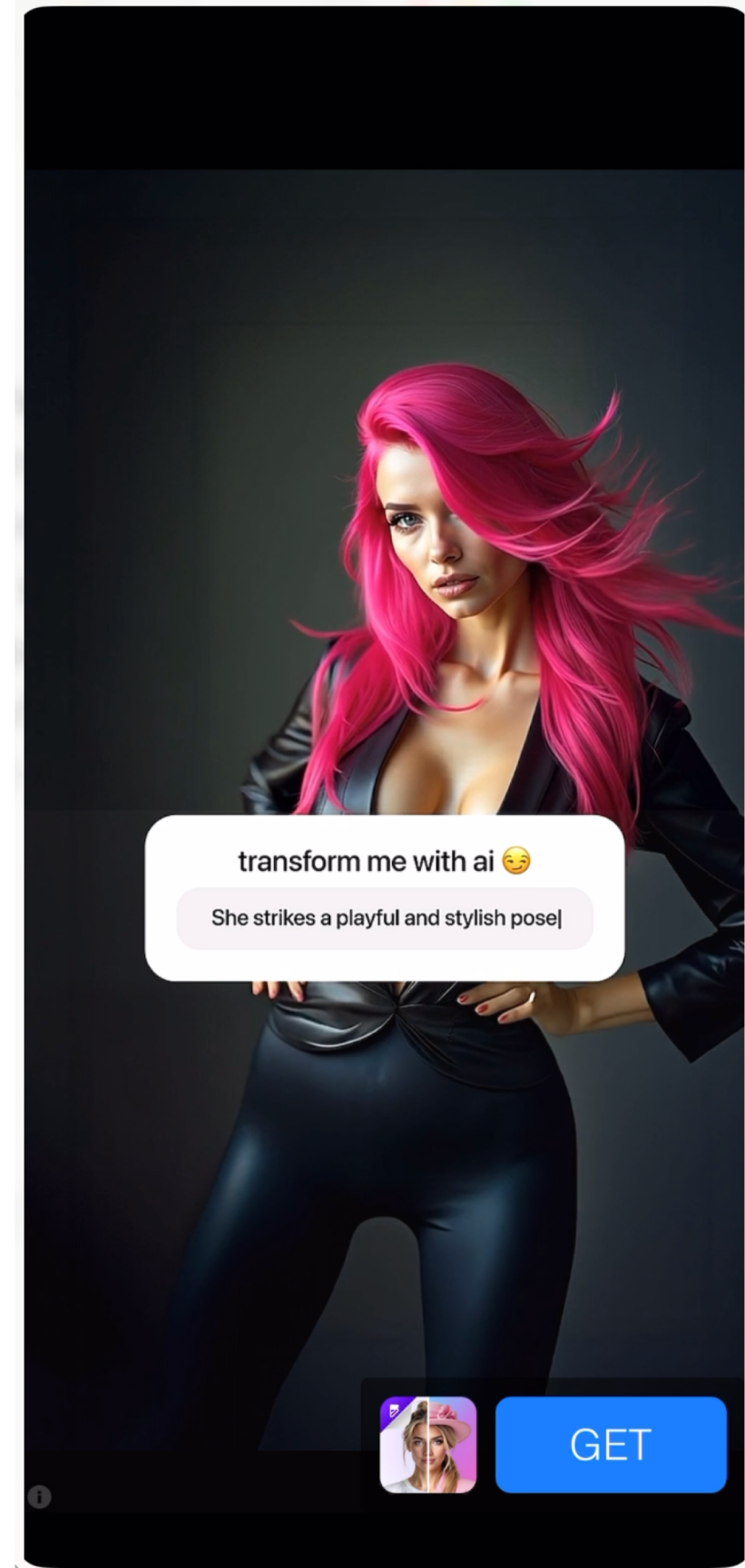
- **The deepfake software**
- **The victim's source photos** - downloaded from the victim's social media profiles
- **Multiple draft versions** – few attempts showing his trial-and-error process perfecting the forgeries
- **Browser history** - searches for "how to create deepfakes" and tutorial videos
- **Final versions** - images he sent to the husband



AI: crime usage. Why This Case Matters

- How do you prove images are fake beyond reasonable doubt?
- What expert testimony is needed?
- How do you explain deepfake technology to a jury who might not even know what AI is?

Deepfakes have moved from Hollywood special effects to criminal tools accessible to anyone with a computer and malicious intent. They're convincing enough to fool ordinary people and potentially fool courts—unless we have the forensic expertise to detect and prove the manipulation.



Testing



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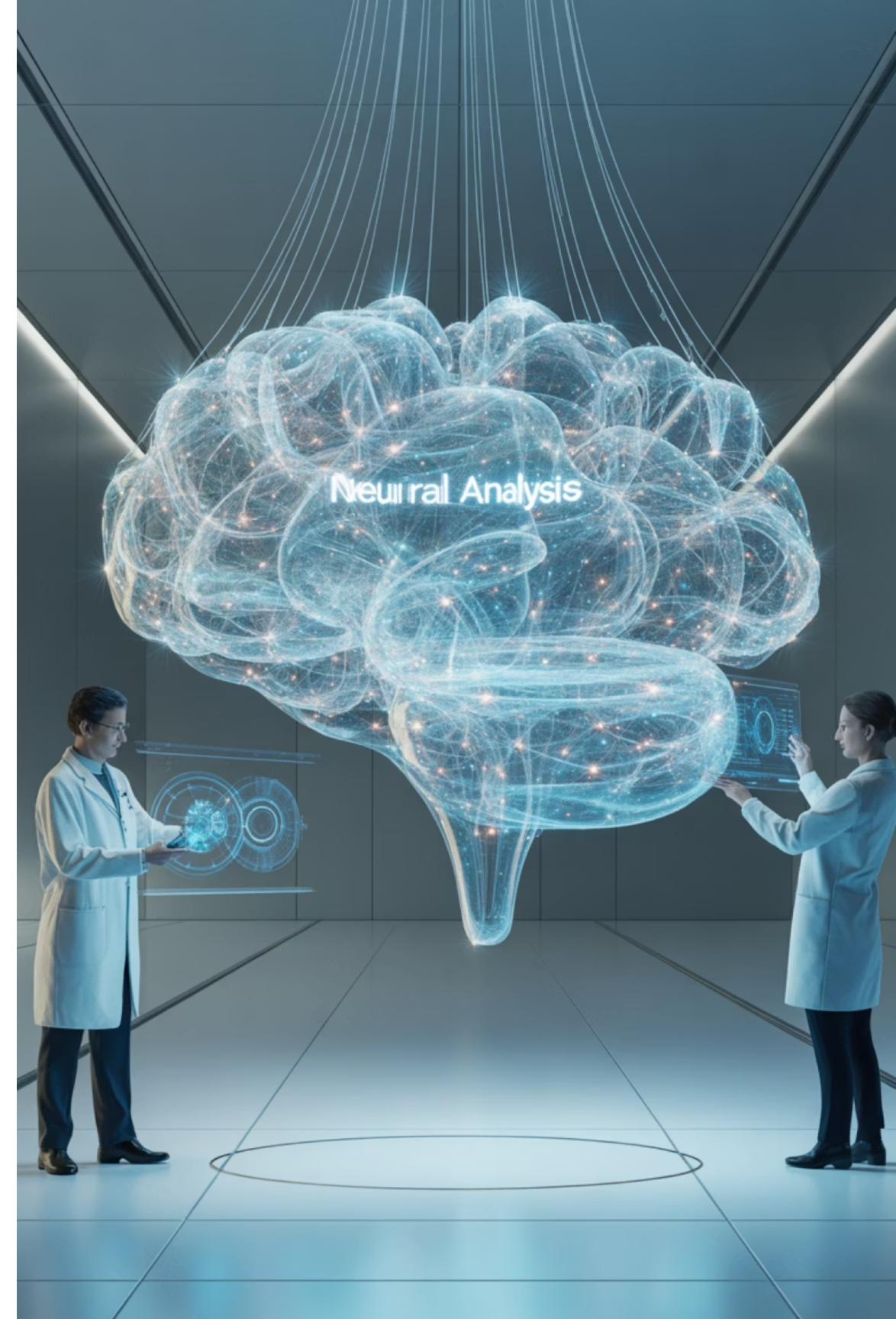
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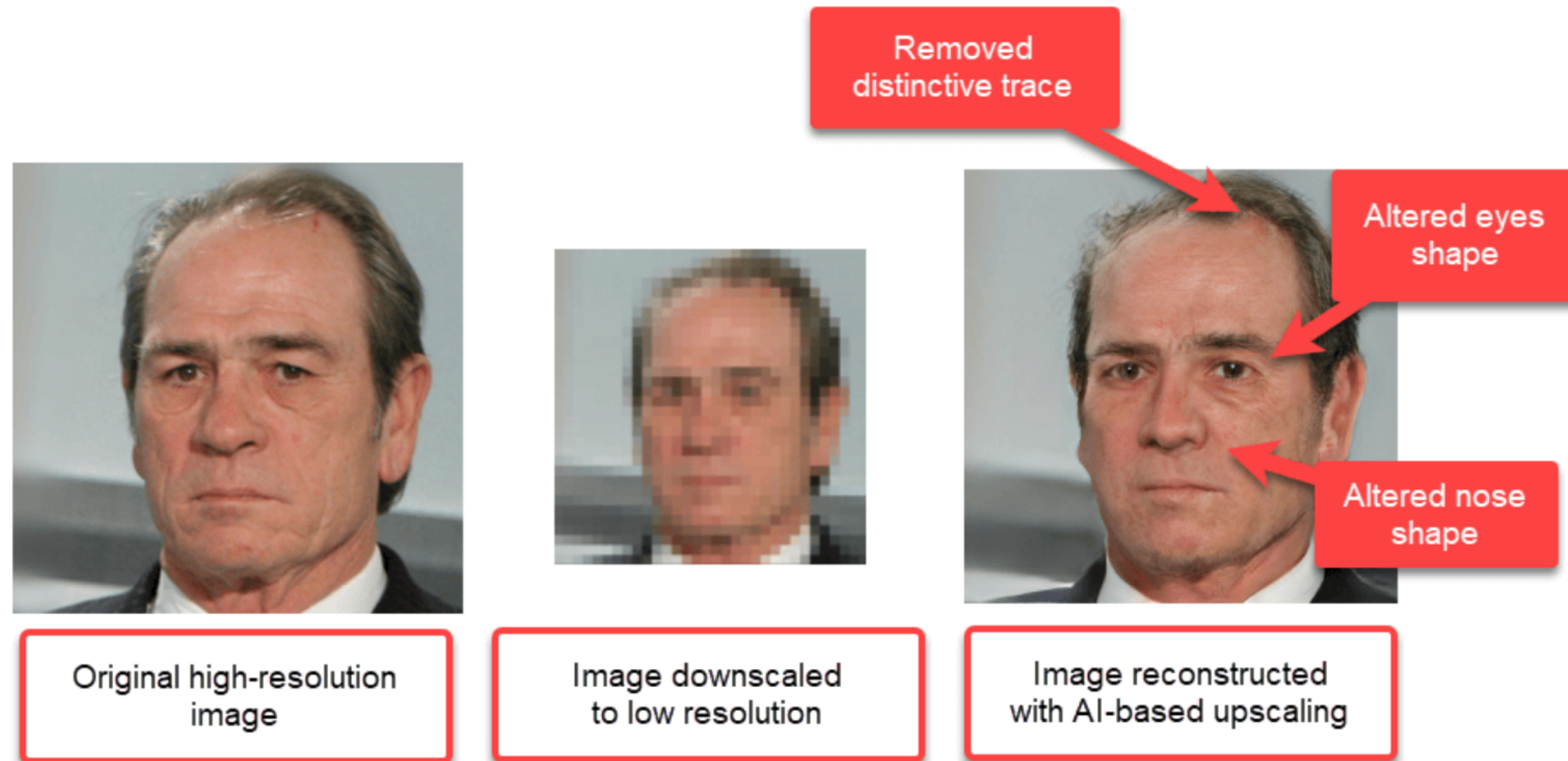


AI as a Tool for Investigation

- Can the AI explain HOW it reached its conclusion?
- What data was it trained on?
- Has it been tested for bias?
- Were alternative interpretations considered?
- “Black box”



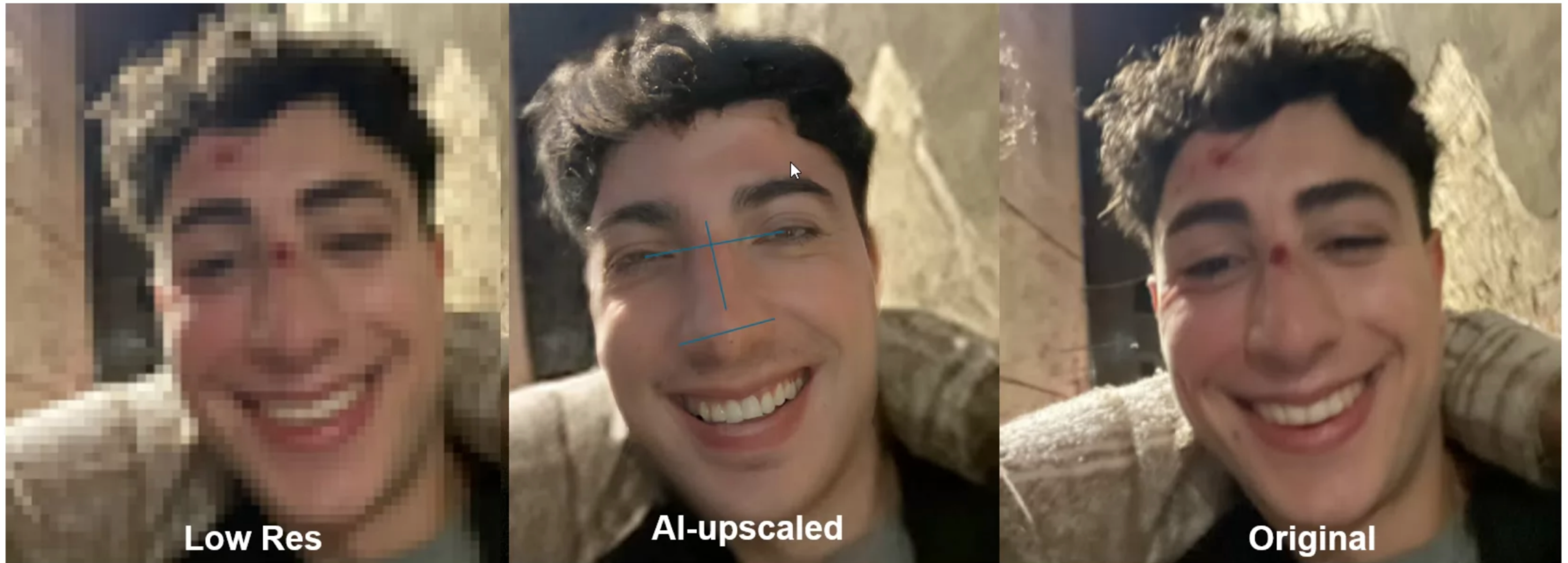
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- Biases?
- How it was trained?
- Can we use it as evidence?



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Reliability in Investigation

- AI shows what it's trained to show
- Behavior based on training data
- Trust and accuracy depend on input quality

	Evidentiary Use 	Investigative Use 
AI-based Enhancement (image -> image) i.e. superresolution	NO <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Not explainable- Bias from training data	Yes (with safeguards) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Disclosure (i.e. not for evidence label)- Education about risks
AI-based Analysis (image -> decision) i.e. face recognition	Yes (with safeguards) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Only for decision support- Known reliability- User bias mitigation	Yes (with safeguards) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Only for decision support- Known reliability- User bias mitigation

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Summary

- AI is both a tool and a target
- Accuracy and trust are key
- Laws like the AI Act are shaping the field

Thank you!

Q&A Session

- Open the floor for discussion





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It is not only for justice and security

Publicly available? Maybe it was

May require verification

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Protection (Parents & Juveniles)

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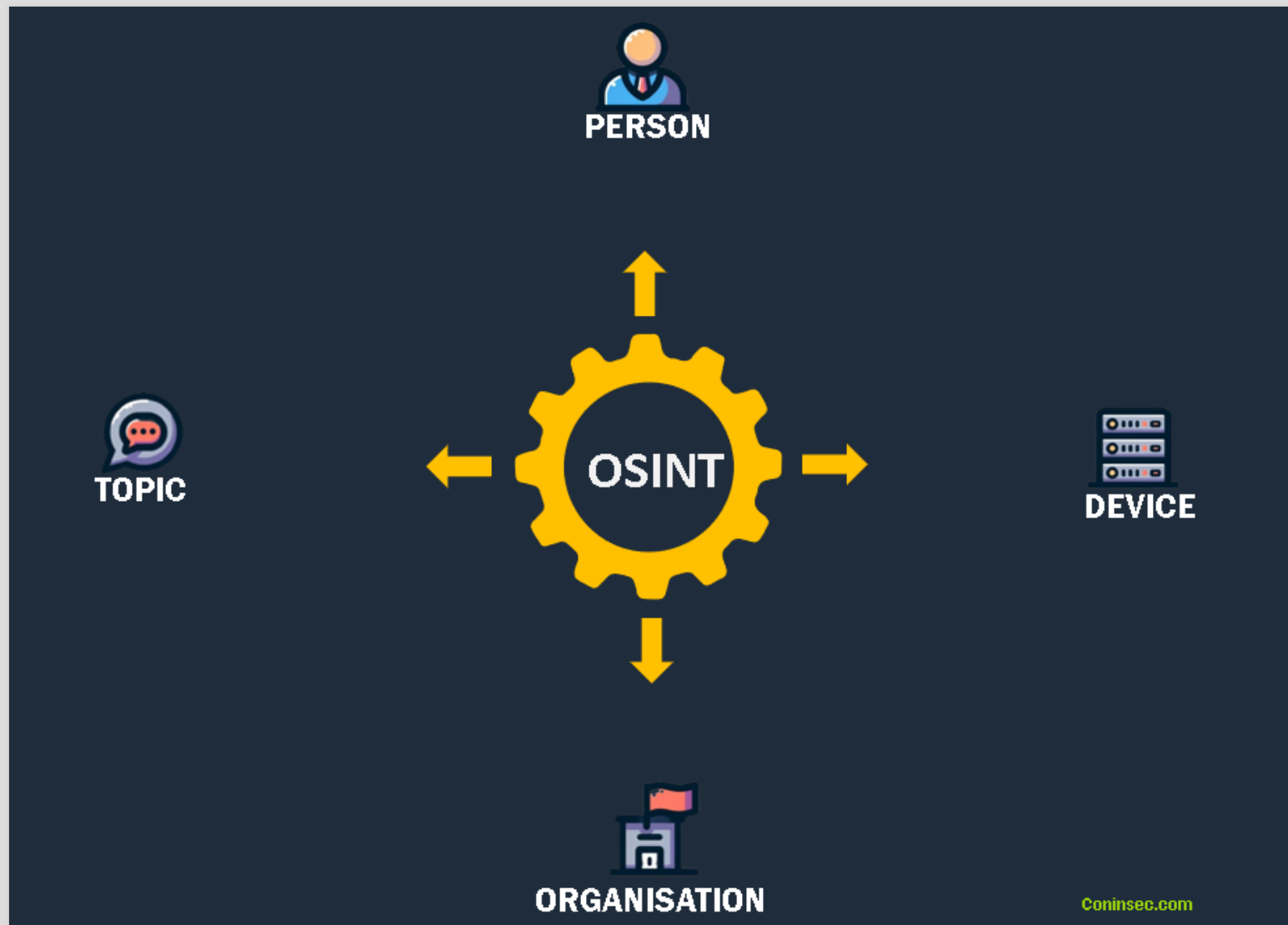
Fraud and forgery: Validating suspicious documents, shell companies, identities

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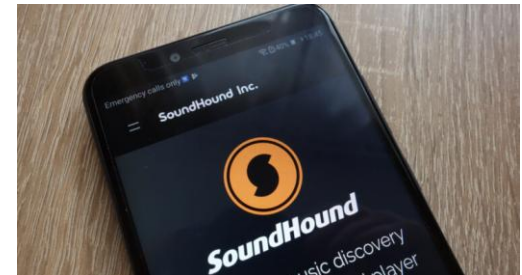
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- Text
- Image
- Voice
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- File
- Domain Name or URL

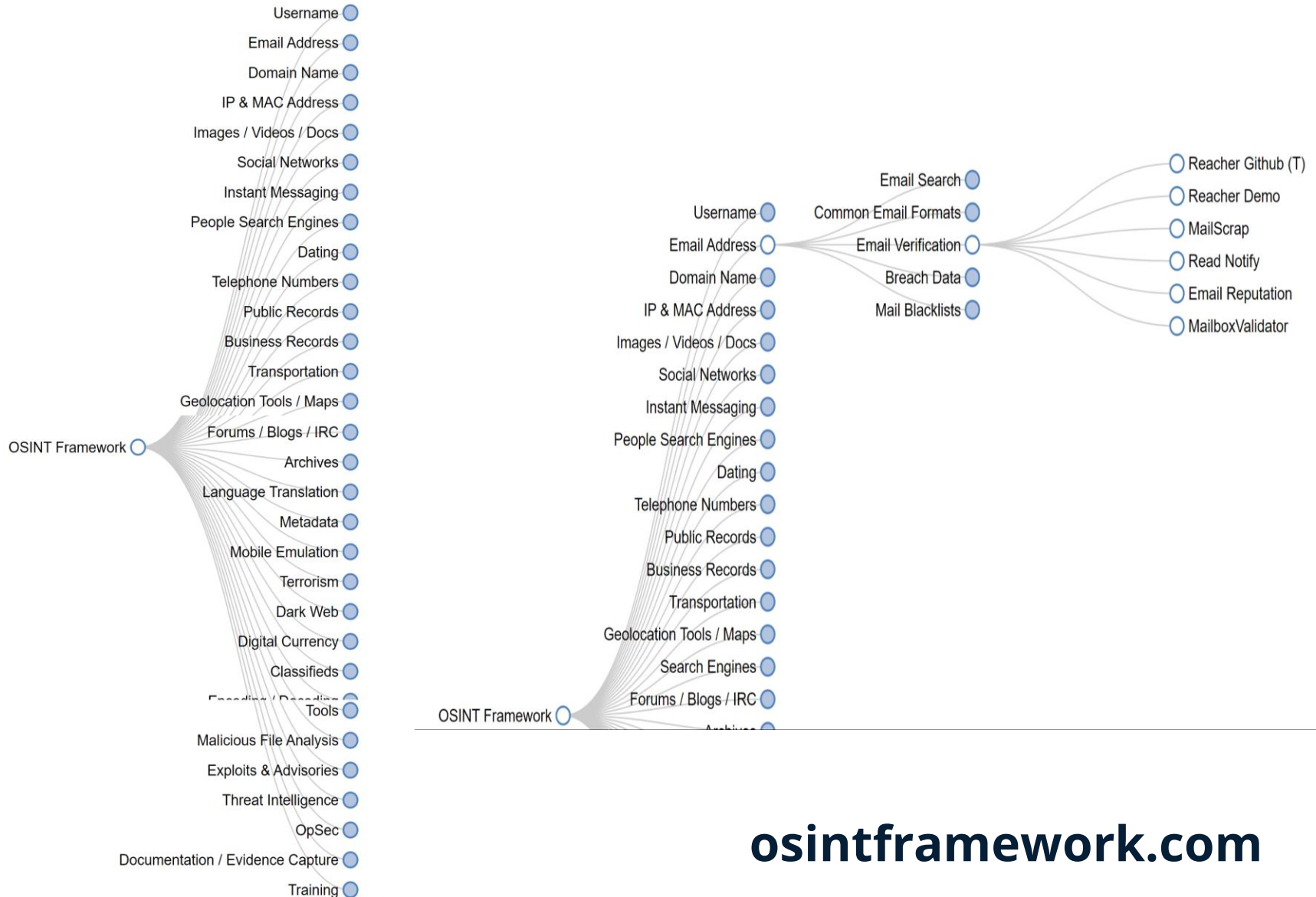


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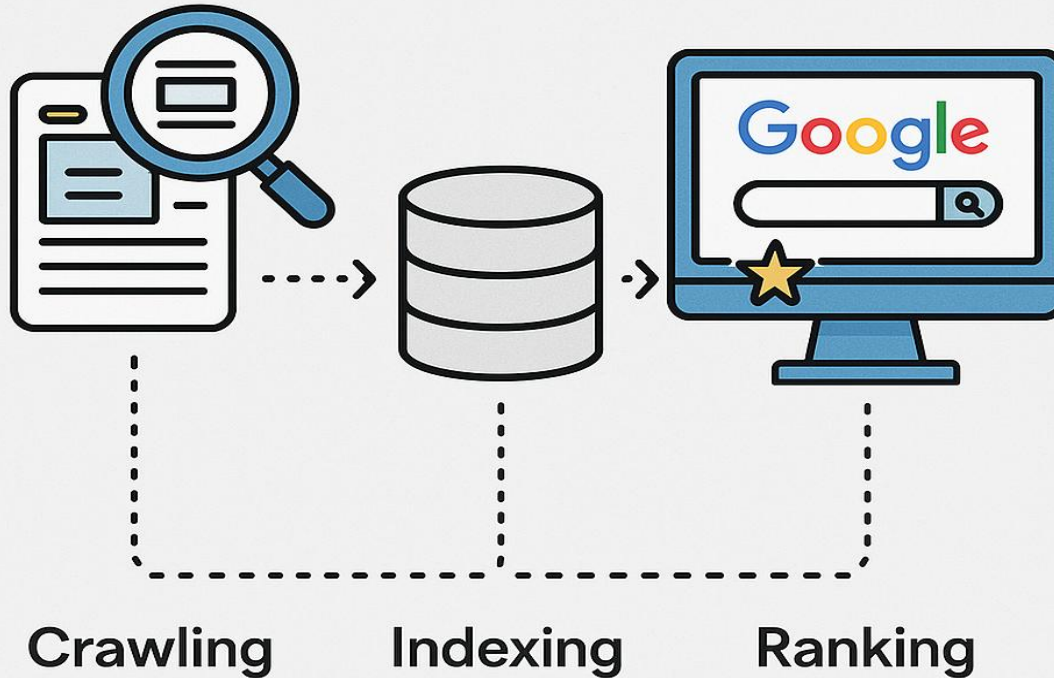
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How Google Works

Behind the Scene



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MOST HELPFUL INFO TO START

PERSON

Full Name

Date of Birth

Email Address

Mobile Phone Number

Headshot Photo

Profession or Position

ENTITY

Full Name

Website

Tax Number

Email Addresses

Business Addresses

WHO CREATES ONLINE INFO ABOUT US

- We
- Our Private And Professional Contacts
- Competitors
- Professionals
- Institutions / Companies
- Breach Records
- Machines

SOME OF BREACH RECORDS



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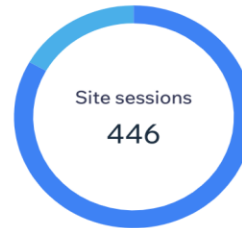


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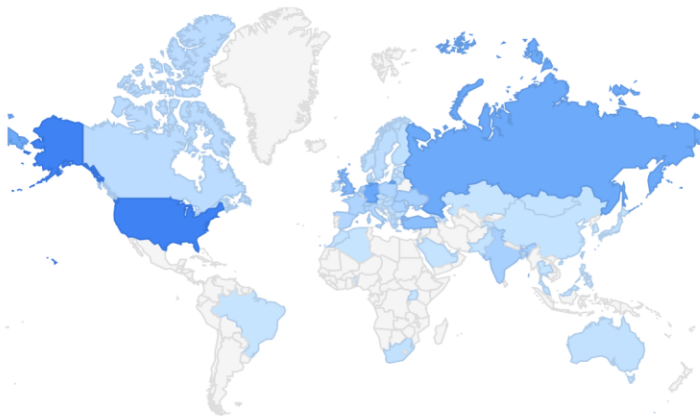
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VM (Virtual Machines)

Separates your investigation from your main system, protects against threats, and supports secure OS/configuration use.

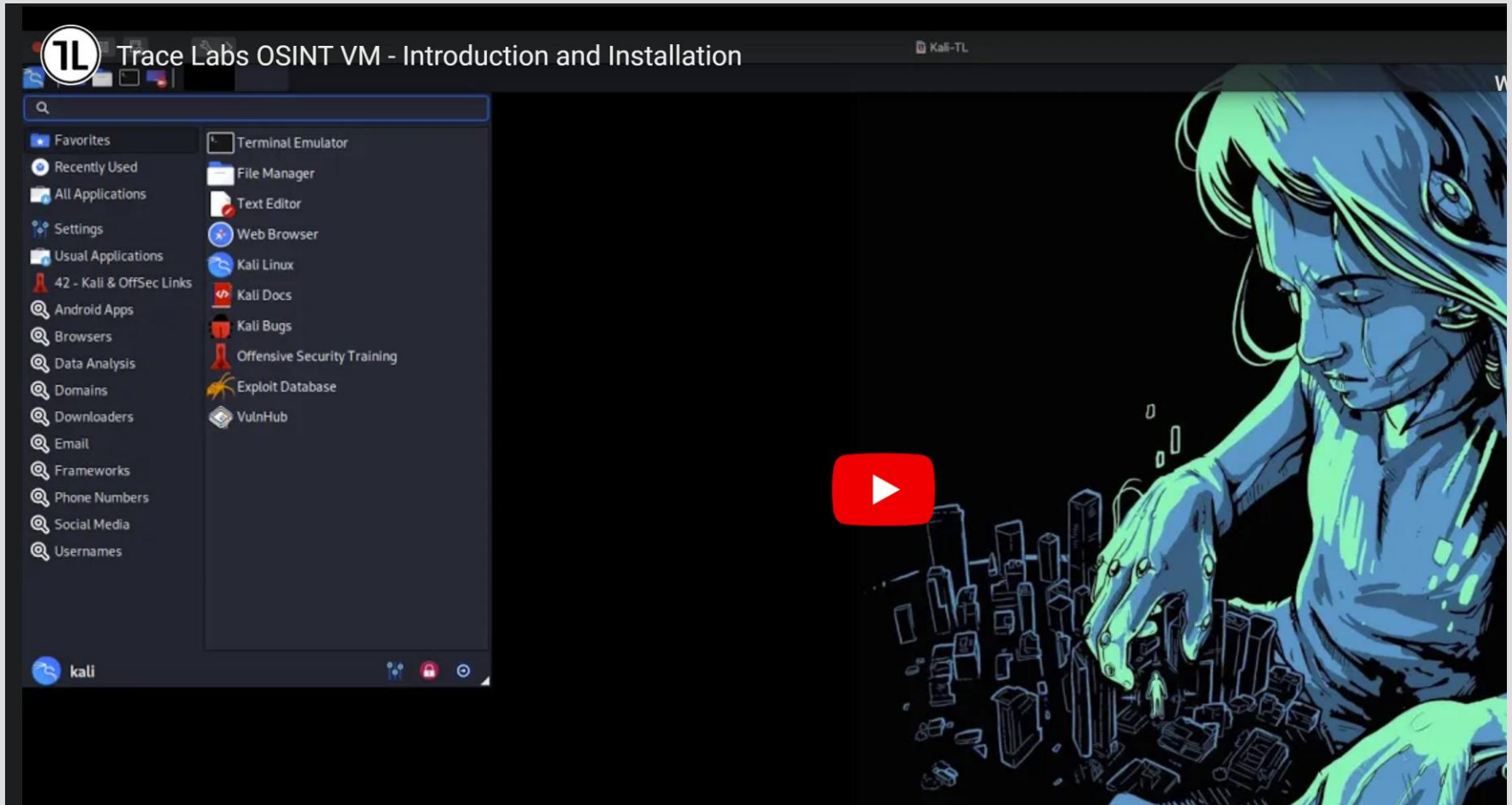
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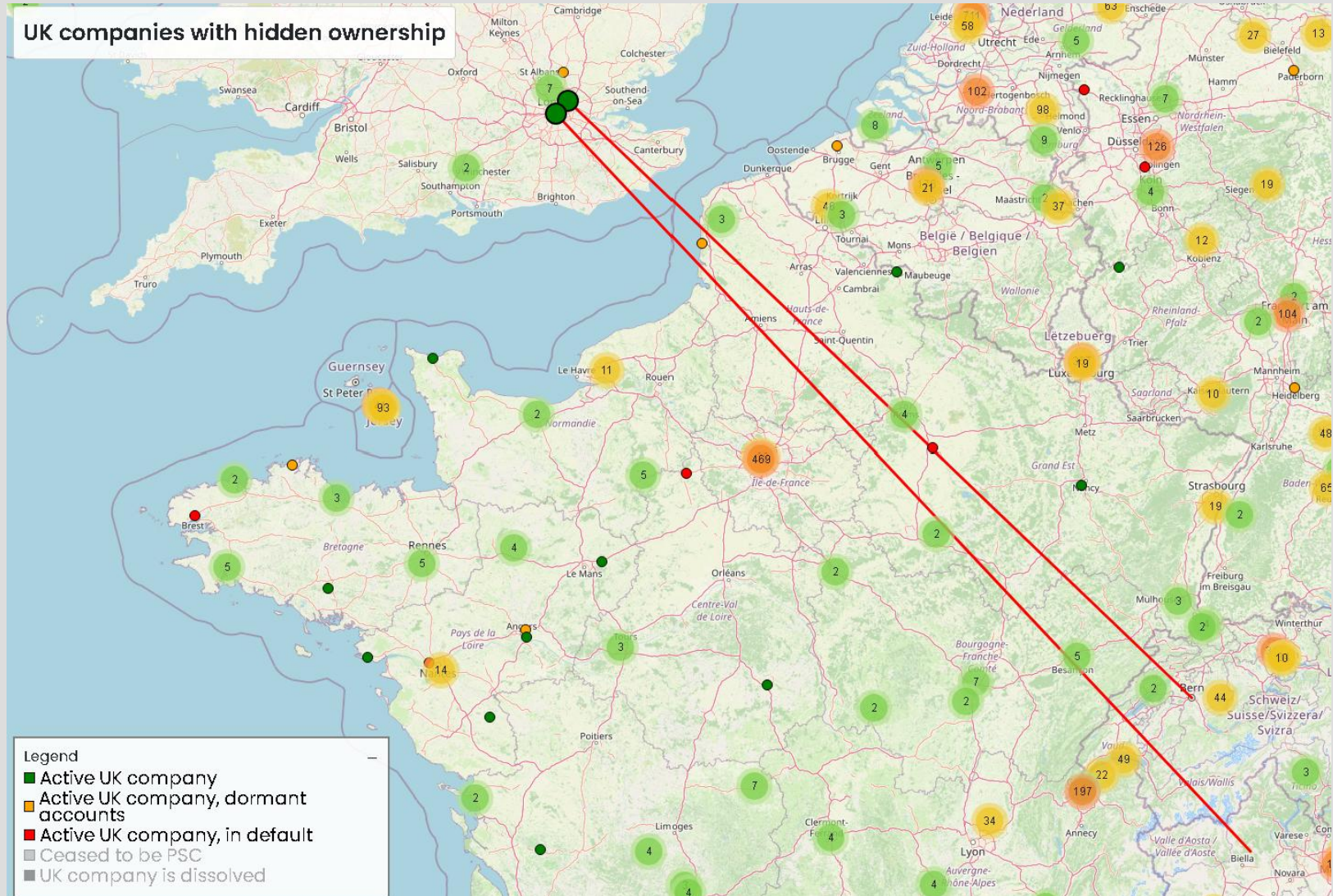
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Always verify the origin of tools, extensions, and data sources. Using unverified sources can lead to exposure, malware infection, or misinformation.

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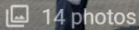
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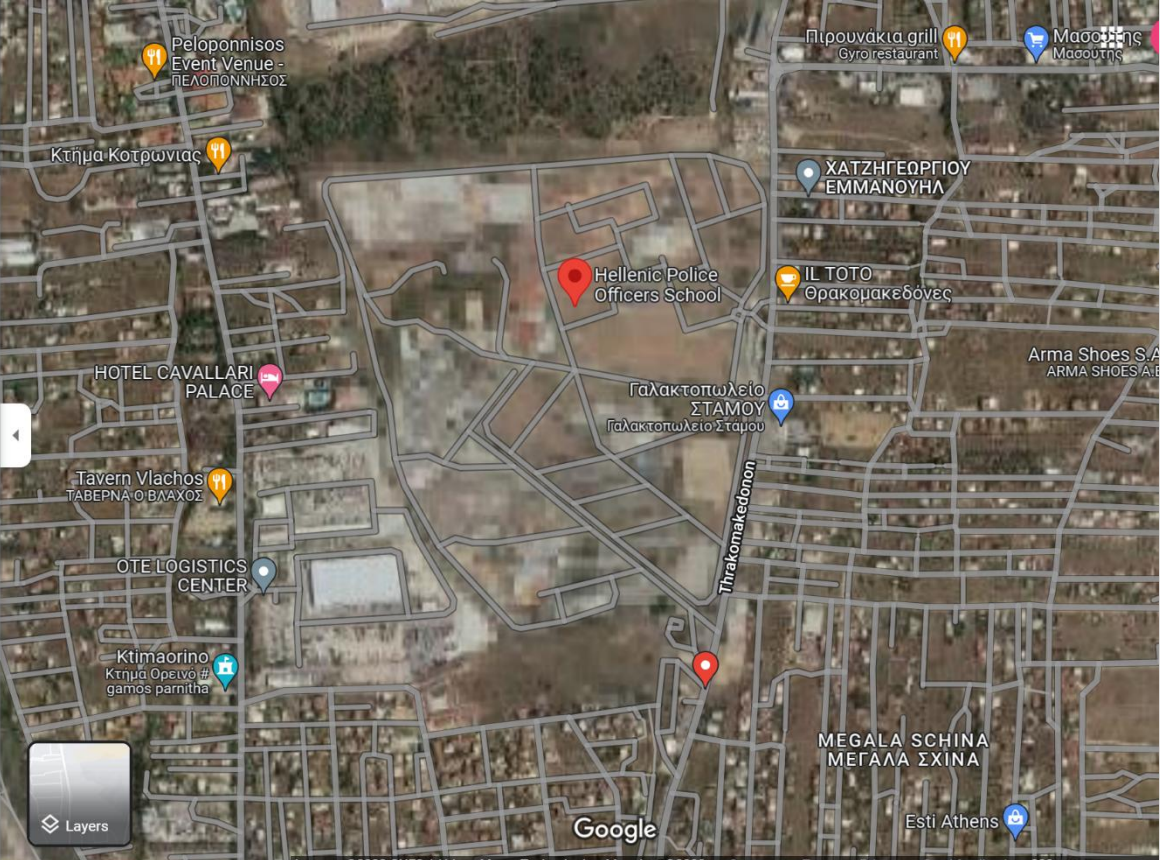
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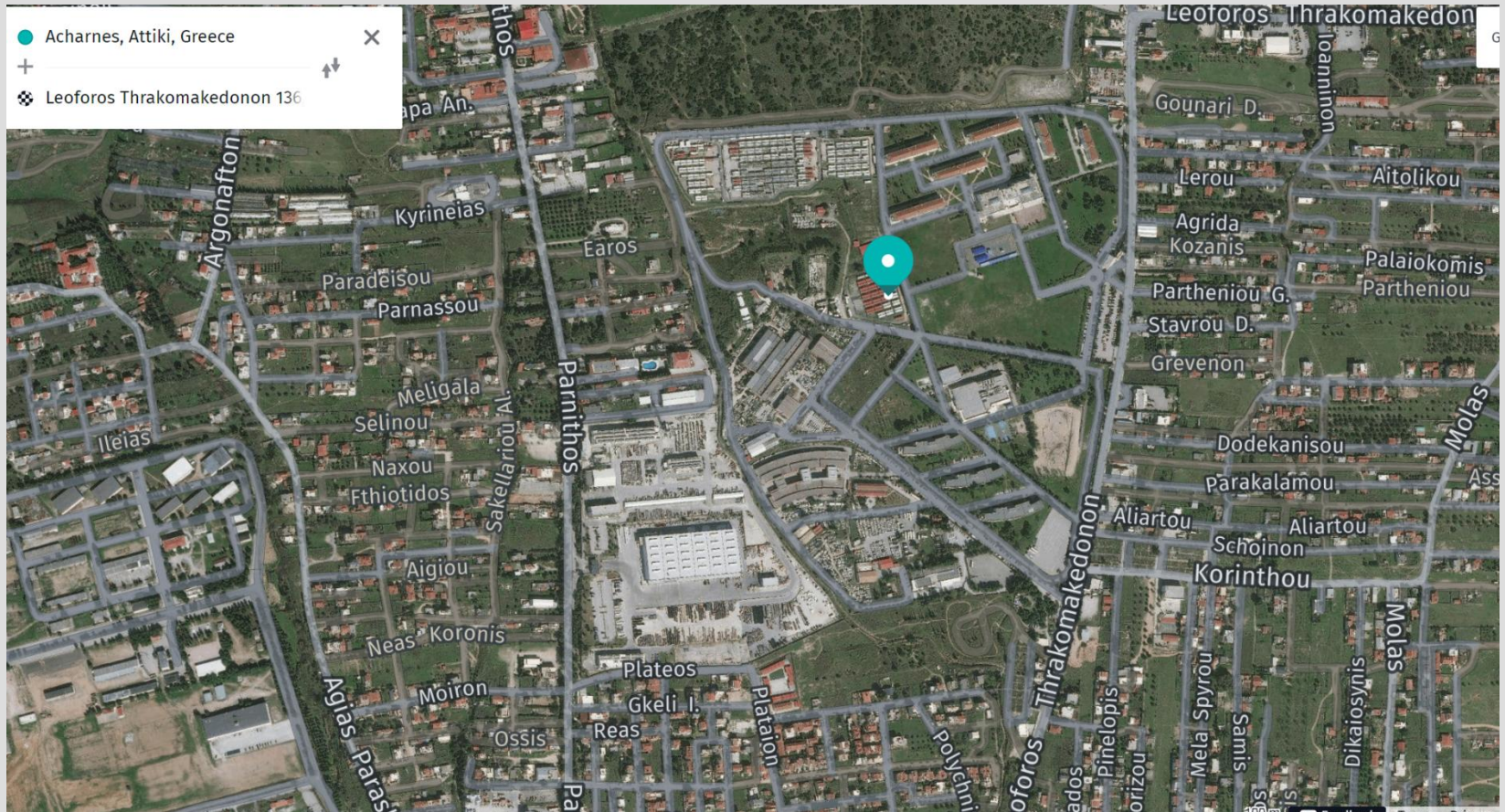
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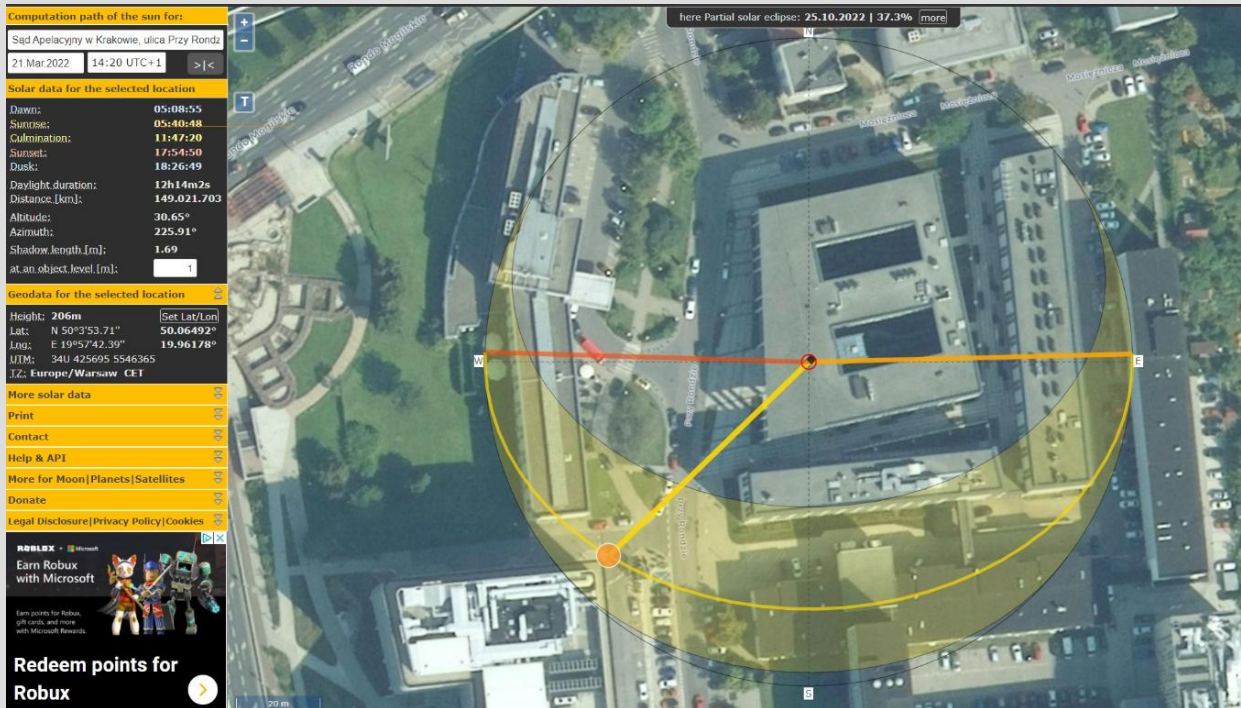
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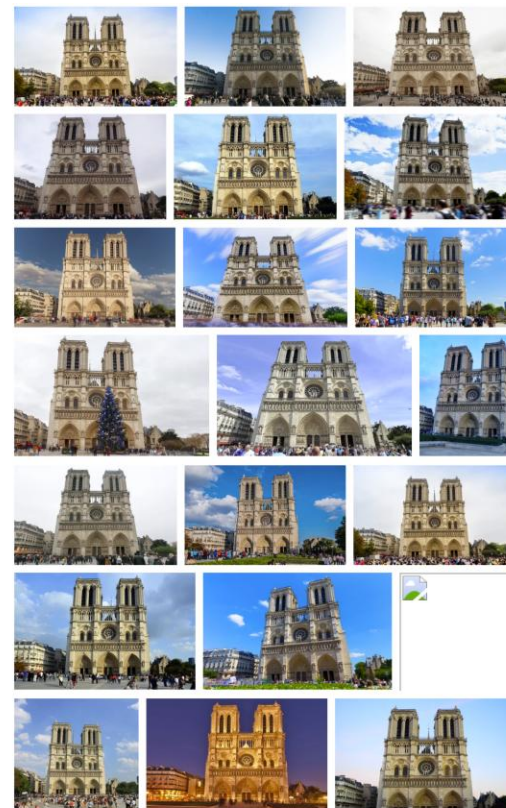
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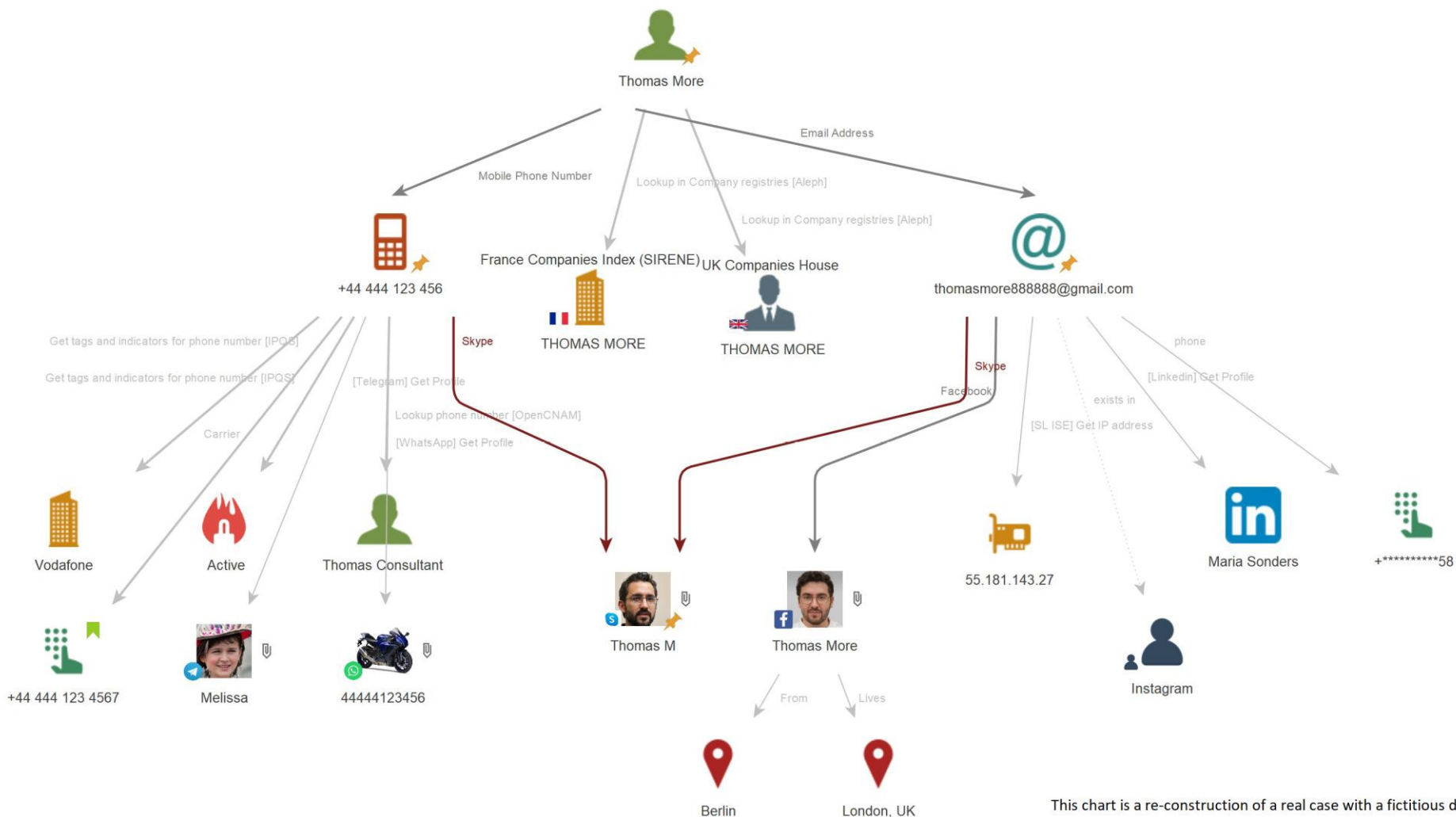
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E-evidence in criminal cases: the SkyECC saga

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The Sky ECC case

- **Sky ECC?**
 - a subscription-based, end-to-end encrypted messaging service on specially modified smartphones, marketed as a tool for maximum anonymity
 - developed by a Canadian company (Sky Global)
 - cf. the (similarly hacked) EncroChat service

The Sky ECC case

■ The investigation

- Belgium, France, and the Netherlands initiated the investigation in 2018, creating a Joint Investigation Team (JIT)
- French authorities created a 'copy' or 'image' of the Sky ECC servers located in Roubaix, recording and transcribing encrypted communication
- The operation involved live monitoring and the collection of communications data from thousands of phones
- it provided a massive dataset of encrypted messages, offering unprecedented insights into the operations of international criminal organisations
- Sky ECC was officially shut down in March 2021, but hundreds of millions of encrypted messages remain available

The Sky ECC case

- **The use of the data**

- many prosecutions in many countries rely on data that originates from the operation in France
- this data was transmitted to other national authorities through European Investigation Orders (EIO)

The Sky ECC case

■ EIO?

=> principally an instrument for the authorities to gather evidence abroad

- the EIOD doesn't regulate the position of the defence, e.g. possibility to be present at the execution of specific investigative measures (such as witness examination), or the right for the defence to have a EIO issued

=> inspired by:

- mutual recognition of judgments and judicial decisions
- mutual recognition of orders to prevent the destruction, transformation, moving, transfer or disposal of evidence
- European evidence warrant
- European arrest warrant

The Sky ECC case

■ EIO: fundamental rights and legal remedies?

- EIO is based on mutual confidence and a presumption of compliance by other member States with Union law and, in particular, with fundamental rights
 - however, there can be conflicts between existing regulations in various member States
 - e.g.: obligation to decrypt vs. privilege against self-incrimination
 - possibility of discussions on admissibility/authenticity of e-evidence in criminal procedures due to different domestic standards
 - e.g. Cass. Belgium 11 January 2022, P.21.1245.N
(<https://juportal.be/content/ECLI:BE:CASS:2022:ARR.20220111.2N.1/NL>)

The Sky ECC case

■ EIO: fundamental rights and legal remedies?

- central question: how can a defendant in another EU country challenge the legality of the underlying operation in France that lead to evidence being used abroad?

- Cass. fr. 16 September 2025, n^o 24-84.262, ECLI:FR:CCASS:2025:CR00936
<https://www.courdecassation.fr/decision/export/68c904234f50b651b49423c8/1>
- person charged in Germany initiated a procedure in France requesting the annulment of evidence obtained in France (art. 694-41 CPP France)
- see ECHR 24 September 2024, dec., A.L. & E.J v. France, n^o 44715/20 and 47930/21:
“Under French law, this Article provided that a legal challenge, an action for exclusion of evidence or any other type of remedy could be used against a measure taken in French territory pursuant to an EIO, provided that a remedy could have been used against that measure if it had been ordered in domestic proceedings. Where appropriate, the measure taken pursuant to an EIO could be challenged under the same conditions and in accordance with the same procedures as it might have been in a purely internal situation. The Court noted that the provisions of that Article allowed any “person concerned” to pursue the remedies that would have been open to him or her in France if the measure carried out pursuant to the EIO had been so in domestic proceedings. They therefore enabled the applicants to avail themselves of the procedural rights such a status would have conferred on them in a purely internal situation.”

The Sky ECC case

■ EIO: fundamental rights and legal remedies?

- central question: how can a defendant in another EU country challenge the legality of the underlying operation in France that lead to evidence used abroad?
 - according to the Court de Cassation, the request does not fall under the scope of art. 694-41 CCP France (<-> ECHR)
 - but the next question is: is this procedure compatible with art. 14 EIOD (legal remedies)?
 - problem for the defendant: if he cannot challenge the legality in the requesting State (Germany) and neither in the executing State (France), what can he do?
 - 2 prejudicial questions for the Court of Justice of the EU
 - the Court asked for a speedy decision on the following grounds:

The interpretation requested is likely to have significant consequences, both in terms of other appeals for annulment brought before the French courts on the same basis and in terms of the numerous proceedings currently underway in various Member States of the European Union, in which individuals are being detained, prosecutions based in particular on the transmission, by European investigation order, of evidence similar to that contested by the applicant in the present appeal, all originating from the same procedure known as 'SkyECC'.

Thank you!

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Artificial intelligence and the challenges ahead for legal practitioners

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Artificial intelligence

- what is it and what can we do with it? -
- challenges of using AI -

What is AI?

- **assumption: we can mechanise human thought**
 - can rational thought be made as systematic as algebra or geometry? (e.g. Leibniz, Hobbes, Descartes and the further study of mathematical logic in the 20th century by Russell and Whitehead)
 - the 'Turing test' or 'imitation game' (1950)

What is AI?

- **expert systems**

- based on logical rules
- If <conditions> then <action>, e.g.:
 - IF the person is under 18 THEN the person does not have the ability to sign legal documents
- these rules can cause problems when certain content can't be structured as a rule ('open-textured problems), e.g.
 - IF the person is mentally incapacitated THEN the person does not have the ability to sign legal documents
 - the notion mentally incapacitated requires legal knowledge
 - we need more than rules to interpret law
- rule-based systems can deliver incorrect output when the rules are poorly designed

What is AI?

- **datadriven systems**

- based on the analytics of large amounts of data (machine learning)
 - the system can learn from data, can identify patterns, and can make predictions or decisions with minimal human intervention
 - the system can learn by itself with each new input of information
- ChatGPT is a large language model (LLM)
 - this is a machine learning model that is trained to generate text that is like human language
 - 'large' because it is trained on a large dataset and can generate highly realistic and coherent text



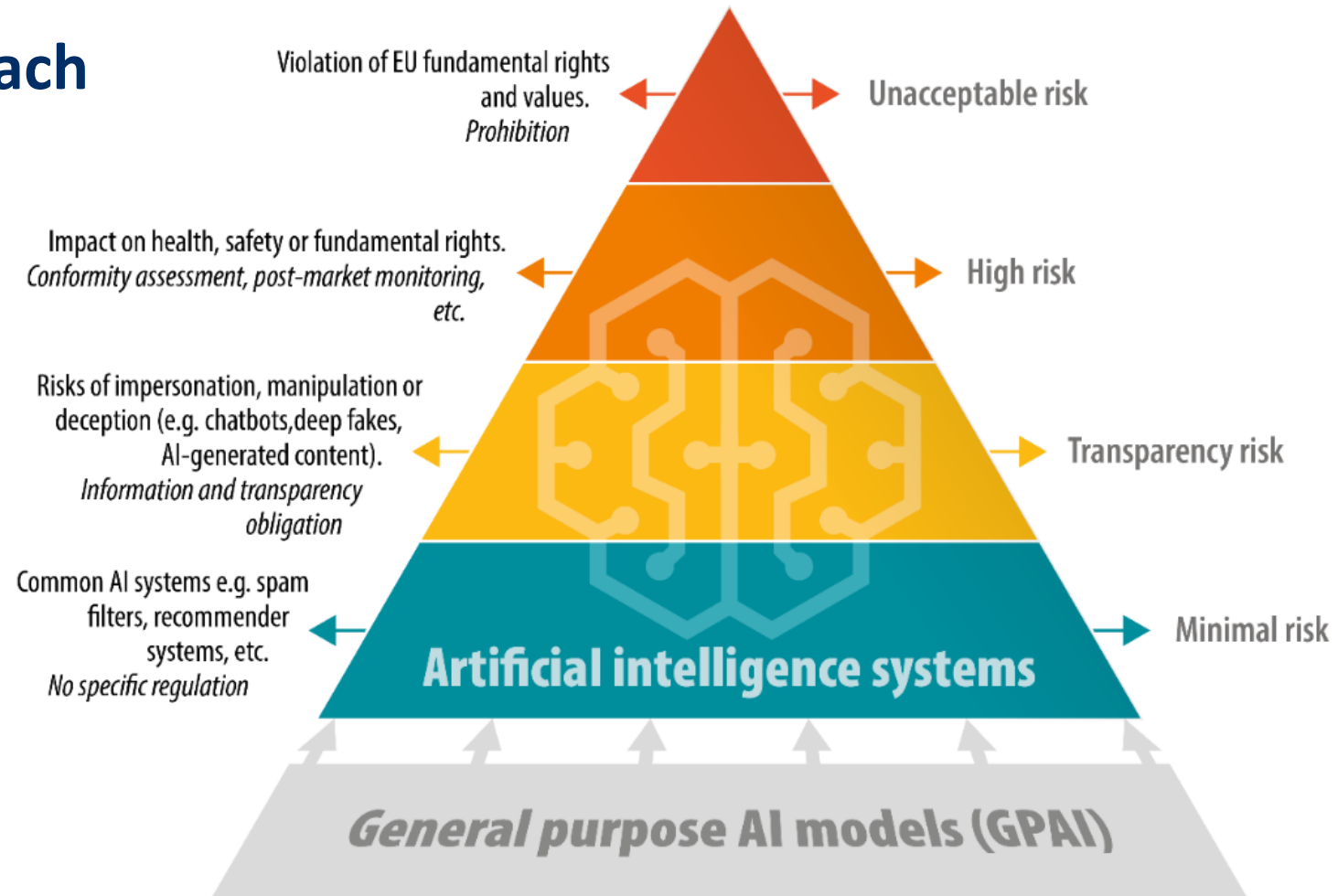
What is AI?

■ Definition of AI in the EU AI Act

- Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence and amending Regulations (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj>)
 - “a machine-based system that is designed to operate with varying levels of autonomy and that may exhibit adaptiveness after deployment, and that, for explicit or implicit objectives, infers, from the input it receives, how to generate outputs such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions that can influence physical or virtual environments” (art. 3.1)
- entry into force:
 - the regulation will apply from 2 August 2026, however, there are some exceptions:
 - the prohibitions, definitions and obligations regarding AI literacy have applied since 2 February 2025
 - some rules took effect on 2 August 2025, including those on governance structure, penalties, and obligations for providers of general-purpose AI models

A quick word on the AI Act

- Risk-based approach



GPAI models - Transparency requirements

GPAI with systemic risks - Transparency requirements, risk assessment and mitigation

A quick word on the AI Act

■ Risk-based approach

- is for example prohibited:
 - **criminal risk assessment**, predicting the likelihood of committing a crime solely based on profiling or personality traits, except in objective, fact-based criminal investigations (art. 5.1.d)
 - **Real-time biometric identification in public by law enforcement**, unless strictly necessary for particular situations (e.g. finding missing persons, preventing imminent threats or identifying suspects of serious crimes; see art. 5.1.h)
 - this must follow strict legal procedures, including prior authorisation, a limited scope and safeguards to protect rights and freedoms (see art. 5.3 to 7)
- are for example considered high risk:
 - AI systems used for assessing the risk of becoming a victim, polygraphs or similar tools, evaluating evidence reliability, predicting recidivism or profiling individuals for criminal investigations (see Annex III, 6)

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **preliminary remark**

- while AI Systems offer the potential to enhance human well-being, productivity, and innovation, they also raise significant concerns regarding their impact on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law
- every theoretically possible application should be considered in this regard

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **as a practical tool for legal practitioners**
 - searching for case law, Q&A, drafting legal documents, predicting case outcomes
 - examples of predictive justice tools
 - in the USA: Supreme Court Forecasting Project (2004):
 - aimed to predict:
 - ✓ whether the court would affirm or reverse the appeal (1)
 - ✓ how each individual judge would vote (2)
 - statistical model based on data from precedent cases + parallel analysis by an expert panel
 - success ratio:
 - ✓ (1): 75% (compared to 59.1% for the expert panel)
 - ✓ (2): 66.7% (compared to 67.9% for the expert panel)
 - in 2017: machine learning → reliability for (1) *decreased* (70.2%) and increased for (2) (71.9%)

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **as a practical tool for legal practitioners**
 - searching for case law, Q&A, drafting legal documents, predicting case outcomes
 - examples of predictive justice tools
 - in the EU: predictive model on the jurisprudence of the ECtHR
 - data set: decisions on art. 3, 6 and 8 ECHR
 - reliability of the prediction of the decision: about 75%
 - source: Medvedeva, M., Vols, M. & Wieling, M. “Using machine learning to predict decisions of the European Court of Human Rights”, *Artif Intell Law* 28, 237–266 (2020), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10506-019-09255-y>

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **as a practical tool for legal practitioners**
 - searching for case law, Q&A, drafting legal documents, predicting case outcomes
 - risks?
 - rather low, but be aware of AI hallucinations
 - <https://www.damiencharlotin.com/hallucinations/> (database of examples of hallucinations in legal cases)
 - can lead to cognitive biases
 - accuracy of the output of LLM's is dependent on the quality of the prompting, so training for legal professionals is needed
 - can be approved by chain-of-thought prompting: not only seeking an answer but also requiring the model to explain its steps to arrive at that answer

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **evaluation of the reliability of evidence**

- China: 'smart courts' initiative

- enables courts to experiment with integrating AI into adjudication in a variety of ways, including by using software that reviews evidence, suggests outcomes, checks the consistency of judgments, and makes recommendations on how to decide cases
 - alerts judges when their judgment falls outside the program's predicted range of case outcomes
 - source:

- Rachel E. Stern, Benjamin L. Liebman, Margaret Roberts & Alice Z. Wang, "Automating Fairness? Artificial Intelligence in the Chinese Court", 59 *COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L.* 515 (2021)

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- under the EU AI Act, this is a high-risk system (see art. 6.2 and annex III, 6.c)

- the same goes for polygraphs and similar tools (see art. 6.2 and annex III, 6.b)

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **predictive policing, profiling and risk assessment, e.g.:**
 - general crime prevention
 - evaluation of the danger levels of the subject
 - determination of the possibility of recidivism

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **predictive policing, profiling and risk assessment**

- under the EU AI Act, these are a high-risk applications (see art. 6.2 and annex III, 6.a, d and e), namely:
 - to assess the risk of a natural person becoming the victim of criminal offences
 - for assessing the risk of a natural person offending or re-offending not solely on the basis of the profiling of natural persons as referred to in Article 3(4) of Directive (EU) 2016/680, or to assess personality traits and characteristics or past criminal behaviour of natural persons or groups
 - for the profiling of natural persons as referred to in Article 3(4) of Directive (EU) 2016/680 in the course of the detection, investigation or prosecution of criminal offences
- requires an impact assessment to mitigate or eliminate the risks
- AI as ‘decisional aides’ to human decision makers can lead to cognitive biases

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **facial recognition and other biometric surveillance systems**
 - e.g. Clearview AI: software based on data scraping that can produce matches with a photo
 - widely used by US law enforcement
 - some procedures against Clearview AI in Europe (mainly about GDPR)
 - what does the AI Act say?
 - real-time biometric identification in public by law enforcement is prohibited (see above), unless strictly necessary for particular situations (e.g. finding missing persons, preventing imminent threats or identifying suspects of serious crimes; see art. 5.1.h)
 - post-remote biometric identification is considered high-risk (Annex III, 1.a)

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

- **automated decision-making**

- e.g. COMPAS

- used by the US courts to aid judges and parole boards in making decisions about sentencing, parole and probation
 - statistical system that includes static and dynamic information (e.g. age, zip code, criminal or family history, the defendant's answers to questions, such as 'does a hungry person has the right to steal?' or 'how old were you when your parents separated?')
 - however, the specific algorithm's design and code are a proprietary trade secret
 - 'black box' problem (lack of transparency)
 - it was shown in 2016 that COMPAS had a bias against black individuals

- risk of false positives and false negatives

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

■ Why AI can never replace judges

- AI judges would never meet the requirement of the right to a fair trial
 - AI can't constitute an independent and impartial tribunal
 - to be a judge requires more than merely applying the law (e.g. being member of a community, to understand that community, its history, its values, and to confer social legitimacy)
 - crime is a social construct, and the social acceptance of a decision, rather than consistency, is the ultimate task of delivering justice
 - respect for a judicial decision and the social legitimacy of the judiciary in general are to be found in the fact that the judgment is rendered by a fellow human being
 - trust in judges is based on public knowledge of the method of appointment, the judge's knowledge and experience, personal reputation, the oath taken, guarantees of independence and impartiality, and other factors that build public confidence in courts and judges; this does not apply to AI
 - judges must not only possess technical competence, but also moral integrity
 - judges apply mercy and compassion and their weighing against justice and use intuition and emotion

What can legal practitioners do with AI?

■ Why AI can never replace judges

- AI judges would never meet the requirement of the right to a fair trial
 - AI can't constitute an independent and impartial tribunal
 - algorithms lack a conscience
 - algorithms are dependent on judgments in other cases or on predetermined patterns of behaviour, so the guarantees of judicial independence are undermined
 - the court is not only the body that applies the law to a particular case, but also, or even primarily, the body that controls the legislative and executive powers in relation to individuals
 - judges must do many things (e.g. to assess the credibility of evidence, including witnesses, to interact with people, to manage cases, to provide education, etc.) that can't be done by AI
 - legal norms are rules of conduct expressed in natural language, but enriched with their social and conventional meaning; they have to be applied with understanding of the *ratio legis*
 - the role of the courts is also to develop the law, while AI is backward-looking
 - the dignity of the human person requires a judgment by a human person

Some specific AI challenges

- **transparency issues**

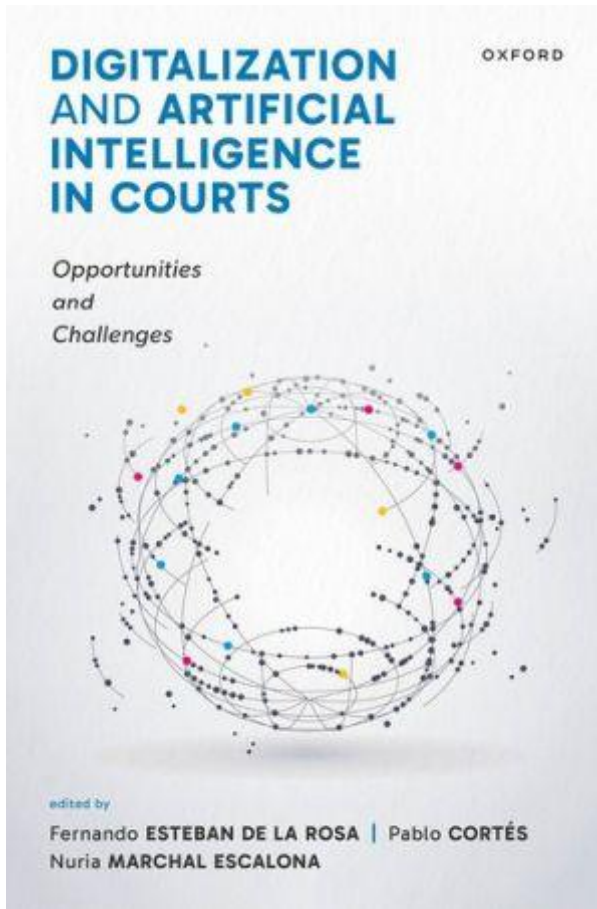
- black box: how does the system work?
- delivering the source code is not always a solution: only experts can understand it
- how much transparency is required?
- Edmund Burke (1729-1797): “justice ends where mystery begins”

- **evidence manipulation**

- e.g. deep fakes
- under the AI Act, there is transparency obligation for deep fakes (see art. 50.4)

AI: further reading

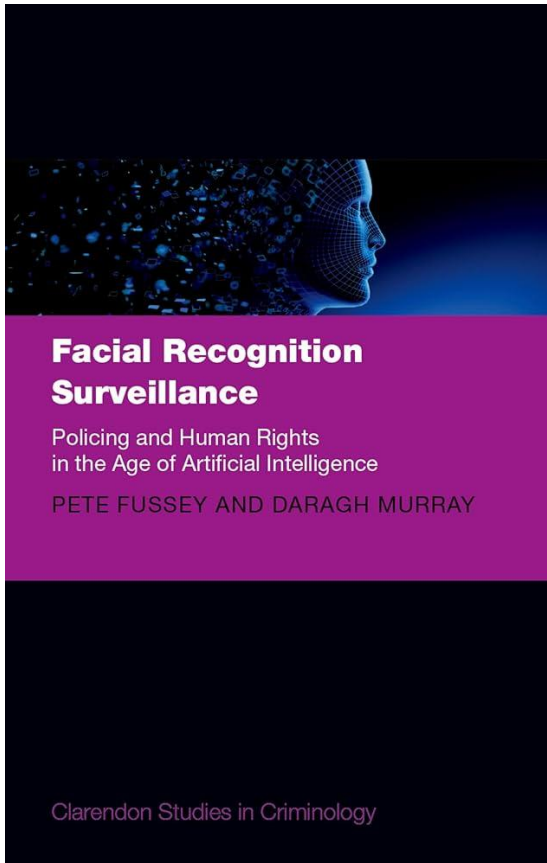
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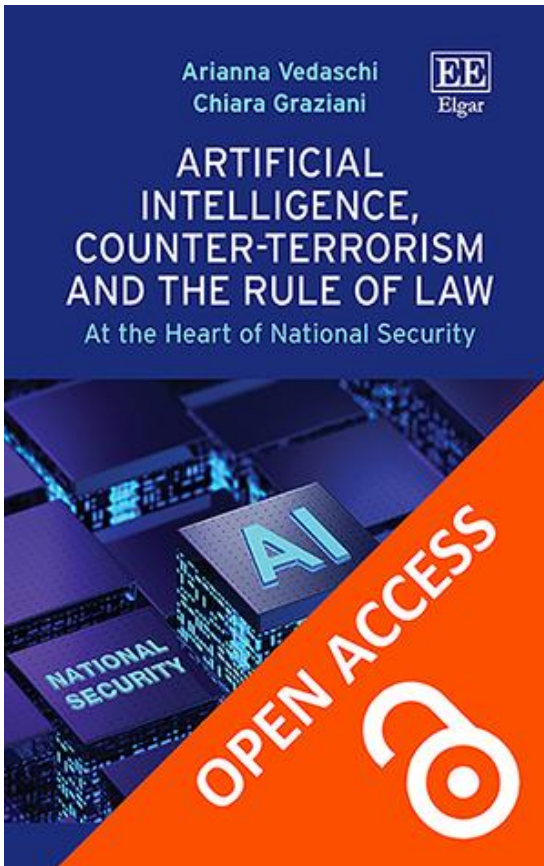
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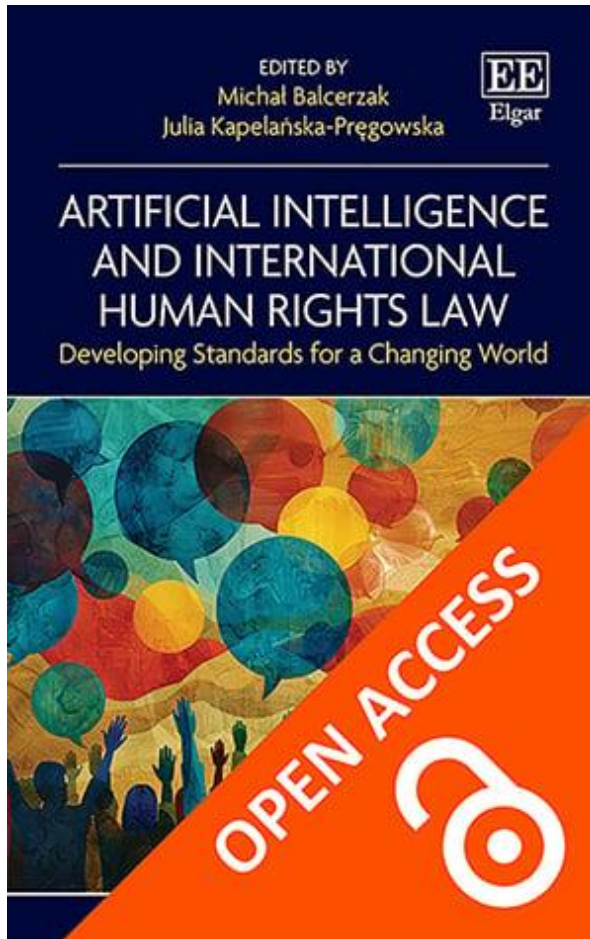
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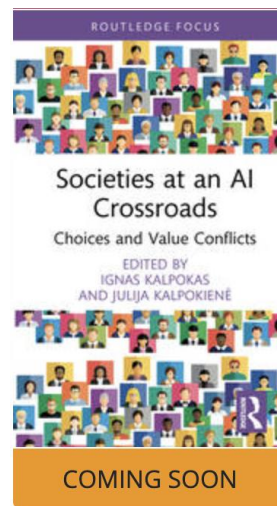
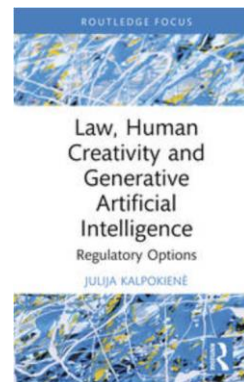
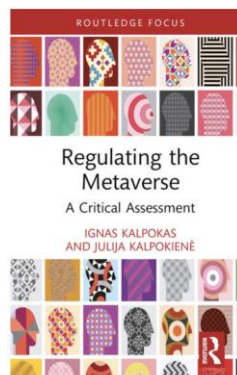
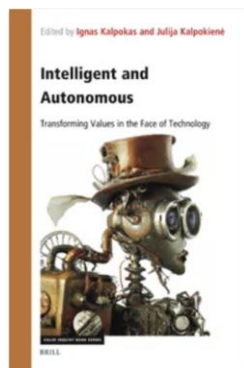
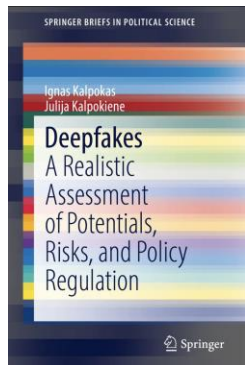
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Deepfakes

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Man sent friends nude deepfakes of woman from high school

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Grok Imagine's "erotic" mode made explicit videos of Taylor Swift, according to The Verge and Gizm

Screenshot



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Finance companies fight back against AI deepfakes, with over 70% of new enrollment attempts to some firms being fake

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Viral celebrity deepfake ad warns of AI being used 'trick you into not voting'

A video with more than 6 million views on YouTube is warning voters to pay closer attention to what they see and hear online.

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AI deepfakes a top concern for election officials with voting underway

Artificial intelligence could be weaponized on voters, feds warn

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CBS NEWS

FBI warns of deepfake videos ahead of Election Day

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is warning the public about two videos falsely claiming to be from the FBI on election security. One mentions the apprehension of groups committing ballot fraud and the other has to do with second gentleman Doug Emhoff. The bureau stresses that the videos are not authentic, are not from the FBI and the content they depict is false. CBS News Homeland Security and Justice reporter Nicole Sganga has more.

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DEEPFAKES – WHAT IS IT?

- Media (image, video, sound):
 - Either created by AI or
 - Manipulated by AI
 - E.g.: face swapping or facial manipulation
- What is required to create a deepfake?
 - Photos / videos (publicly available images may suffices)
 - Text / sound
- Increasingly a mobile device suffices to generate relatively good quality deepfakes:
 - Cheap,
 - Quick to generate,
 - Undetectable without special tools.

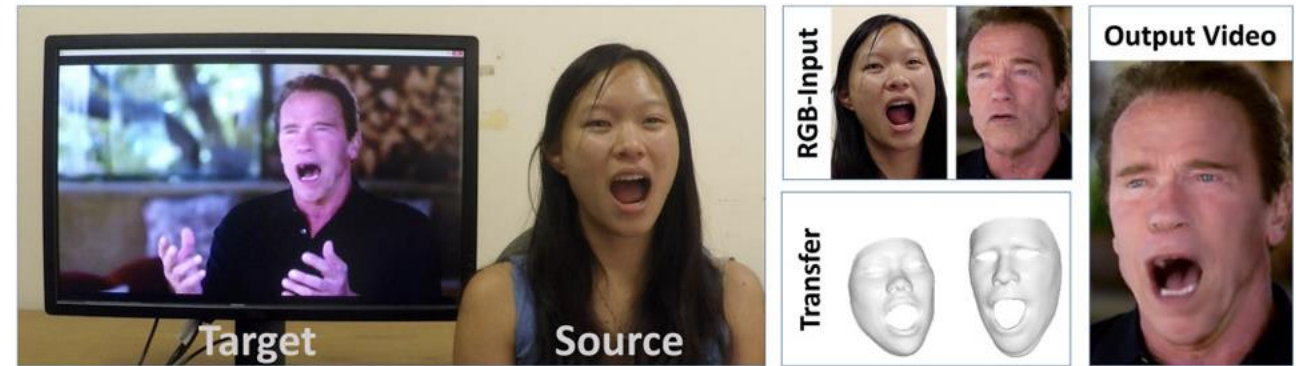
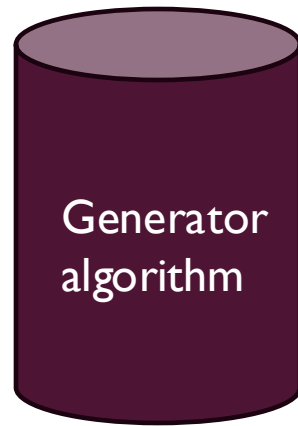


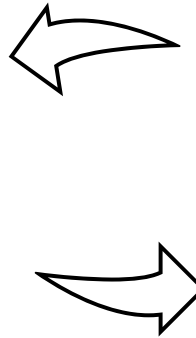
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HOW DOES IT WORK?



trained using samples
(images, audio, and/or
video) &
tasked to create a new
piece of media or
manipulate an existing
one



trained to recognise
certain features &
points out where the
“generator” missed
something and has to
go back and correct
any inconsistencies

DEEPPFAKES

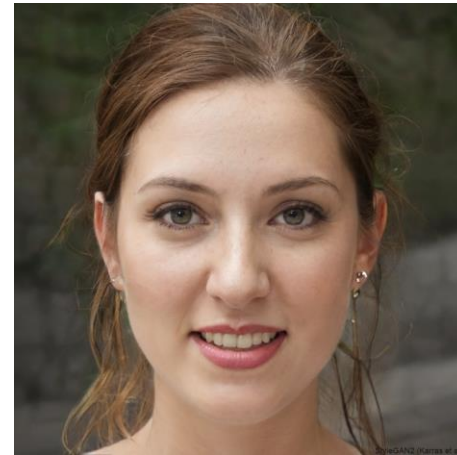
- From low-tech and easy to generate to high-tech, expensive and good quality
- Applications range from porn & fraud to films and entertainment

GENERATIVE AI & DEEPPFAKES



E. g.: McDonald's
commercial in
Japan

WHO ARE YOU?



<https://thispersondoesnotexist.com/>

MYHERITAGE – DEEP NOSTALGIA



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ALSO, FAKE EXPERTS?

- Generated pictures
- Generated video (with or without sound)
- Generated sound / audio / voice
- Who do you trust? How do you check?





WHAT ARE THE DANGERS? HOW MUCH DO WE RELY ON VERIFICATION?

North Korean hackers use ChatGPT to forge a South Korean military ID

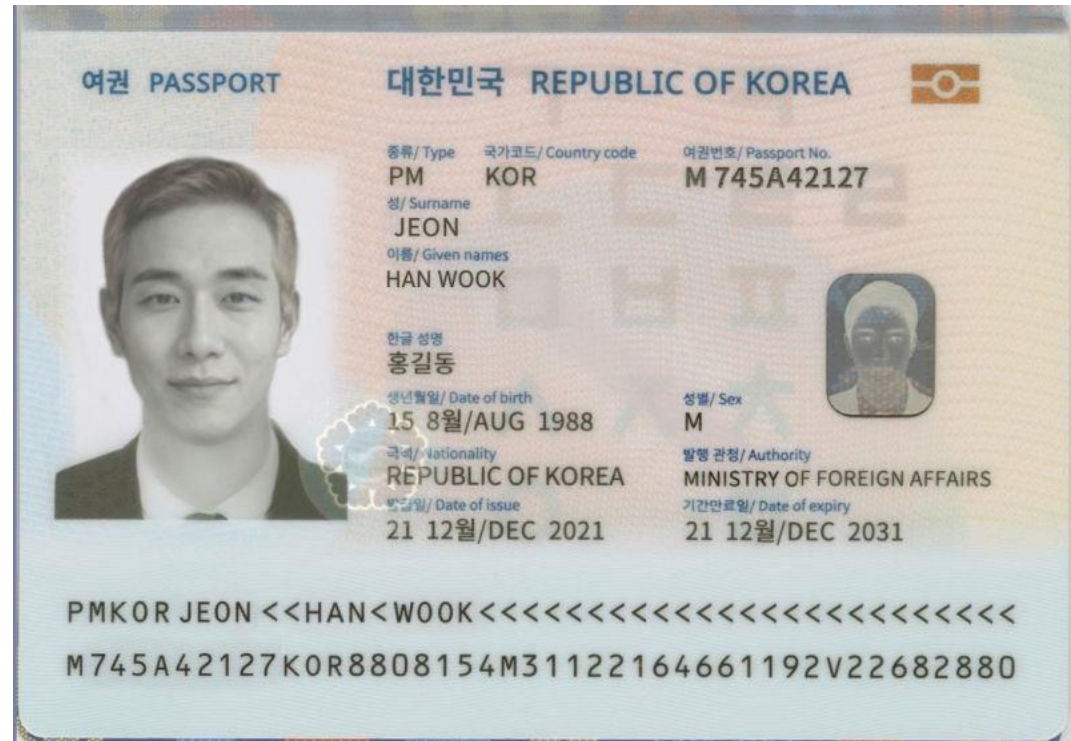
14 Sept. 2025, Bloomberg

How are ID documents used?

What are the verification procedures?

How much do we trust when we see an ID? E.g. a copy of it?

Other use cases: phishing, gaining trust, etc.



WHERE ARE WE HEADING TO?

- Black Mirror: the almond milk and nut allergy scene.
- Who drank the milk? Was it Maria?
- How far off are we?



***That is not even possible.
I've got a nut allergy!***

Turn God Mode on. Meet Human Generator

Create hyperrealistic full-body photos of people in real time

Create human **Free**

HUMAN GENERATOR

New ▾

Description Pose Face upload **Hot**

Description Randomize reset

female ▾ | ✕ colombian ▾ | ✕
average body ▾ | ✕
young adult ▾ | ✕ sweater ▾ | ✕
pants ▾ | ✕ shoes ▾ | ✕
casual clothes ▾ | ✕
studio backdrop background ▾ | ✕

Negative prompt ⓘ

Enter negative prompt...

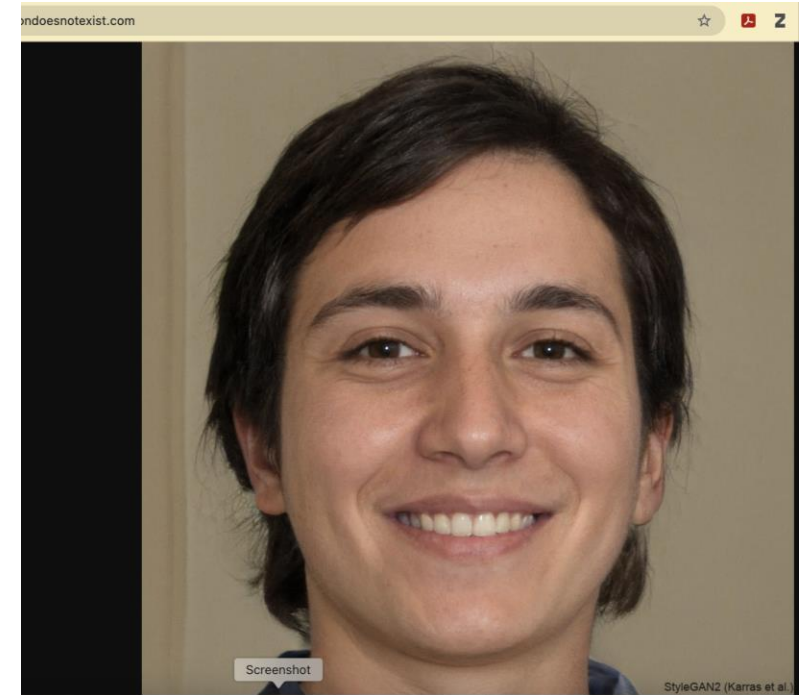
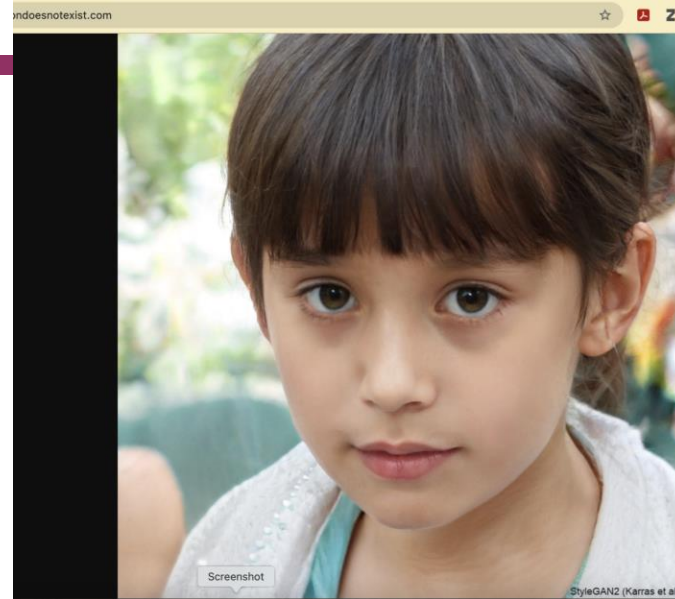
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Create custom faces with the best AI face generator

Worry no more about finding the perfect stock photo with Text to Image on Canva. With the AI person generator, you can make custom, photorealistic faces for your pitch decks, websites, product demos, and more.

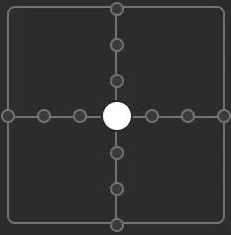
Create a face with AI



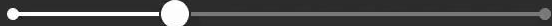
Sex

- ☐ Male
- ☒ Female

Headpose



Age



Younger

Older

Emotion

- ☐ Neutral
- ☒ Happy
- ☐ Surprised
- ☐ Angry
- ☐ Contemptuous
- ☐ Disgusted
- ☐ Frightened
- ☐ Sad

Skin Tone Very Fair

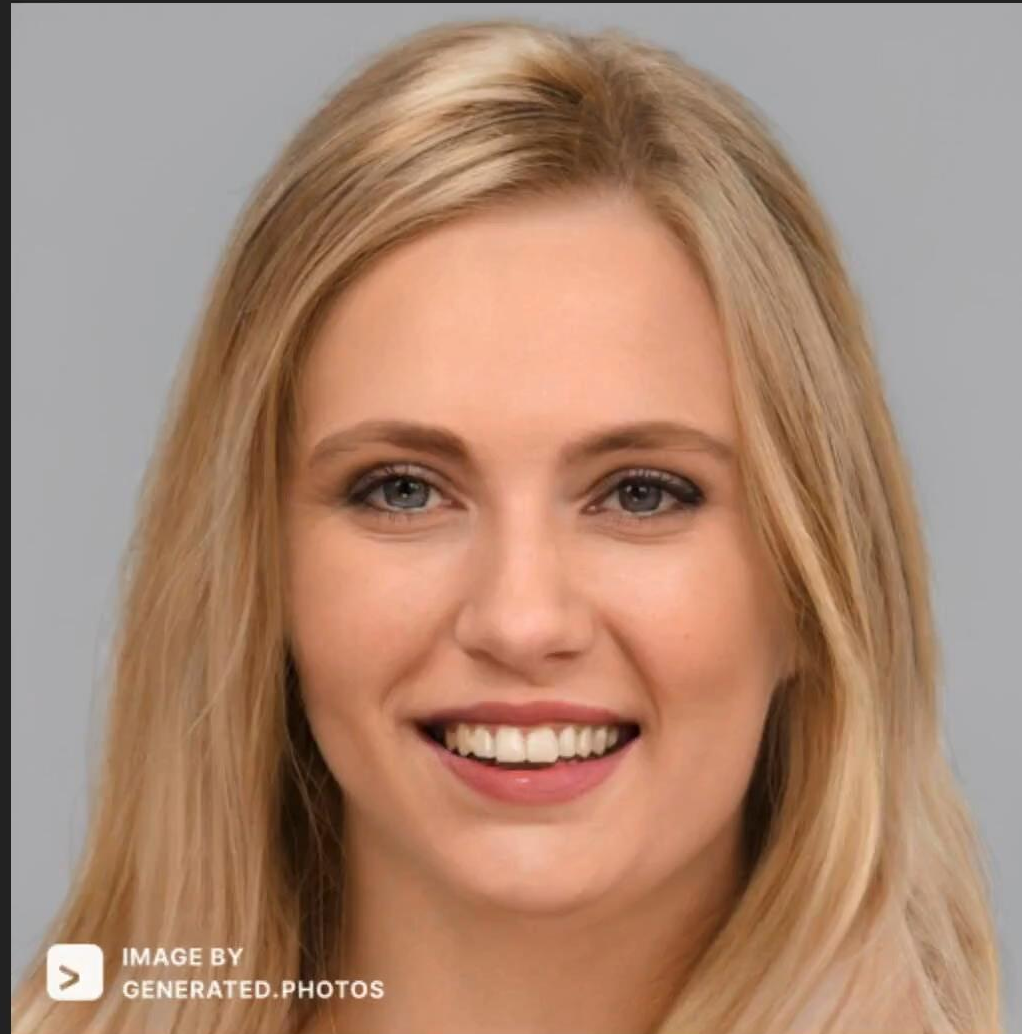


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ARE WE VIGILANTE ENOUGH?







SOME EXAMPLES

- Moldovan PM allegedly discussing mobilization or supporting a pro-Russian party
- Ukraine: Deepfakes focusing on a rift between Zelensky and Zaluzhny
- In India, a dead politician endorsing his son, MK Stalin

FAKE

MES CHERS COMPATRIOTES.







- While emphasis is usually on images and video, fake audio is particularly dangerous
- Less awareness
- More difficult to spot (both technologically and cognitively)

DO YOU ALWAYS NEED HIGH-TECH?

Sometimes a cheapfake / shallow-fake is enough

Original



Photoshopped



Real Video



Fake Video



Footage of House speaker deliberately slowed down to make her appear drunk or ill

True Claim

2014 : President Obama and Dr Fauci visiting NIH lab, Maryland in 2014 to learn about Ebola vaccine



False Claim

2020 : President Obama, Dr. Fauci and Melinda Gates and at Wuhan Lab, China in 2015 for 'Bat' project

DOES IT ALSO IMPACT THE LEGAL JUSTICE SYSTEM?

- AI as a tool to perpetrate crime
- AI as a tool to overwhelm and distract
- AI as a tool to help prevent, detect crime



**AI Startup Deletes
Entire Website After
Researcher Finds
Something Disgusting
There**

DETECTION

- May not be visible without employing detection tools
- For example, CCTV footage and Zoom calls tend to be low quality, similar as Deepfakes
- Detection tools need to be constantly improved & developed

VIDEO AS A PIECE OF EVIDENCE

- Whose responsibility is it, anyway?
- Education / training – why is it important?
- Detection: how to evaluate? Expertise?
- Expert evidence:
 - Who covers the costs?
 - Who requests?
 - How to ensure that it is detected? Technology, expert knowledge, etc.

DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

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Introduction to Crypto

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What to expect?



- 1 Crypto 101: technology, definitions, blockchain explorers**
- 2 (Ab)use of crypto**
- 3 Crypto services: internal controls, cooperation**

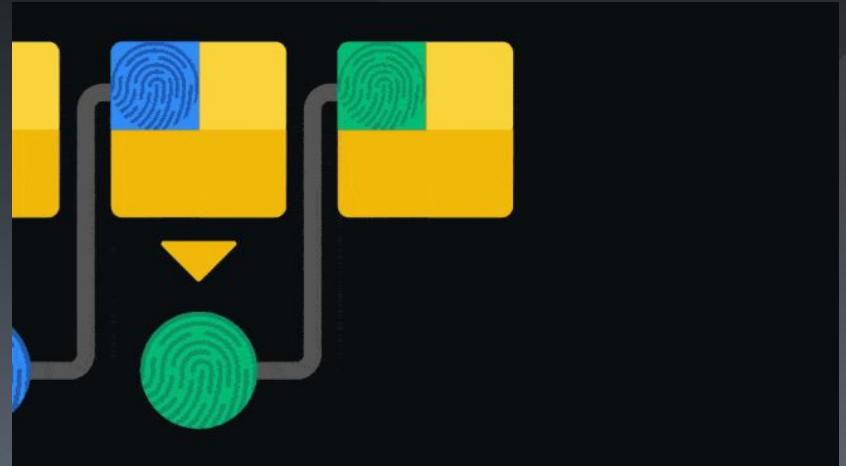
Crypto 101

Crypto 101: Blockchain Technology

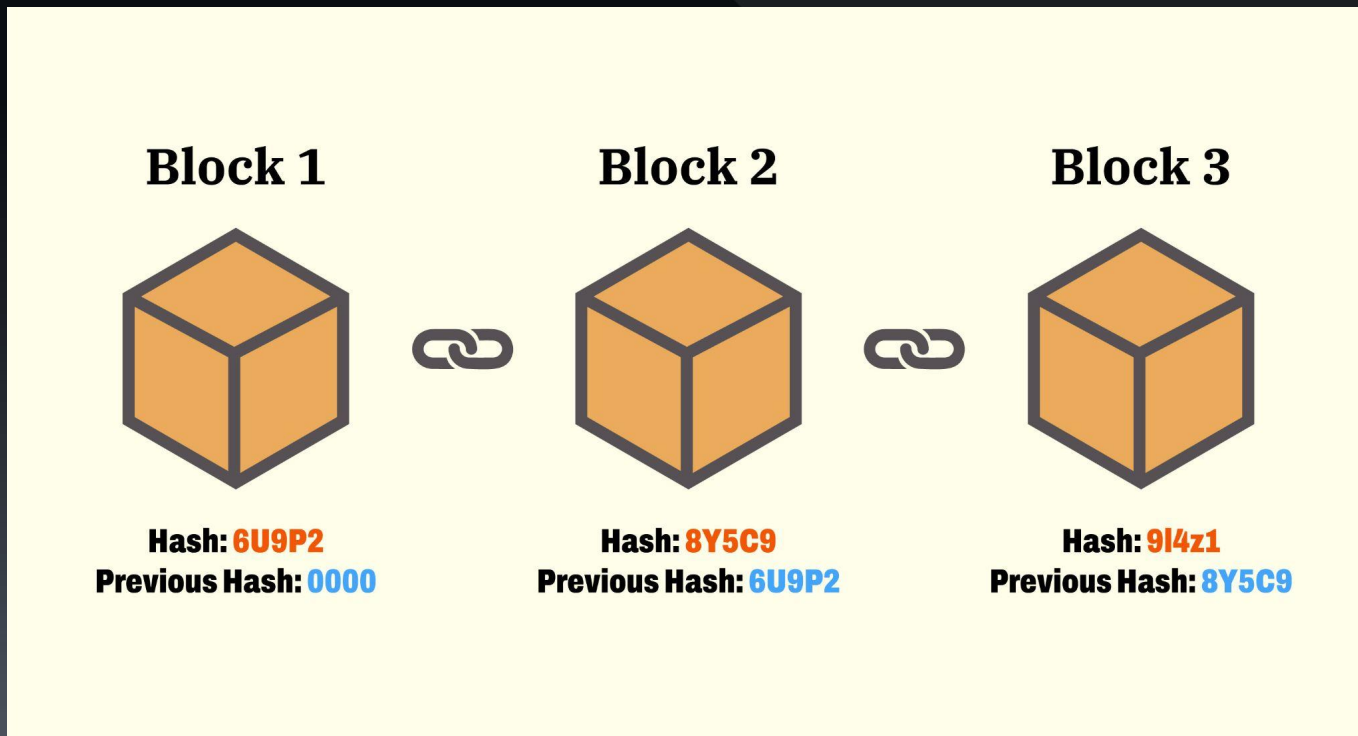


Blockchain - **sequence of blocks** recorded in a **digital ledger (database)** of transactions that is **distributed on a peer-to-peer network** and **does not require to rely on an external authority to validate the authenticity** and integrity of the data.

To date there is a total of 13,000 coins/tokens and **thousands** of blockchains!



Crypto 101: Blockchain = Database = Ledger



Crypto 101: Blockchain vs. Cryptocurrency



Blockchain \neq Cryptocurrency

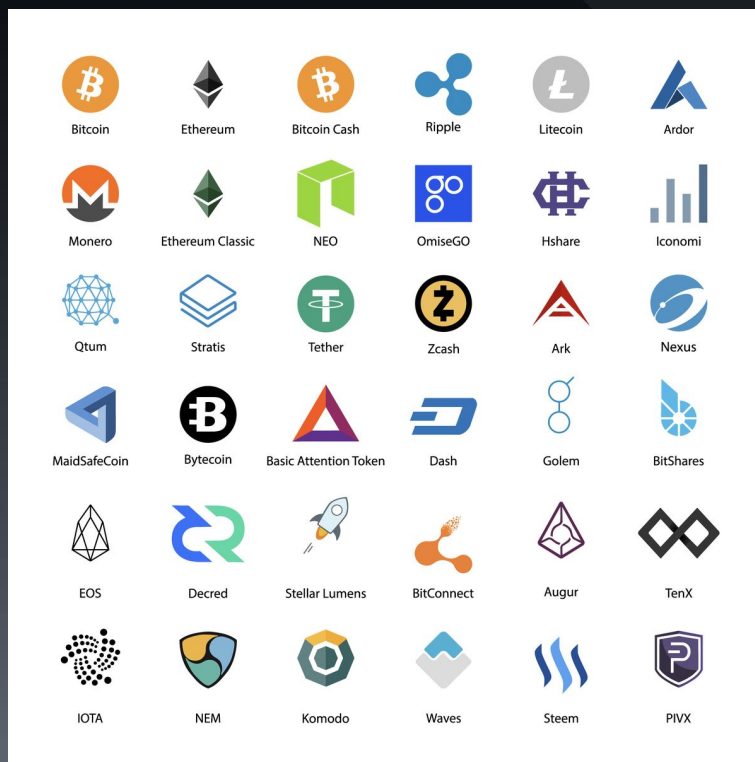
Transactions on a blockchain are usually economic, but any kind of information can be stored and verified in blocks.

Cryptocurrency - digital currency secured by cryptography and based on a distributed peer-to-peer network.

Crypto 101: Cryptocurrency



Blockchain ≠ Cryptocurrency



Address - string of alphanumeric text that designates the location of a particular wallet on the blockchain. Often a hashed version of a public key.

Examples:

- Bitcoin address formats:
 - P2PKH - 1..... 26-35 characters
 - P2SH - 3..... 26-35 characters
 - P2WPKH Bech32 – bc1.... (42 characters)
- Other cryptocurrencies have different formats:
 - 0x8bd671ff94fcf7caff7e396a3ac38db2720db3a7 (Ethereum)
 - TU6xb3E3GQaoJyeKLRafGFrZyQHF (Tron)

Crypto 101: Definitions



Transaction Hash / ID - a **unique string of characters** given to every **transaction** that is verified and added to the blockchain. In other words - it is an **identification number that labels each transaction** on the blockchain.

Examples:

cca7507897abc89628f450e8b1e0c6fca4ec3f7b34cccf55f3f531c659ff
4d79

952a44587cfc5b4131570215bb85ce4af160863656c2fc6d1f71e8052d
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Crypto 101: Definitions



Wallet (≠ Address) - a device, program or other type of storage that stores cryptocurrency keys and allows their owner to access their crypto assets.



Desktop wallets



Mobile wallets



Cold wallets/
Hot wallets



Online web wallets



Paper wallets



Hardware wallets

Crypto 101: Wallets – many types out there!



Computer and mobile phone wallets



Electrum



Exodus



Mycelium



Atomic



Green Wallet



Bread wallet

Privacy-focused wallets



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Online wallets



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Crypto 101: Hardware Wallets

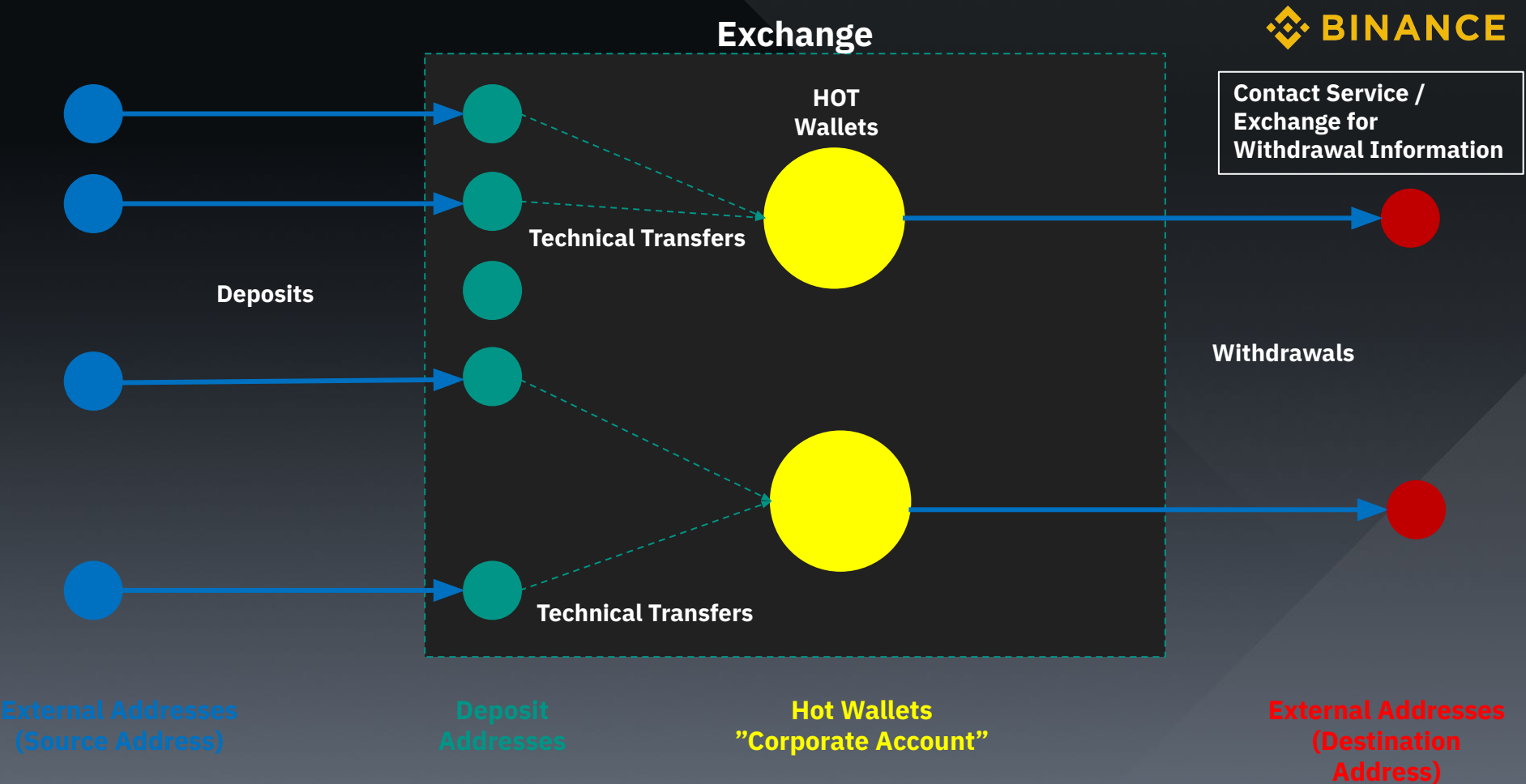


Crypto 101: Paper Wallet



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Crypto 101: Hot Wallet



Crypto 101: Definitions



Seed / Recovery Phrase - a sequence of random words that stores the data required to access or recover cryptocurrency on blockchain or crypto wallet.

Please carefully write down these 12 words and store them in a safe place.

- | | | | | | |
|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| 1. company | 2. table | 3. cotton | 4. catch | 5. print | 6. love |
| 7. matrix | 8. arena | 9. metal | 10. apple | 11. measure | 12. exit |



Blockchain Explorers

Blockchain Explorers: understanding the ledger



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Blockchain Explorers: many possibilities

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<https://blockexplorer.com/>
Bitcoin Block Explorer is a web tool that provides detailed information about Bitcoin blocks, addresses, and transactions.
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Litecoin Explorer - Litecoin Cryptocurrency Blockchain ...
<https://block-explorer.com/>
Litecoin Block Explorer. ... GENERATED ON: 2015-06-07 07:58:47 UTC. Litecoin.
Search: You can search for block id, block hash, transaction hash, address.
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Dash Explorer - Chainz
<https://chainz.cryptoid.info/dash/>
Dash Block Explorer and Statistics. Access detailed information on Dash (dash) transactions, blocks and addresses.

Biteasy.com: Bitcoin Block Explorer | Wallet | Merchant ...
<https://www.biteasy.com/>
Biteasy.com provides a powerful innovative bitcoin block explorer, a bitcoin wallet service and bitcoin merchant services for merchants.
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BLOCKTRAIL | Bitcoin API and Block Explorer
<https://www.blocktrail.com/>
BlockTrail provides a secure bitcoin platform and API for developers and enterprises, enabling advanced transaction functionality and access to refined ...

Blockchain Explorers: many possibilities



WalletExplorer.com

 **Blockchain.com**


ShapeShift

 **ARKHAM**

 **Etherscan**

 **TRONSCAN**

 **BscScan**
A product of Etherscan

 **BLOCKCHAIR**

 **breadcrumbs**

Blockchain Explorers: what do they show?



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12/18/2017, 19:35:25

From **36rN-4KrA**
To 2 Outputs

-3.55972138 BTC • -\$229,199
Fee 102.5K Sats • \$66.02

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From

1

36rNbEV2yvhWxZzb61sYJ6pPcdqsQY4KrA
3.55972138 BTC • \$229,199

To

1

3LUi3WA6sJgXxGooz1XdZU1JVkP2tZEvsL
3.54916313 BTC • \$228,519

2

1DSqeQSNhDWJCoo2CKsGhCMeaunccS42*6
0.00953291 BTC • \$613.80

ID: **1d58-70ce**
12/18/2017, 18:25:35

From **32BW-LSHP**
To 2 Outputs

3.55972138 BTC • \$229,199
Fee 103.0K Sats • \$66.35

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From

1

32BWCWkyCLhXsX3Fbs7bunKPWjVkybLSHP
3.63385883 BTC • \$233,973

To

1

17yJGb4oYv9MiUXEteqd1kNrHAWXuqqgTZ
0.07310700 BTC • \$4,707.14

2

36rNbEV2yvhWxZzb61sYJ6pPcdqsQY4KrA
3.55972138 BTC • \$229,199



BTC

Enter any Bitcoin address or entity

Our Tools

Untitled Report

Bitcoin data updated a day ago

MiddleEarthMarketplace

Binance

Filters

Date:

From: Not set

To: Not set

Set Filters

Product Tour

bc1qwf...kxv0

bc1qf...kxv2

Binance

3KIWL...LYCL

16r7U7...fpXM



Understanding the transactions

Blockchain Models

BTC and the “UTXO” model - Like **Cash**



- Think of it like physical cash (banknotes)
- When you make a transaction, you don't just take the exact amount—you spend whole coins and get "change" back.
- Example: If you have two \$5 bills and need to pay \$8, you give \$10 and get \$2 back.
- Each transaction creates new "outputs" that can be used in future transactions.



ETH Account-Based Model - Like a **Bank Account**



- Works like a **bank account**—your balance updates directly.
- Transactions just **subtract from one account** and **add to another** without needing to track individual "coins".
- Example: If you have \$100 in your account and send \$30, your balance updates to \$70.

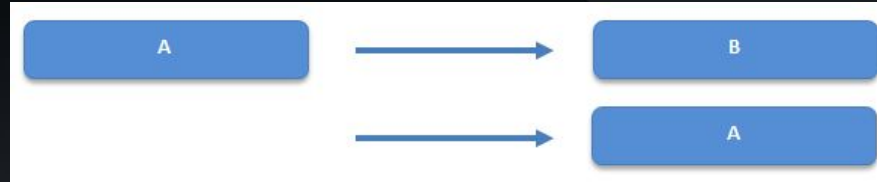
1 Input, 1 output:



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16Nj2vwbcidN1miG5qFvY2iUSmeZ1cKTzy (0.01098 BTC - Output)	1KejHZHms744ua6rcFAfo211c3HS71JhyS - (Spent) 0.01097309 BTC
	0.01097309 BTC
Summary	Inputs and Outputs
Size	223 (bytes)
Received Time	2016-05-15 20:16:39
Included In Blocks	412153 (2016-05-17 11:38:29 + 2,362 minutes)
Confirmations	8154 Confirmations
Relayed by IP ⓘ	46.101.15.184 (whois)
	Total Input 0.01098 BTC
	Total Output 0.01097309 BTC
	Fees 0.00000691 BTC
	Estimated BTC Transacted 0.01097309 BTC
	Scripts Hide scripts & coinbase

1 Input, 2 output:


a) Input address features in the output



Transaction

View information about a bitcoin transaction

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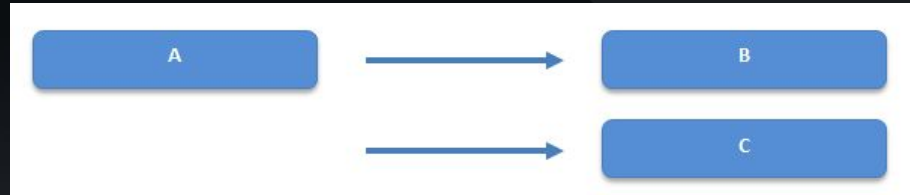
[39RwB8D6fg8mA1m7VGAGobKRtZM1vHV99F](#) (0.49299667 BTC - Output)  [3H6NEkRy4ukmdhTjS85hERYRMrb9Luo2](#) - (Spent) 0.0416 BTC
[39RwB8D6fg8mA1m7VGAGobKRtZM1vHV99F](#) - (Spent) 0.45089667 BTC



0.49249667 BTC

Summary		Inputs and Outputs	
Size	333 (bytes)	Total Input	0.49299667 BTC
Received Time	2016-06-26 08:19:11	Total Output	0.49249667 BTC
Included In Blocks	418033 (2016-06-26 08:32:09 + 13 minutes)	Fees	0.0005 BTC
Confirmations	2239 Confirmations	Estimated BTC Transacted	0.0416 BTC
Relayed by IP	45.55.170.207 (whois)	Scripts	Hide scripts & coinbase

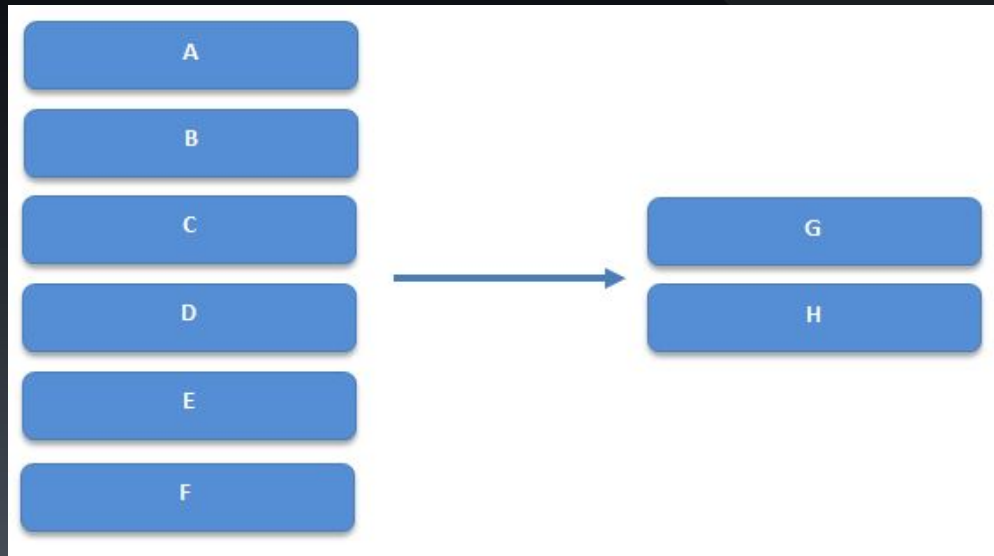
1 Input, 2 output:

b) Input address does not feature the output



08ecd5354a0aa3acb5e94f53ebbe2bbbbc7403899207f27d8572a83b70b0e7f		
1KejHZHms744ua6rcFAfo211c3HS71JhyS (0.5 BTC - Output)		1KfrRC4WN9wJJxvCn3Z9vQbpR8xQCFrqYR - (Spent) 0.01 BTC 122PeFgD4MdoCYN9ZEB4z6DxcnzaG8BpWS - (Spent) 0.48999502 BTC 0.49999502 BTC
Summary		Inputs and Outputs
Size	225 (bytes)	Total Input 0.5 BTC
Received Time	2016-01-02 14:36:22	Total Output 0.49999502 BTC
Included In Blocks	391442 (2016-01-02 20:52:59 + 377 minutes)	Fees 0.00000498 BTC
Confirmations	28840 Confirmations	Estimated BTC Transacted 0.01 BTC
Relayed by IP 	192.146.137.1 (whois)	Scripts Hide scripts & coinbase

Multi-input Transaction



Interpreting Account Based Transactions



Token Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Native tokens- Non-native tokens (e.g., stablecoins, NFTs)
Gas Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transaction fees that users pay to process transactions or execute smart contracts on a blockchain network
Gas Tokens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tokens used to pay for transaction fees- Usually native tokens (e.g., ETH, BNB, SOL)

Interpreting Account Based Transactions



Can AI Help Understand Blockchain Transactions?



Transaction Details < >

TFJ5LqQZ8NgfJvVu6q2BrXeyTQFQuMhbB transferred 15.219523 TRX to TLC2uzyWhtrfARM7LM5jkUwjBCUzPQEQAs

? Hash: de9b7ab660e1d0781a34b0298f0bee4e96eb906a7634d7f61ac212fcadbc7de4

? Result: ✓ SUCCESSFUL

? Block & Time: 72337728 | 140 days ago | 2025-05-19 15:35:36 (UTC)

? Status: CONFIRMED Confirmed by over 200 blocks

? Confirmed SRs: 19 P2P.ORG Kiln_Staking StakedTron CryptoChain

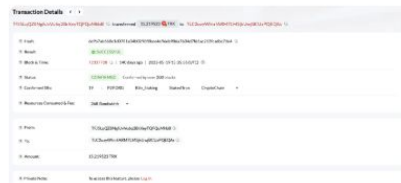
? Resources Consumed & Fee: 268 Bandwidth

? From: TFJ5LqQZ8NgfJvVu6q2BrXeyTQFQuMhbB

? To: TLC2uzyWhtrfARM7LM5jkUwjBCUzPQEQAs

? Amount: 15.219523 TRX



? Private Note: To access this feature, please [Log In](#)



Explain what happened here.

This is a screenshot of a **TRON (TRX) blockchain transaction** on a TRON explorer. Here's a breakdown of what happened:

Transaction Summary

- **Sender:** TFJ5LqQZ8NgfjJvVu6q2BrXeyTQFQumhbB
- **Recipient:** TLC2uzyWhtrfARM7LM5jkUwjBCUzPQEQA5
- **Amount Transferred:** 15.219523 TRX
- **Transaction Fee:** 268 Bandwidth (free in TRON's resource system, no TRX was burned)
- **Transaction Result:**  **SUCCESSFUL**
- **Status:**  **CONFIRMED** (Confirmed by over 200 blocks)
- **Block Number:** 72337728
- **Date & Time:** 2025-05-19 15:35:36 (UTC)
- **Confirmed Super Representatives (SRs):** 19, including:
 - P2P.ORG
 - Kiln_Staking
 - StakedTron
 - CryptoChain

Additional Notes:

- The **transaction hash** is a unique ID:
de9b7ab660e1d0781a34b0298f0bee4e96eb906a7634d7f61ac212fcadbc7de4
- The **bandwidth fee** used (268) means the sender likely had enough bandwidth or staked TRX, so they didn't need to pay TRX as a fee.

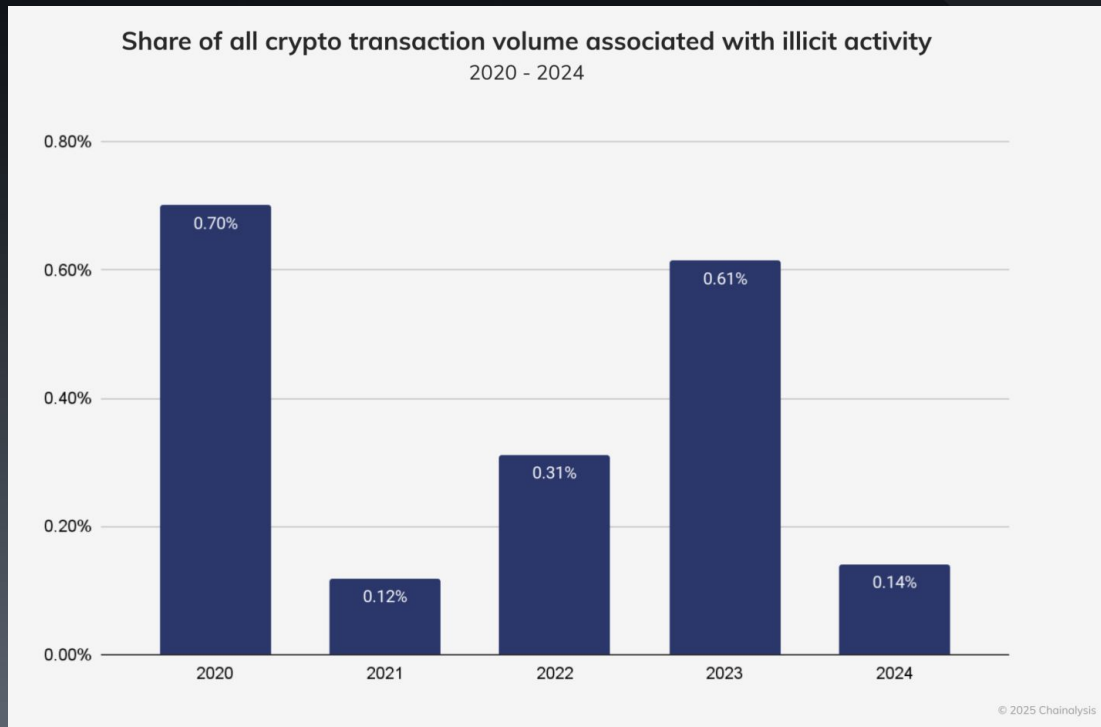
(Ab)use of Crypto

(Ab)use of Crypto



General misconception - crypto is all illicit, but...

- Illicit share of all crypto volume in 2024 - 0.14% (compared to estimated 2-5% of World's GDP, i.e., Traditional Finance)



1 Money Laundering (Dark Economy)

- Financial crime enabler
- Complex layering, use of intermediary services (mixers, online gambling, darknet markets)
- Cashing out (high-risk exchanges, abusing compliant exchanges)
- Use of stablecoins to avoid price fluctuations, estimated 63% of all illicit transactions

2 Scams

- Emerging variety of *modi operandi*
- Business-like criminal operation models, call centers
- HuionePay / Huione Guarantee - ML, scam, crime facilitator

3 Hacks / Stolen Funds

- API hacks
- Crypto bridge hacks
- DPRK-attributed actions - estimated 61% of all stolen funds in 2024
- Rise of physical thefts through kidnappings / home invasions

4 Terror-Financing

- Three-way convergence: hawala networks, crypto, traditional finance
- Early technology adopters
- Increasing use of TRX chain and USDT
- Growth in Europe linked to white supremacists and nationalist ideologies

5 CSAM

- Understudied part of crypto crime
- CSAM vendors adopting Monero (privacy-coin)
- CSAM-scams

6 Ransomware

- Overall decrease in ransomware payments
- Attacking bigger targets to collect larger amounts
- Increase of \$1M payments
- State-sponsored activity

7 State-Sponsored Attacks

- Complex and elaborate
- Highly tailored, difficult-to-detect social engineering campaigns
- Deployment of malware
- High-scale attacks

Tactics:

- Extensive pre-operational research
- Individualized fake scenarios
- Impersonations

8 Sanctions Evasion

- Increased crypto use to ensure financial lifeline
- Use of ML-networks / mule accounts (accounts for sale)
- Abuse of VASP controls
- Cashing out through OTC / underground banking

9 Rise of Physical / Real-Life Attacks

- Rise of urgent LE requests in crypto-related kidnapping cases
- Correlation between crypto price surges and physical attacks
- Usual victims - individuals with public exposure or presumed direct access to digital assets; crypto investors, executives, professionals, entrepreneurs

Scam Investigations

Investigating Scam

Modus Operandi - Investment Scam



Usual process:

- Receive a call / sign-up online
- Get a personal investment agent
- Graceful offer to take care of all initial steps
- Remote access to victim's computer
- Initial investment → small returns → more investment → attempts to withdraw → fees to process the withdrawal
- **BONUS:** Fund recovery "agents" / companies → even more scams!



jazynthea dangcil @jazynthea · Aug 13

Replying to @Rajjat52625177 and @cz_binance

Yes Best_recovery19 on Instagram will help you recover your account, he is the best and amazing



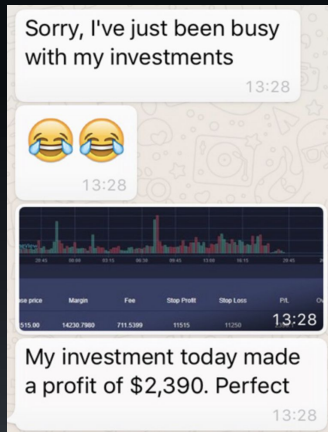
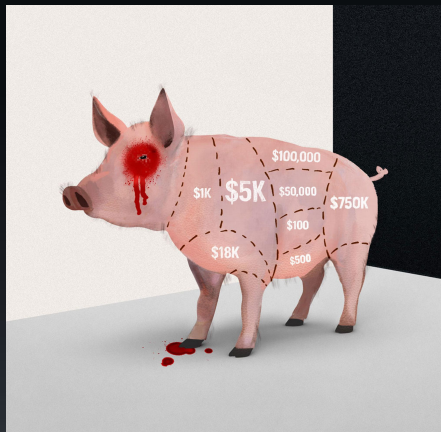
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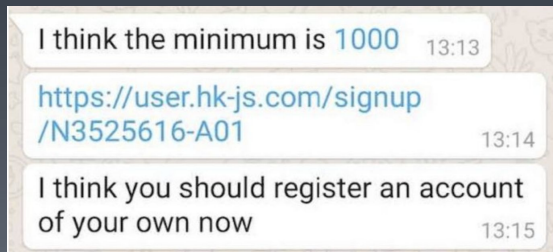
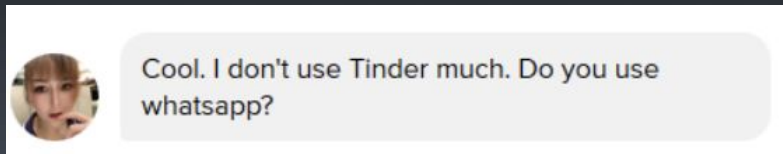
if you have proof, I'll suggest you quickly Reach out to the European_cyber on instagram, I'm pretty sure he must be of help to you, he helped me recover my funds when I had such issue [instagram.com/european_cyber](https://www.instagram.com/european_cyber)

Investigating Scam

Modus Operandi - Pig-Butchering

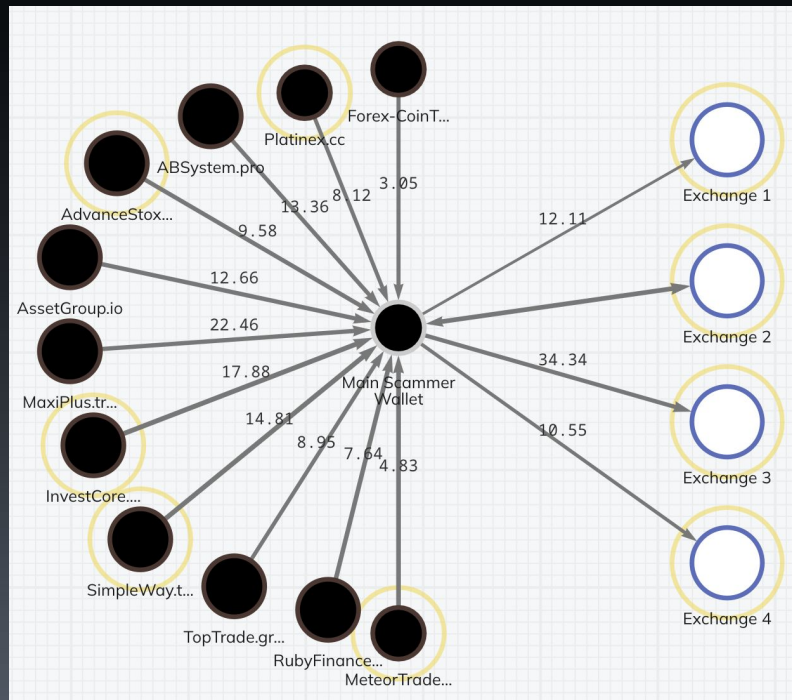


- Finding the victim (social media)
- Building trust
- Convincing to trade crypto
- Fattening "the pig"
- Failure to withdraw funds



Investigating Scam

One Criminal Group = Multiple Scam Sites?



The domain name
forex-cointrade.com
is for sale!

DS Listed by
Domain seller

Get this domain

Pay the full USD \$688 now, or select
Lease to Own

☒ Buy now **USD \$688**

☐ Lease to own **USD \$115**
/month

assetgroup.io
is available for sale!

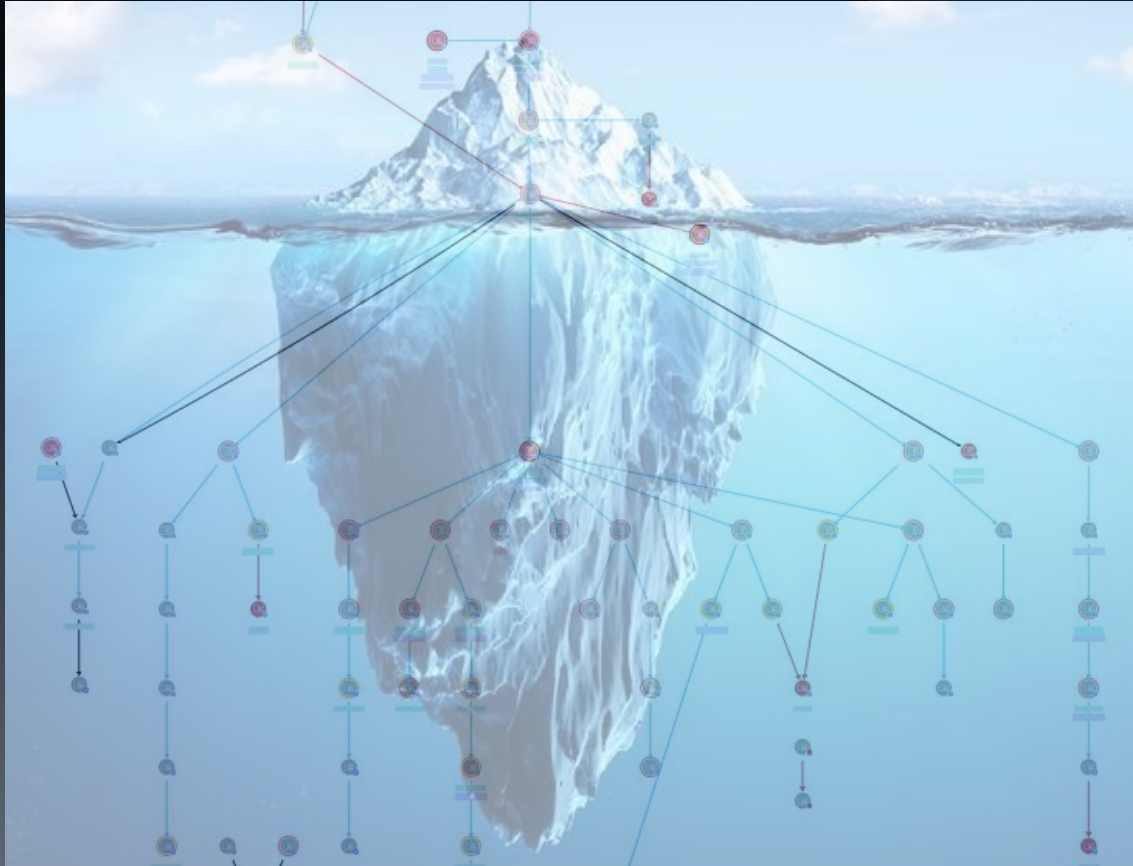
assetgroup.io	\$280.00
Privacy Protection	Included

Order Total **\$280.00**

Buy Now

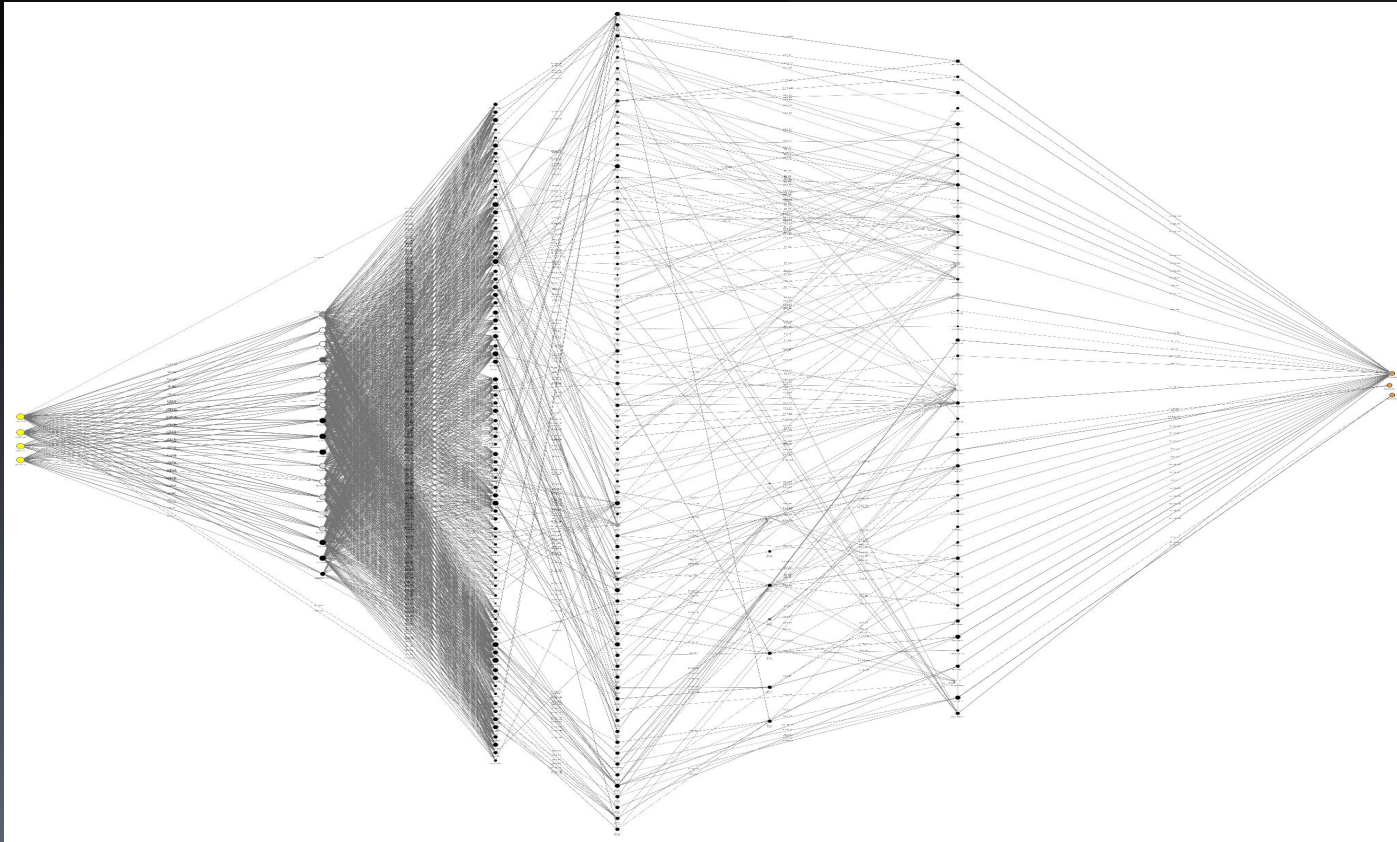
Investigating Scam

Tip of the Iceberg



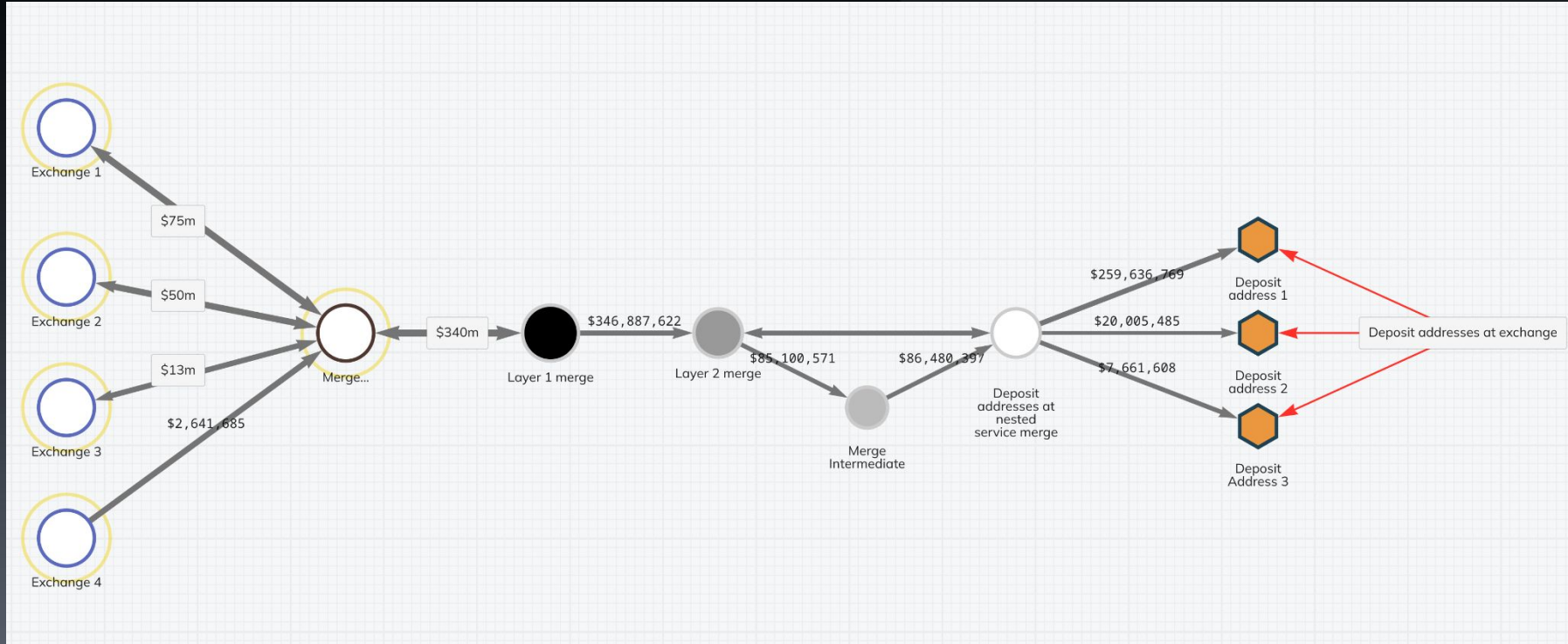
Investigating Scam

Flow of Funds



Investigating Scam

Flow of Funds (cleaned-up)



Investigating Scam Identification

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- **Behavioral Analysis**
 - How do scam networks operate?
 - Attack vectors, modi operandi.
 - Developing tactics and techniques to stop the criminals.
 - **Predictive Modelling**
 - Scams with similar MO's
 - What addresses will be generated next?
 - **Proactive Engagement with Public and Private Sector: Intelligence Sharing**
 - **Awareness and Education**
- **Tracing funds**
 - Follow the money (lifo), or trace the source of funds (via gas fees): network analysis
 - **Investigations at account level**
 - Linked accounts
 - Investigating User's Behavior at exchange
 - **Prevention Measures**
 - Warning Questionnaires & Pop-ups
 - Cool-down periods
 - Withdrawal blacklists

Challenges

Third-party Tracing / Recovery Companies



crypto recovery companies



All



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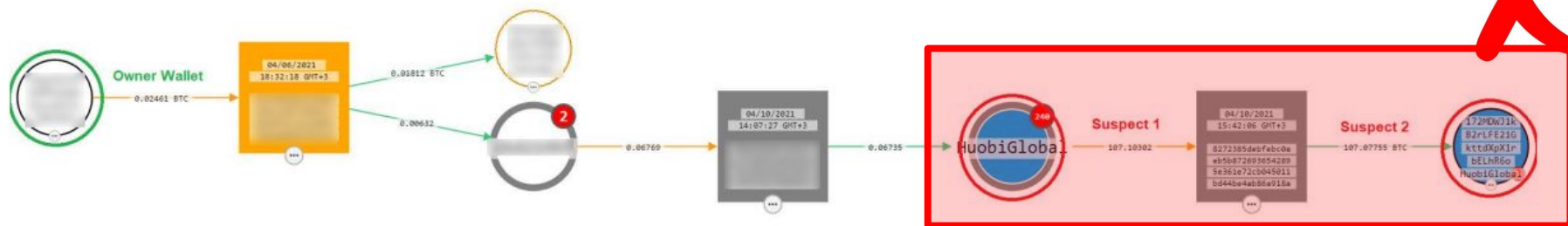


Images



Videos

About 24.700.000 results (0,52 seconds)



Anti-Fraud Law Enforcement Support



BINANCE SUPPORTS \$47 MILLION FREEZE

In APAC Pig Butchering Scam Investigation



**BINANCE AND TOKOCRYPTO
COLLABORATE WITH
BARESKRIM TO UNCOVER
MAJOR CRYPTO FRAUD,
SEIZE \$200K**



**INDIA'S ENFORCEMENT
DIRECTORATE CRACKS
DOWN ON GAMING APP
SCAM WITH BINANCE'S
SUPPORT**



**AHMEDABAD
POLICE, BINANCE
TACKLE \$200K SCAM**

Cross-border network exposed
in South, SEA



Customer Anti-Fraud Protection Levels

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Wake-Up Call

Chat Dissuasion

24H Cooling-Down

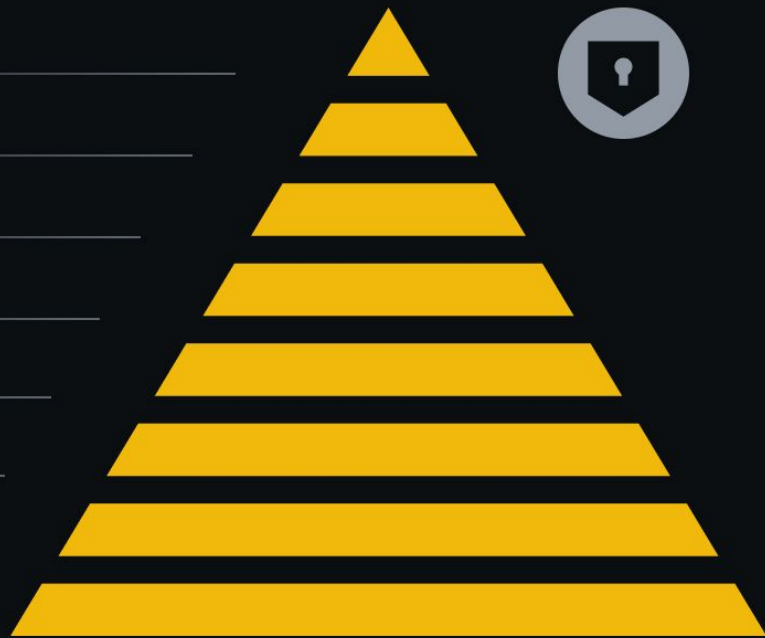
1H Cooling-Down

Freezing Small Amounts of Commission

Global Malicious Address Database Alert

Interactive Risk Assessment Form

Customized Pop-up Notification



Awareness-Raising: Know Your Scam Series



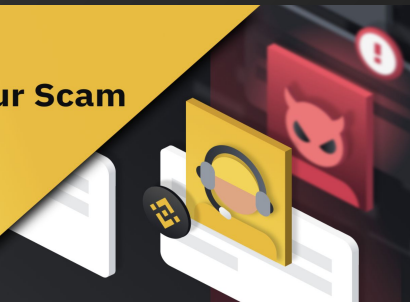
Know Your Scam

A definitive guide to crypto's most prevalent scams



Know Your Scam

*Protect yourself from **Binance** imposter scams*



Know Your Scam

How to Identify and Avoid Ponzi Schemes



Know Your Scam

How to Identify Fake Shopping Websites



Know Your Scam

How to Spot and Protect Yourself From Romance Scams



Know Your Scam

Job Scams to Watch Out For



Know Your Scam

Money Transfer Scams in Crypto



Crypto Services: Internal Controls & Cooperation

Crypto Crime Risk Mitigation

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- 1 Internal procedures: KYC/KYB, AML/CFT policies, Transaction Monitoring, Blacklisting**
- 2 Law Enforcement response, proactive investigations**
- 3 Public-private partnership**
- 4 Capacity building + awareness-raising**

Abuse of AI Technologies and Deep Fakes

Abuse of AI and Deep Fakes for KYC Verification

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Usual Deepfake Techniques used to attempt circumvention of KYC verification controls:

- Mask Attack
- Face Animation
- Image Distortion
- Face Swapping with Similar / Same Background

Law Enforcement Response

Data Production / Freezing / Seizure Considerations



1 Is the request in line with the **GDPR principles and requirements**?

Lawful basis: What are the legal grounds for a request? Are there limitations to exercise domestic powers cross-border?

Necessity: What are the reasons for a request?

Proportionality: What is the scope of data absolutely necessary?
Are there other lawful ways to obtain the data?

Data Production / Freezing / Seizure Considerations



2 Is the request addressed to the **correct legal entity**

For Account Freezes and Seizures - requests need to be addressed to appropriate **operating entity** that handles user assets.

For Account Records Production - requests need to be addressed to appropriate **data controller**.

Tip. Address your request to Nest Services Limited → send through Kodex → You will get guidance.

Data Production / Freezing / Seizure Considerations



3 How confident are you in the tracing that led to Binance?

- **Can you account for all hops in between? Any change of ownership of funds? Any unidentified services inbetween?**
- **Can funds subject to seizure be linked to victim's lost funds? Are there any other victims?**
- **Was third party-tracing involved? Were findings verified?**

Channels of Cooperation

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Binance accepts requests submitted via
Law Enforcement Request Portal (Kodex) only.

For prior consultation / coordination / flagging exigent requests -
investigations@binance.com

Exigent request - immediate threat to life or public safety /
TF / CSAM.

Requests: Do's and Don'ts

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1 Submit requests via Kodex Portal

<https://app.kodexglobal.com/binance/signup>

- For prior consultation / coordination -
investigations@binance.com**

2 Always include your full details to expedite the process

- Name, Position, Contact Information**

3 Attach a copy of the signed Letterhead / Subpoena / Court Order

4 Include description of suspicious activity / modus operandi

Requests: Do's and Don'ts

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5 Provide the starting point

6 Avoid overly broad requests (fishing expeditions)

- Broad requests will get pushed back and additional justification will be requested

7 Provide unique identifiers

8 Add csv/excel or other copyable document

- No bullet-points / numbering

The more precise you are, the better we can assist!

Welcome to Crypto

We're on a mission to educate the masses on the transformative potential of cryptocurrency and blockchain technology. On this website, you'll find over [470 articles](#) covering everything from computer security to economics. Oh, and they're in **30 different languages**.

We know it can be a little daunting when you're new. This guide is here to gently introduce you to some of the key concepts you need to kick-start your journey into the world of blockchain tech.

Without further ado, let's dive down the rabbit hole.





Binance Launches Global **Law Enforcement Training** Program



Questions?





#DIGITALISATION AND #ARTIFICIALINTELLIGENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Thessaloniki 9-10 October 2025

Data retention

data protection

vs.

the risk of systemic impunity



Data protection vs. the risk of systemic impunity



TECHNOLOGY | GERMANY
ECJ rules against mass data retention in Germany
09/20/2022

EDRi
The CJEU jeopardises essential privacy protections to accommodate false law enforcement claims

Top EU court rejects EU-wide data retention law

🕒 8 April 2014

BBC Sign in

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Structure of presentation

- **Introduction**
 - Definition
 - State of play of legislation
 - Significance for the investigation and prosecution of crimes
- **Case law of the Court of Justice of the EU**
 - Basic considerations of the CJEU
 - State of play
 - Resulting framework for national legislation
- **Current legislative developments**



What does „data retention“ mean?

Obligation for **providers of electronic communications services** to

- **store traffic/location data** (not subscriber/content data) for a certain period of time and to
- **provide access** to authorities under certain conditions



Current legal framework

EU-level:

None (Data Retention Directive 2006/24/EC declared invalid by CJEU decision of 08.04.2014 (C-293/12, C-594/12 Digital Rights Ireland))

Member States:



Fragmentation (Eurojust/EJCN overview of 11/2024

<https://www.eurojust.europa.eu/publication/effect-court-justice-european-union-case-law-national-data-retention-regimes-judicial-cooperation>): most MSs have law in place, but no recognisable common pattern



Significance for the investigation of crimes

Identification of perpetrators through **subscriber data allocated to dynamic IP-address** (+port number/time stamp), e.g. based on NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children)-notifications

BKA- position paper of July 2023:

https://www.bka.de/SharedDocs/Kurzmeldungen/DE/Kurzmeldungen/230623_Mindestspeicherfristen_IP-Adressen.html

success rate for the allocation of IP-addresses to concrete subscribers in NCMEC-cases:

- currently (without any data retention): 41%
- with a hypothetical data retention period of two weeks: 84,5 %



Case law of the CJEU – procedural setting

- **Preliminary rulings on national data retention law in Member States**
- Questions referred to CJEU by national courts concern
 - **interpretation of Article 15(1) of Directive 2002/58/EC** (e-privacy Directive)
 - read in the light of **Charter of fundamental rights**
 - Art. 7 (Respect for private life)
 - Art. 8 (Protection of personal data)
 - Art.11 (Freedom of expression and information)



Case law of the CJEU – procedural setting

Article 15(1) of Directive 2002/58/EC

“Member States may adopt legislative measures to restrict the scope of the rights and obligations provided for in (...) this Directive when such restriction constitutes a **necessary, appropriate and proportionate measure** within a democratic society to safeguard **national security** (i.e. State security), **defence, public security, and the prevention, investigation, detection and prosecution of criminal offences** (...). To this end, Member States may, inter alia, adopt legislative measures providing for the retention of data for a limited period justified on the grounds laid down in this paragraph. (...)”



Case law of the CJEU – Milestone decisions

- **Digital Rights Ireland** (C-293/12 and C-594/12)
08.04.2014: Data retention Directive is disproportionate and invalid
- **Tele 2 Watson** (C-203/15 and C-698/15) 21.12.2016:
general and indiscriminate retention of all traffic and location data for the purpose of fighting serious crime violates EU-law
- **Quadrature du Net** (C-511/18 and C-512/18) 06.10.2020
exception for IP-addresses
- **Hadopi** (C-470/21) 30.04.2024 expansion/clarification of the exception for IP addresses



Case law of the CJEU – Basic considerations

Balance between the various interests and rights at issue:

Rights/interests interfered with by data retention

Rights/interests protected by data retention

Respect for private life

Efficiency of combating crime

Protection of personal data

Obligation to protect (the rights of minors)

Freedom of expression and information



Case law of the CJEU – Basic considerations

General and indiscriminate retention of all traffic and location data for the purpose of fighting crime

is NOT in line with EU-law



Case law of the CJEU – Key arguments

- As an exception Article 15(1) of Directive 2002/58/EC has to be interpreted narrowly; **the exception mustn't become the rule**
- **Storage is an interference by itself**, independently of a possible later use of/access to the data
- **Traffic/location data no less sensitive than content** regardless of retention period (provides means to establish profiles of individuals)



Case law of the CJEU – Key arguments

- **Proportionality** requires:
 - Precise rules on **scope of interference and safeguards**
 - **Connection** between the data to be retained and the objective of the legislation



Resulting limits for legislation

Objective of prosecuting serious crime does not justify indiscriminate general data retention; **exceptions:**

- General and indiscriminate retention of **data relating to the civil identity of users**
- **Quick freeze**
- **Targeted retention of traffic and location data** which is limited according to the categories of persons or using a geographical criterion
- General and indiscriminate **retention of IP addresses** assigned to the source of an internet connection



Retention of IP addresses - Hadopi decision

- Retention of (source) IP addresses also for the purpose of combating **general crime (not only serious crime)**
Precondition: “watertight” separation from other stored data
- **Access by administrative authority** for the sole purpose of identifying perpetrators without prior judicial review

CJEU (C-470/21, par. 119) “...**not to allow such access would carry a real risk of systemic impunity...**”



Current legislative developments

Impact assessment by the European Commission

(https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14680-Data-retention-by-service-providers-for-criminal-proceedings-impact-assessment_en)

Objective:

„(...) ensure the availability of certain categories of non-content data for the purpose of carrying out successful criminal investigations and prosecutions (...)”

Policy options:

- soft law measures
- legislative measures



Thank you for the attention!

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VIDEOCONFERENCING IN THE ERA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Judge Emily Mis...



D - Amy Stewa...



D - John Stone



Keith Dean



P - Matthew Pe...



21 - Suzy Jones



04 - Tabatha W...



17 - Dwayne Ha...



08 - Emily Tang



09 - Shane Dier...



22- Jeff Bulla



15 - Patty Youn...



19 - Rob Cathri...



14 - Sharyn Cla...



23 - Mary Ann ...



06 - Richard Dia...



18 - Kathleen Li...



07 - Carlos Silv...



28 - Linda Ros...



26 - Kathleen H...



02 - Angela Bar...



27 - Angela Pyl...



24 - Maribel Da...



05 - sheila tho...



10 - Chavda, D...



VIDEOCONFERENCING - EQUIPMENT

Web applications (Zoom, MS Teams, Webex, ...)

- Meetings
- Personal use ...

Professional equipment (Cisco, Polycom,...)

- Courts

Mobile units

WHEN

Witness/Party in a proceeding

Expert

Hospital / Social center

Prison

Hidden witness (undercover police officer)

Child victims

Documents

Videos/recordings



PREPARATION / TEST

Prepare – book the courtroom/equipment

Exchange information

- Contact data (email, name of the technician, his contact-email, phone...)
- Technical information (VC brand, IP address, link, speed, encrypted or not, recording or not, ...)

Document camera

- Exchange of documents

Test

- Test connection, picture - light, sound - any distortion...

Testing the VC connection

- one hour before the court session is too late
- in the break time (Youtube, coffee break...) not wise
- plan it 14 days before the actual hearing (if something goes wrong you still have time to test again)
- include translator
- consider time differences

Technician

- inform them you will have VC
- they should test the connection
- they should be prepared if their help will be needed

„TRUE – TO – LIFE“ PRINCIPLE

Impression as the person is in the same room

At the court everybody needs to see

- Who is speaking,
- What documents are presented through the document camera
- What are the facial expressions of persons

At the court everybody needs to hear

- What the person to be heard is speaking
- What the judge, prosecutor lawyer are saying – no matter where they are

DURING THE HEARING

Eye- contact

- Camera is positioned above the screen

Loudspeakers

- Near the screen, at the side – to provide feeling that the person is really speaking from the direction of the screen

Microphones

- Turned on while speaking, turned off while listening to others

DURING THE HEARING

Mind the Light

- Dark background
- no direct light behind the speaker

Cameras show speakers
in 80x80 cm square

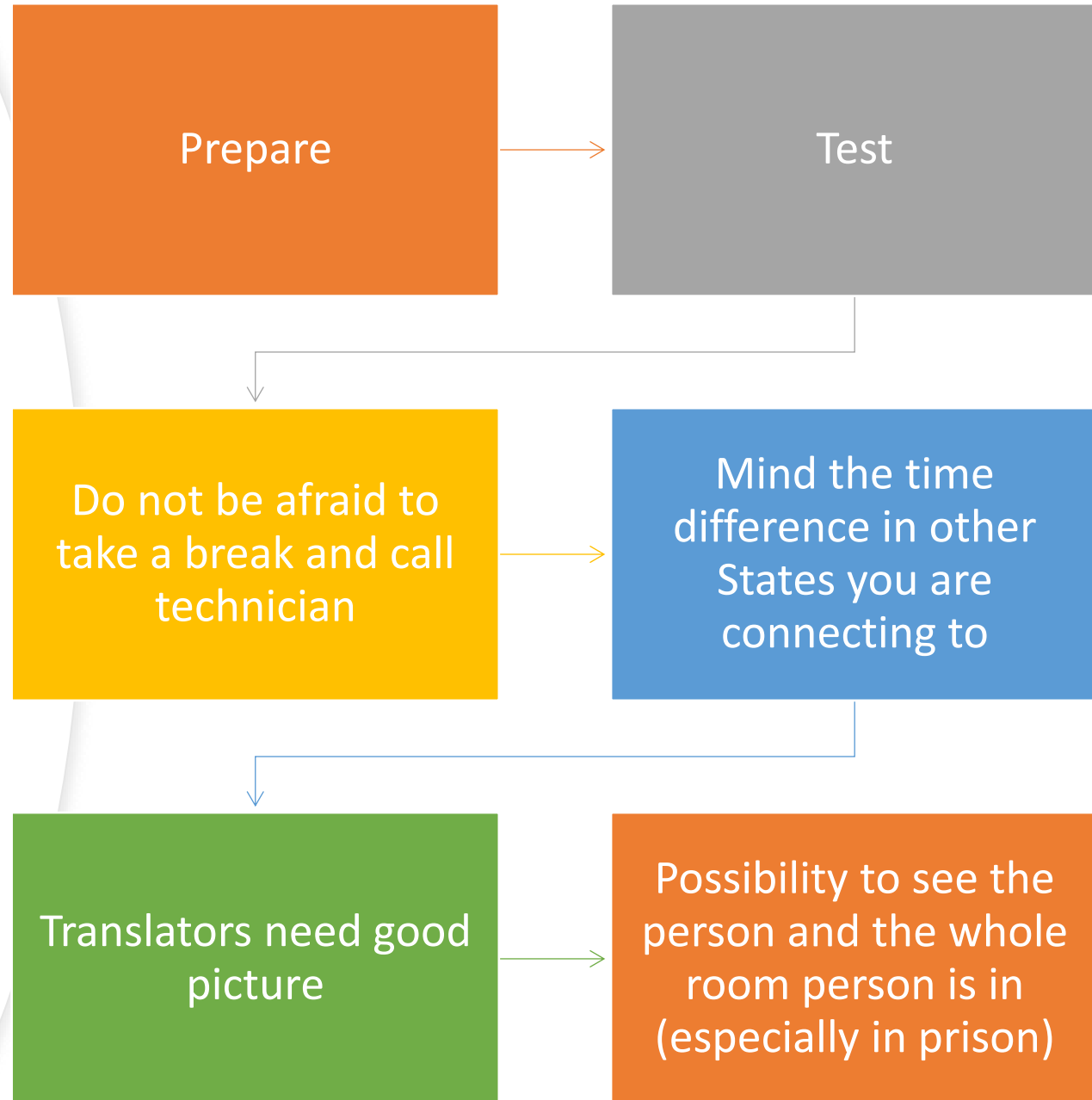
Judge has own camera

Avoid cameras that are
connected to
microphones/prefer
pre-sets of cameras

Microphone is turned
on only while the
person is speaking
(small light sign on)

Mind lawyer-client
confidentiality –
possibility to turn off all
the other microphones
and loudspeakers

WRAP UP



Child victims (Barnahus) [Slovenia](#)

Barnahus Model

The use of video-recorded pretrial interviews as evidence helps prevent retraumatization of victims, who no longer need to testify again in court.



Thank you!



Good luck !