Blockchain Foundations

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PROMOTING BLOCKCHAIN
INNOVATION IN AUSTRALIA

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About ADCA

ADCA is the industry body that represents Australian businesses participating in the digital economy through blockchain technology.

ADCA aims to encourage the responsible adoption of blockchain technology by industry and governments across Australia as a means to drive innovation in service delivery across all sectors of the economy.

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Everybody is Talking About Blockchain

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Agenda

- Technical Foundations
- Smart Contracts
- Identity
- Australian Blockchain Innovators

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Bitcoin & Blockchain

- *“Peer-to-peer electronic cash that allows online payments to be sent directly from one party to another without going through a financial institution”*
- Proposed by Satoshi Nakamoto in May 2008
- Bitcoin “Genesis Block” in January 2009
- Current market value approx. USD 40 Billion

- Underlying technology for Bitcoin
- A distributed database that contains blocks of timestamped transactions linked together in a continuous chain
- Supports consensus methodology and data immutability
- Allows creation and trading of an electronic asset

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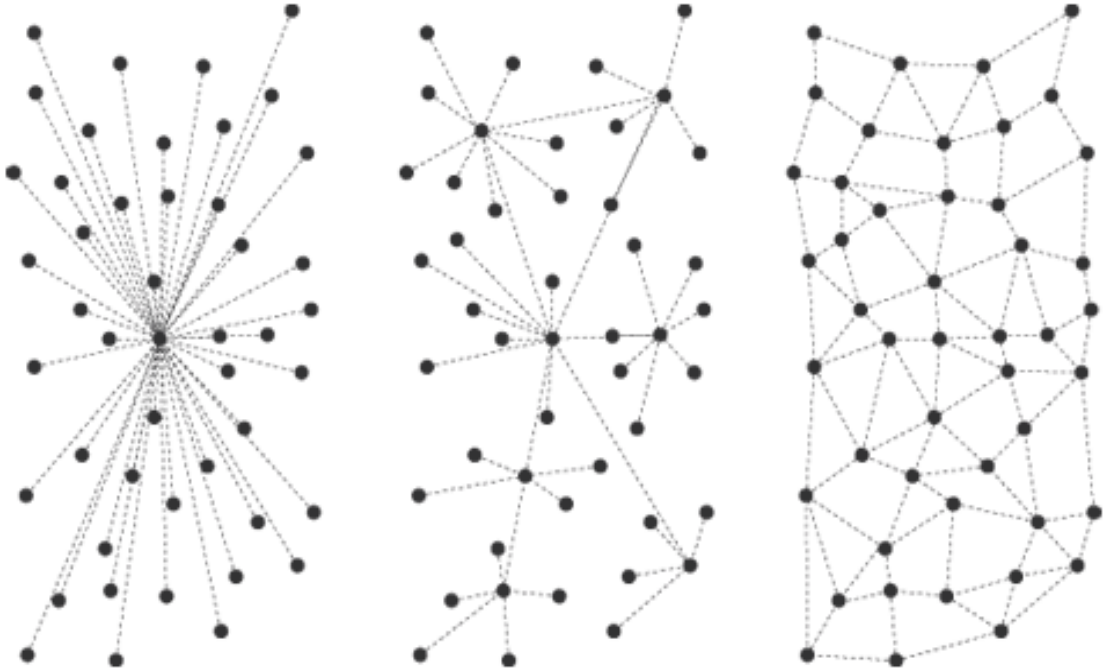
Distributed Ledger Provides TRANSPARENCY



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Single Source of Truth

I see what you see

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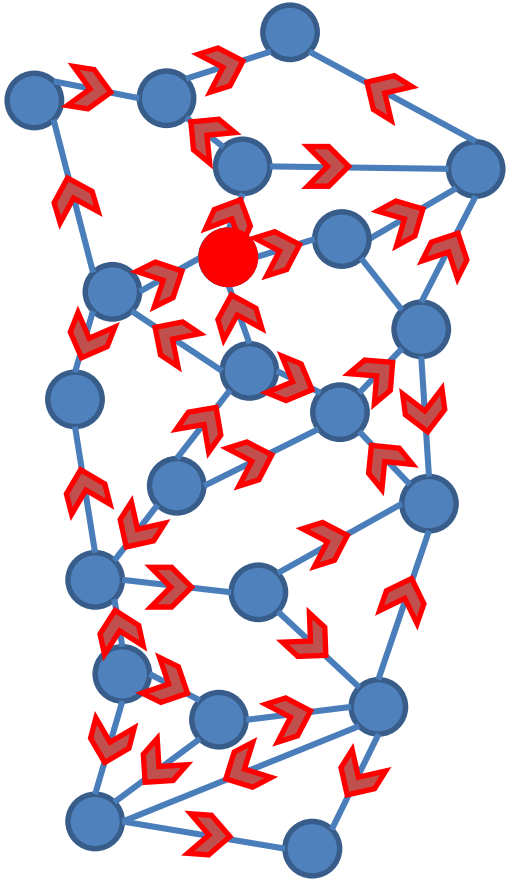

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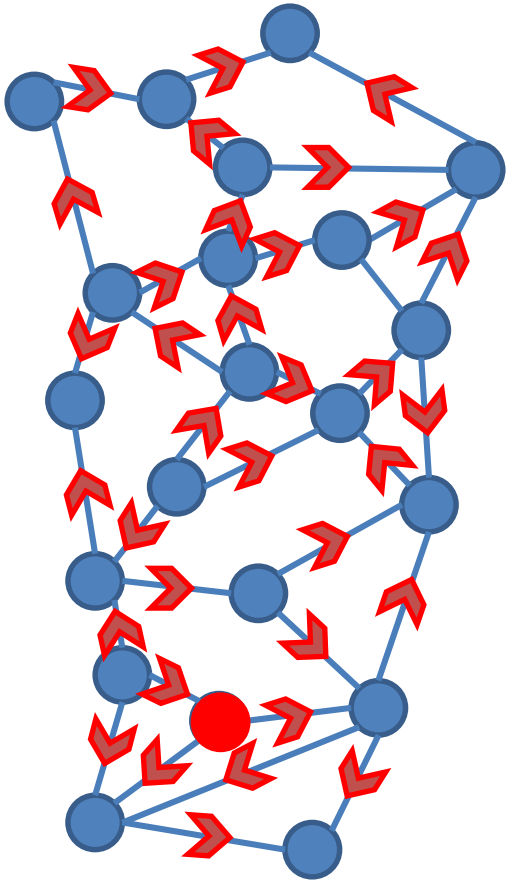

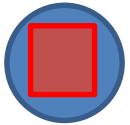

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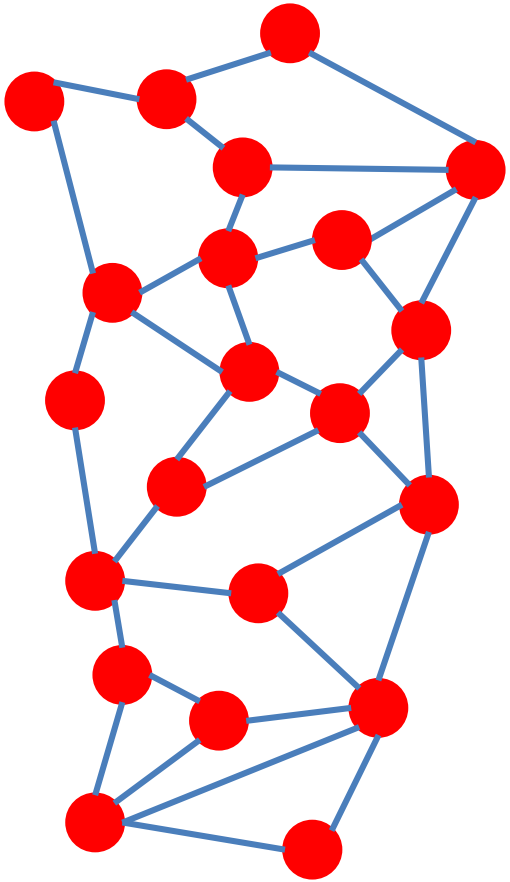

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5. All other nodes add the new block to their blockchain.

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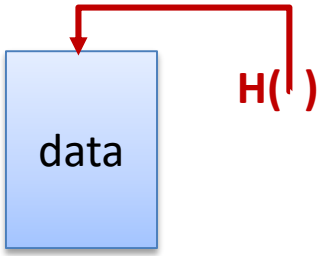
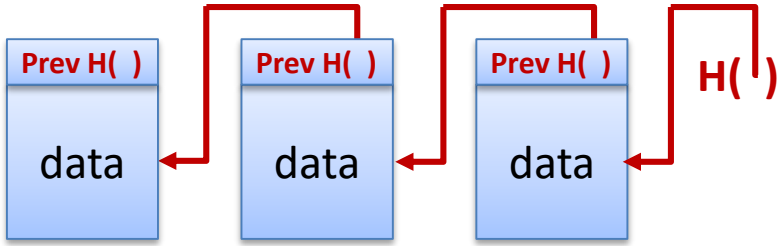


- A hash-pointer is a cryptographic reference to a piece of data
- SHA-256 is a standard compression algorithm
- The hash is **uniquely associated** with the underlying data



- In a Blockchain each new block contains the hash function of the previous block.
- To verify the whole chain – **and every transaction in it** – you only need to be able to confirm the most recent hash

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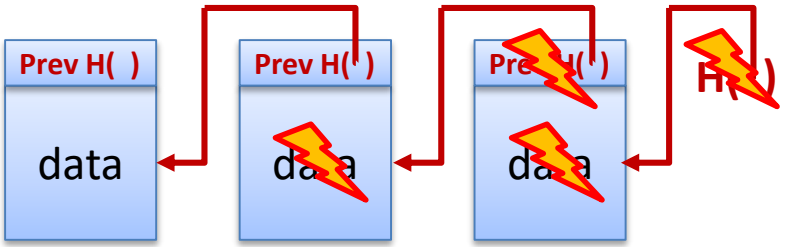

- If the data is corrupted (accidentally or deliberately) then the next hash and all subsequent blocks fail
- This creates a **tamper-evident ledger**

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The Elements of TRUST

SECURITY

ACCURACY

TRANSPARENCY

IMMUTABILITY

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Public, Permissioned and Private Blockchains

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Different use cases require different solutions.

Trade offs include:

- Security
- Consensus mechanism
- Speed

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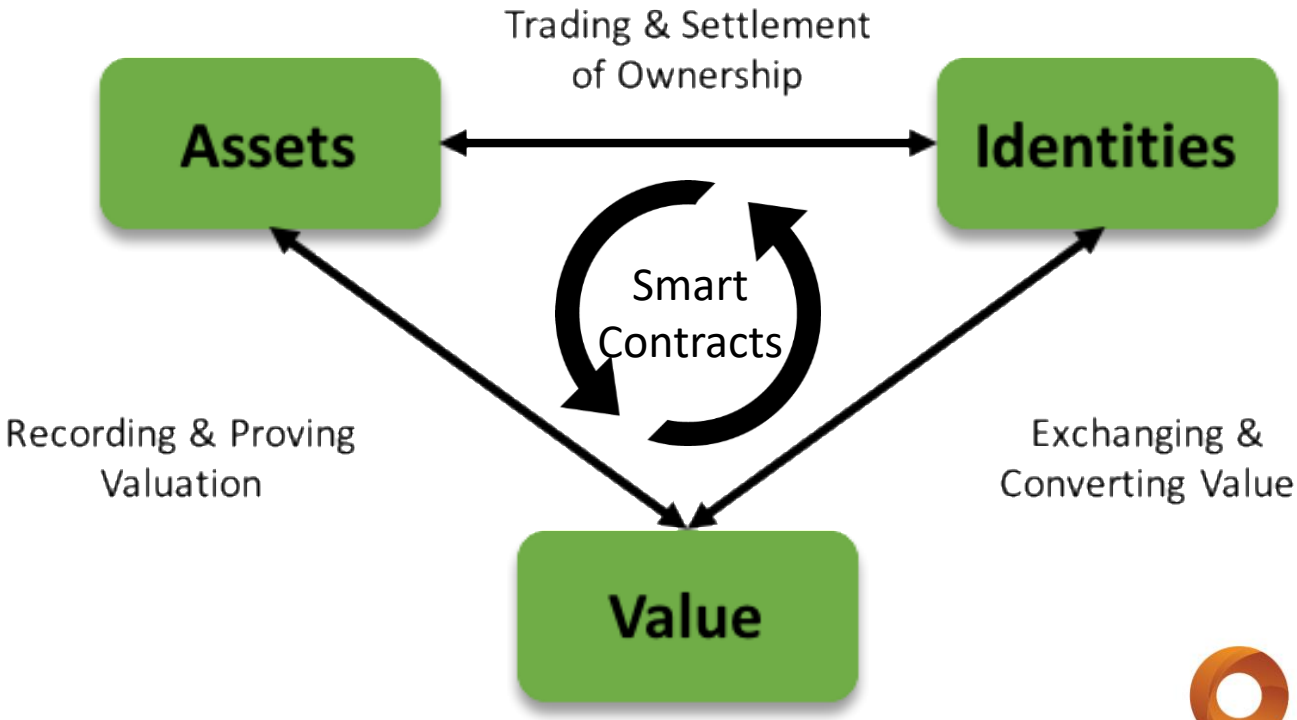
Smart Contracts

Future Blockchain Ecosystem



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Smart Contracts

Features of a Smart Contract:

- computer programs that emulate (key) contractual clauses
- stored on a blockchain to give all parties confidence that they will operate as intended

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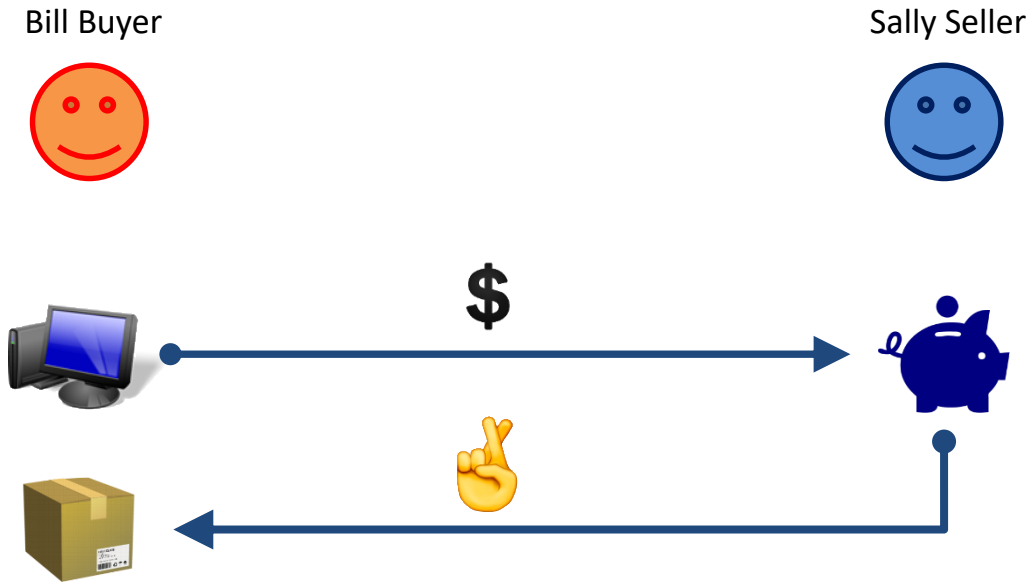
Online Escrow Use Case for a Smart Contract



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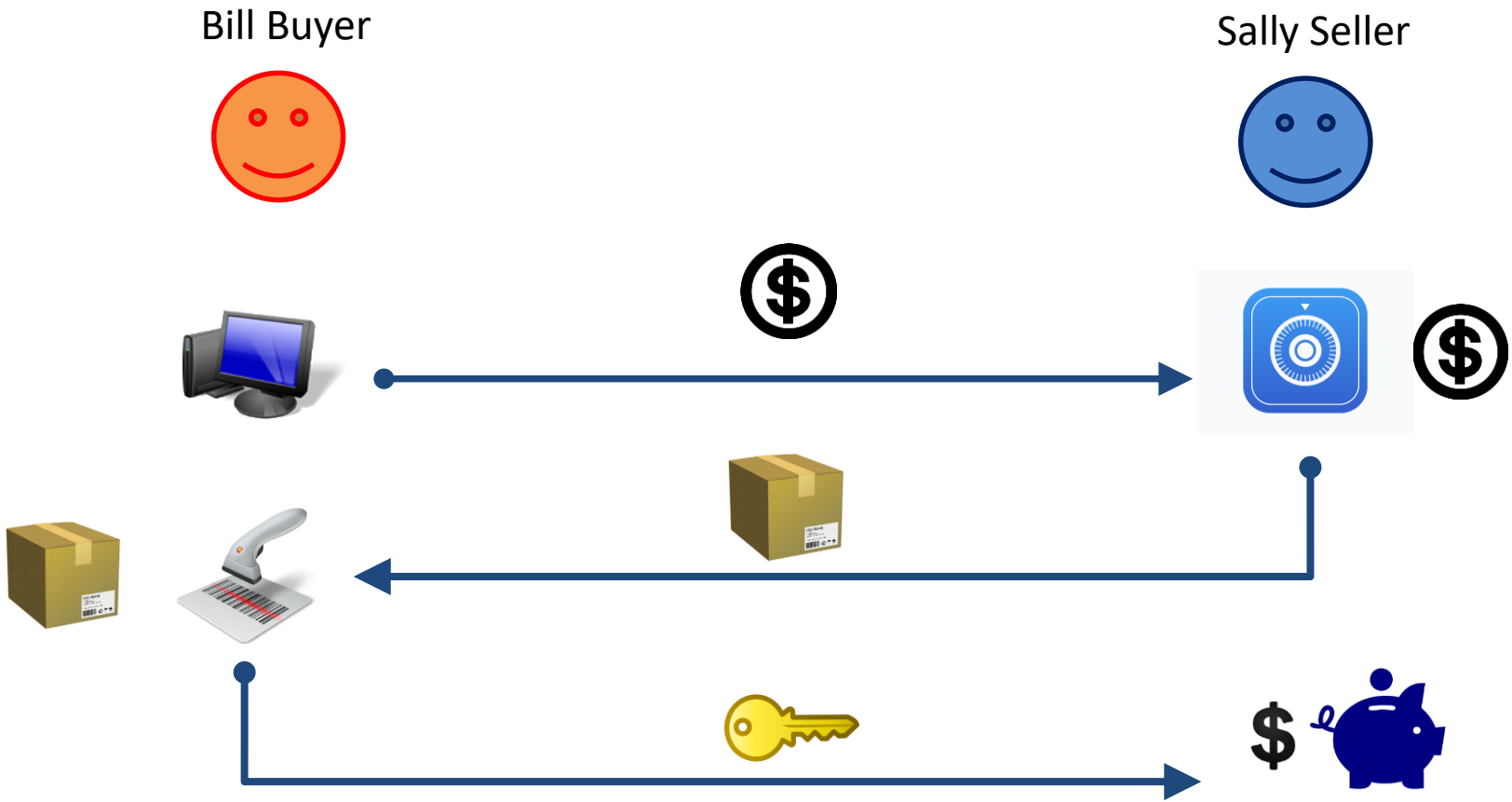

Solving Identity

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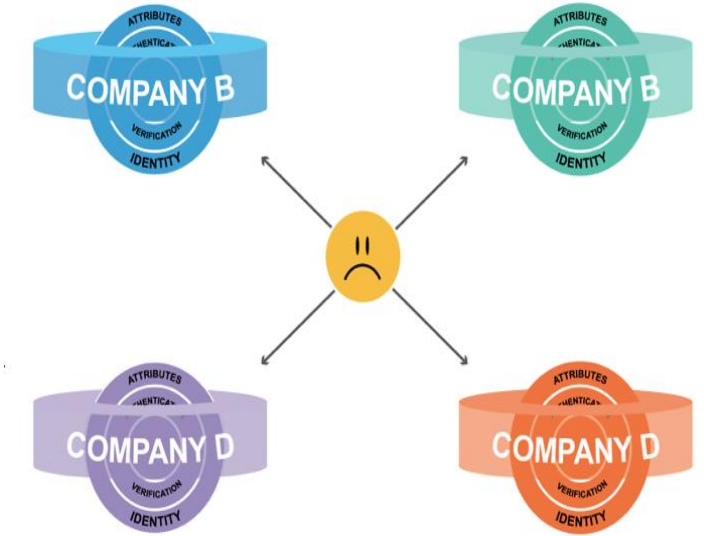
Identity is a Broken System

Identity information is currently held by companies about an individual:

- Duplication
- Sensitive data sent to multiple parties
- Company liable for storage
- Many ‘honeypots’ for hackers to attack



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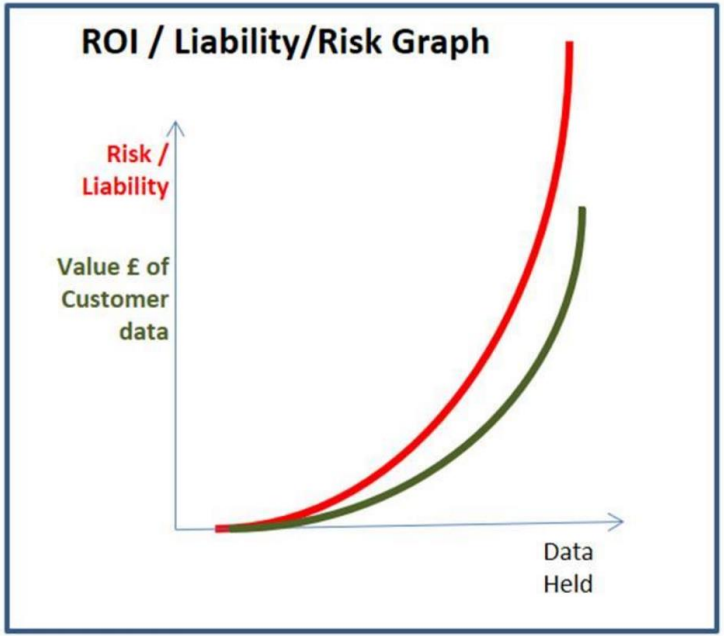
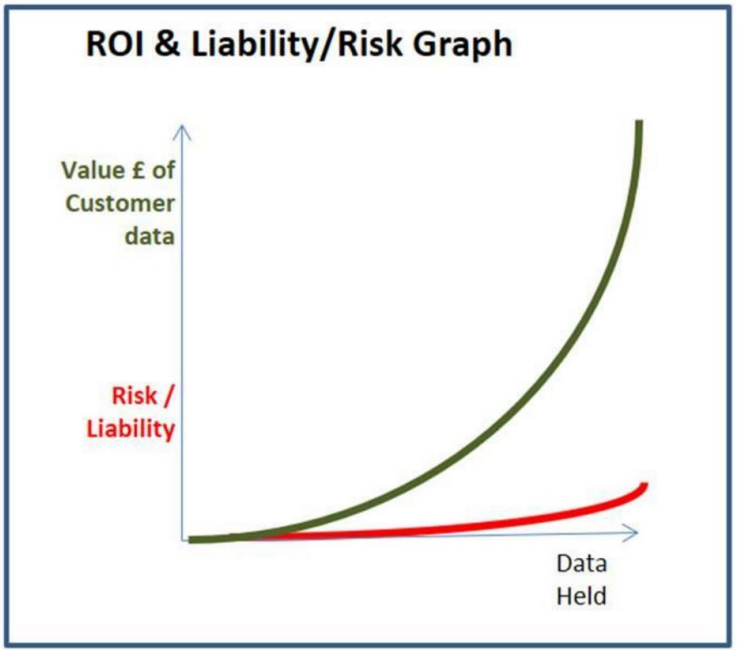
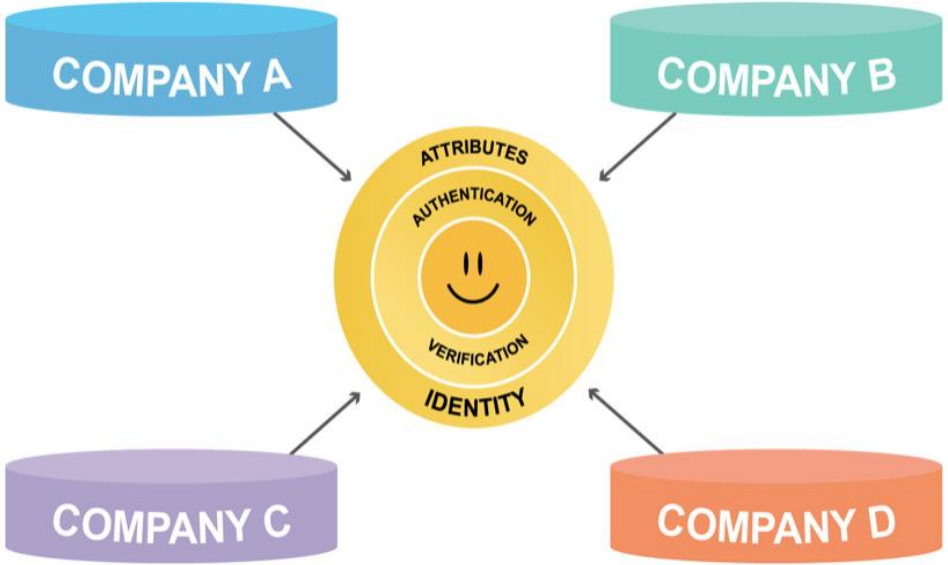
Identity is a “Toxic Asset”





Blockchain could enable “Self-Sovereign Identity”



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