

# TOWARDS A DECENTRALIZED AND PRIVACY-PRESERVING VOTING SYSTEM

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## AGENDA



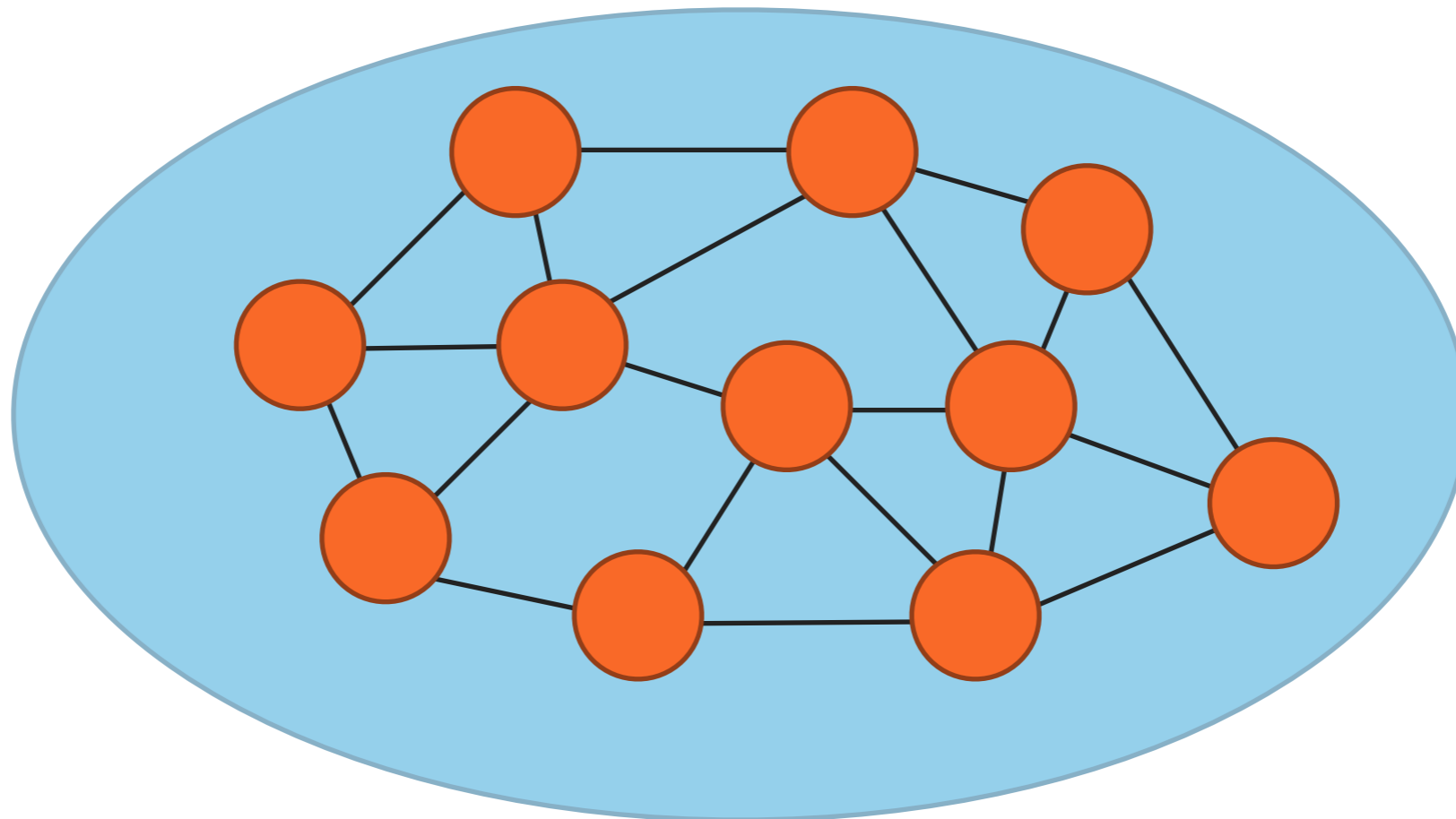
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- ▶ Background
- ▶ Bitcoin
- ▶ Multichain
- ▶ Ethereum
- ▶ Enigma
- ▶ Conclusion

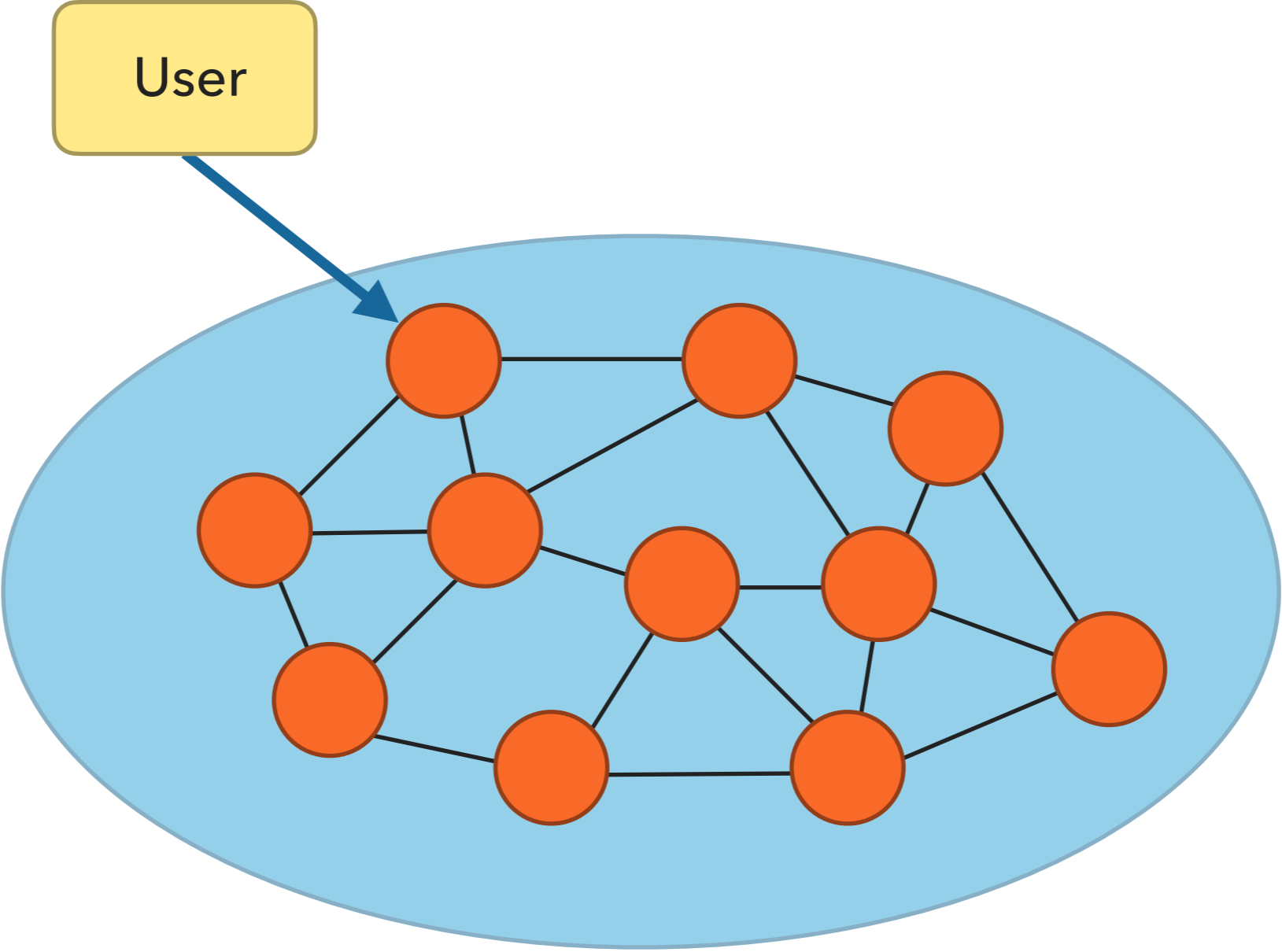
# VOTING PROPERTIES

- ▶ **Verifiability:** it is possible to verify that the counting of votes has been performed correctly.
- ▶ **Uniqueness:** a user is not allowed to vote more than once.
- ▶ **Integrity:** none can change or delete a vote without revealing it.
- ▶ **Privacy:** it is not possible to determine the vote of a user.
- ▶ **Counting:** the vote count has to be verifiable by everyone.
- ▶ **Authentication:** only users who have correctly identified themselves can vote.
- ▶ **Confidentiality:** intermediate results cannot be obtained during the proceedings.
- ▶ **Lack of evidence:** users cannot prove for whom they voted.
- ▶ **Reliability:** the voting system must be reliable and stable.

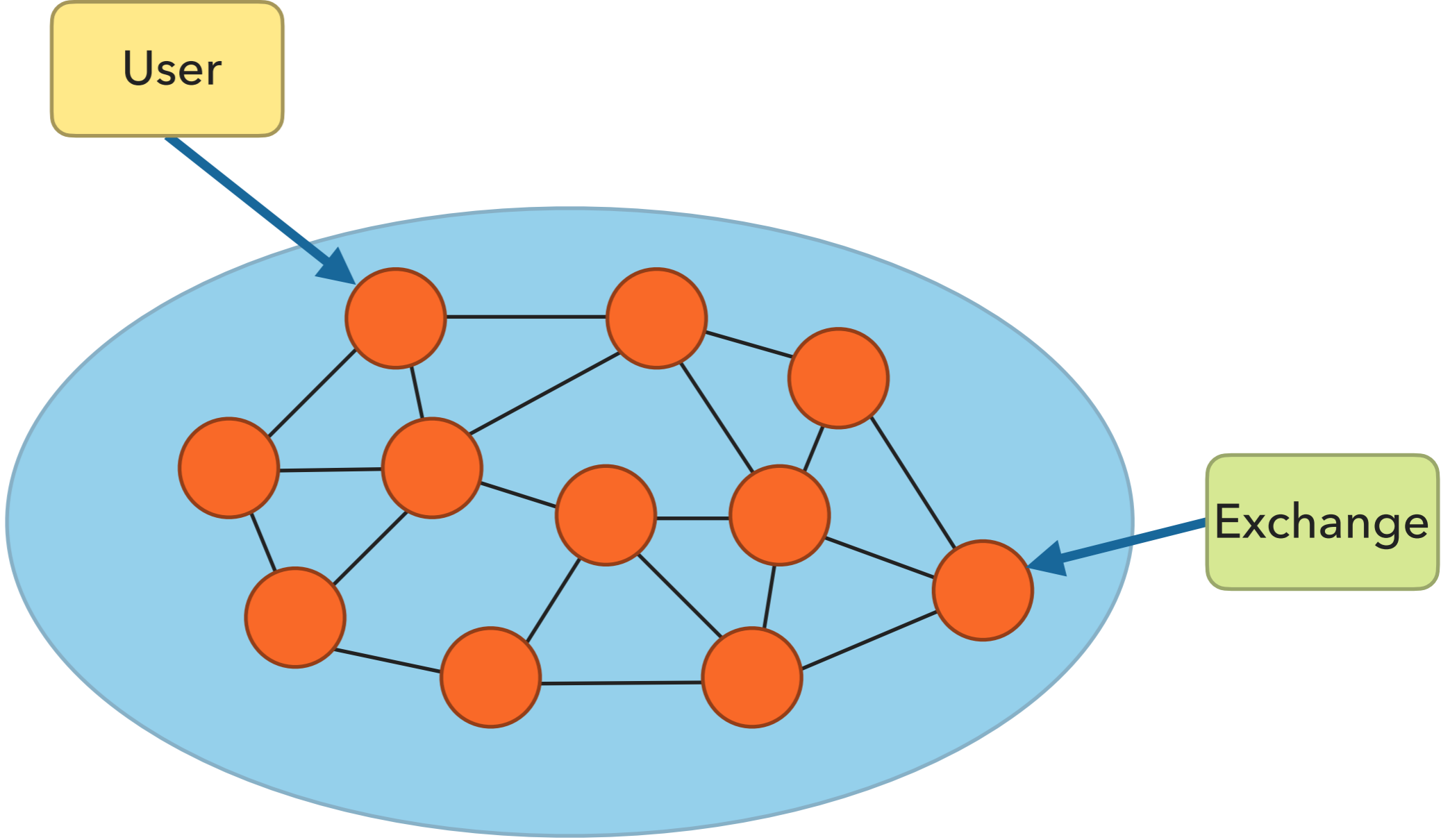
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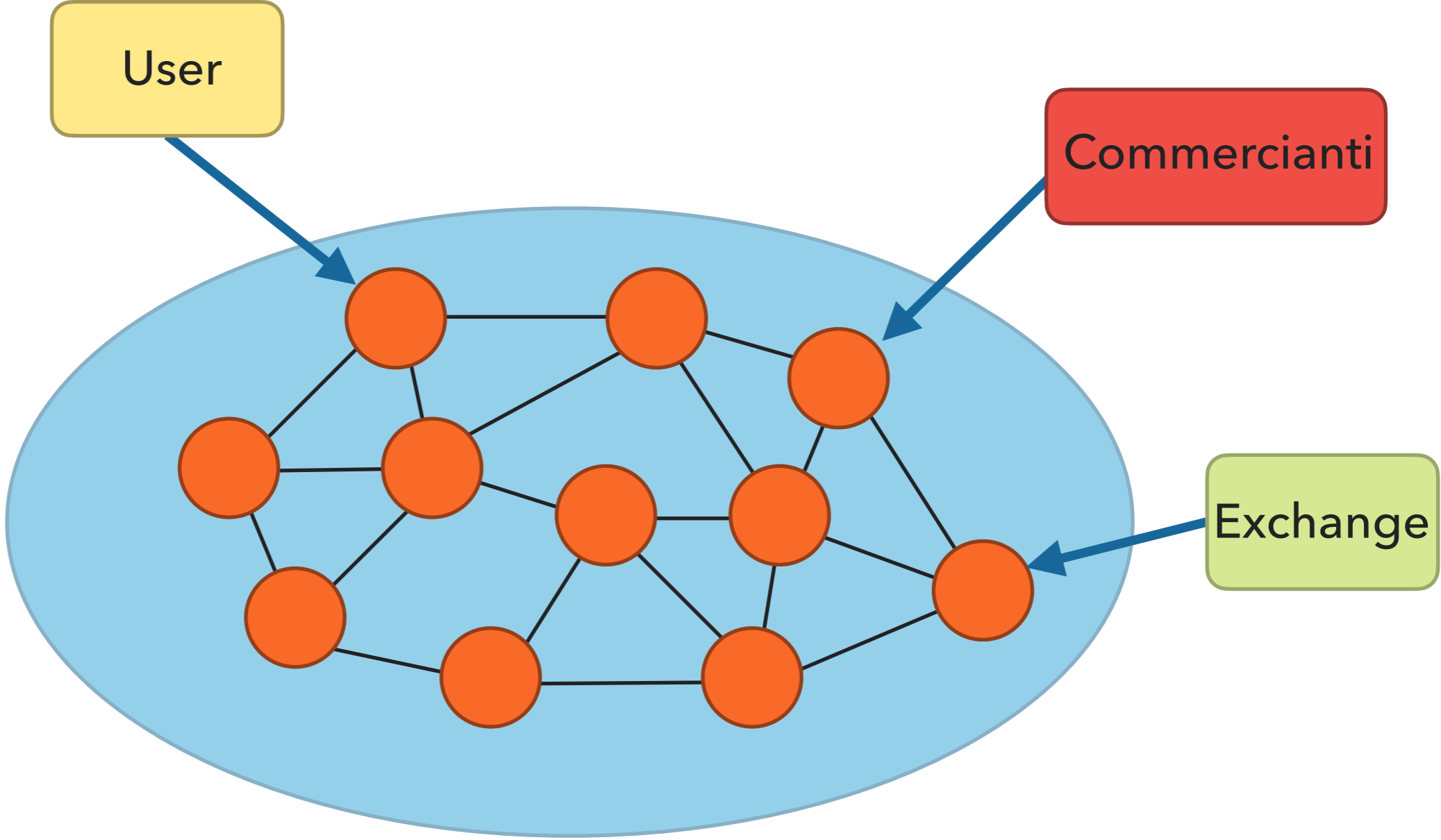
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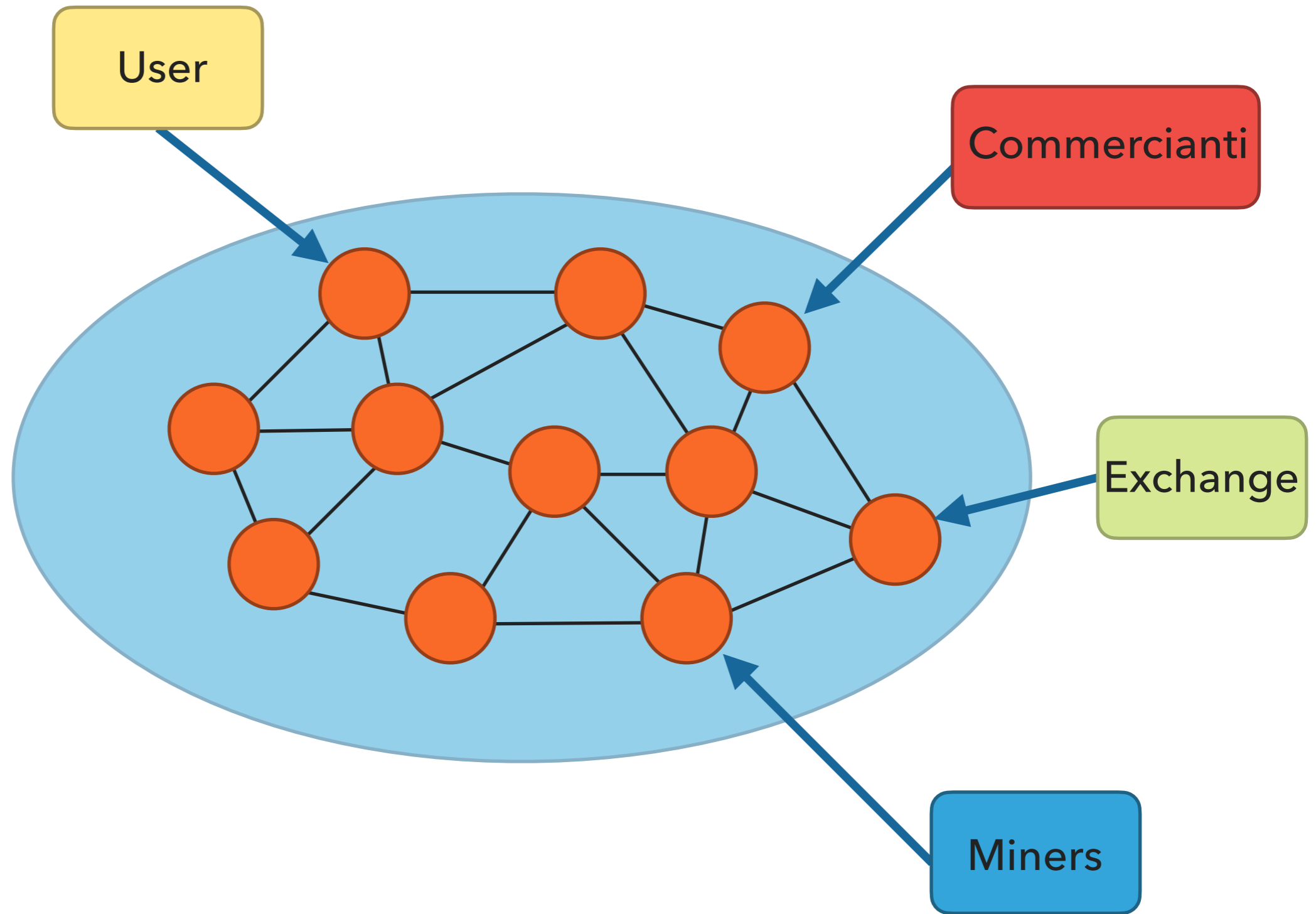
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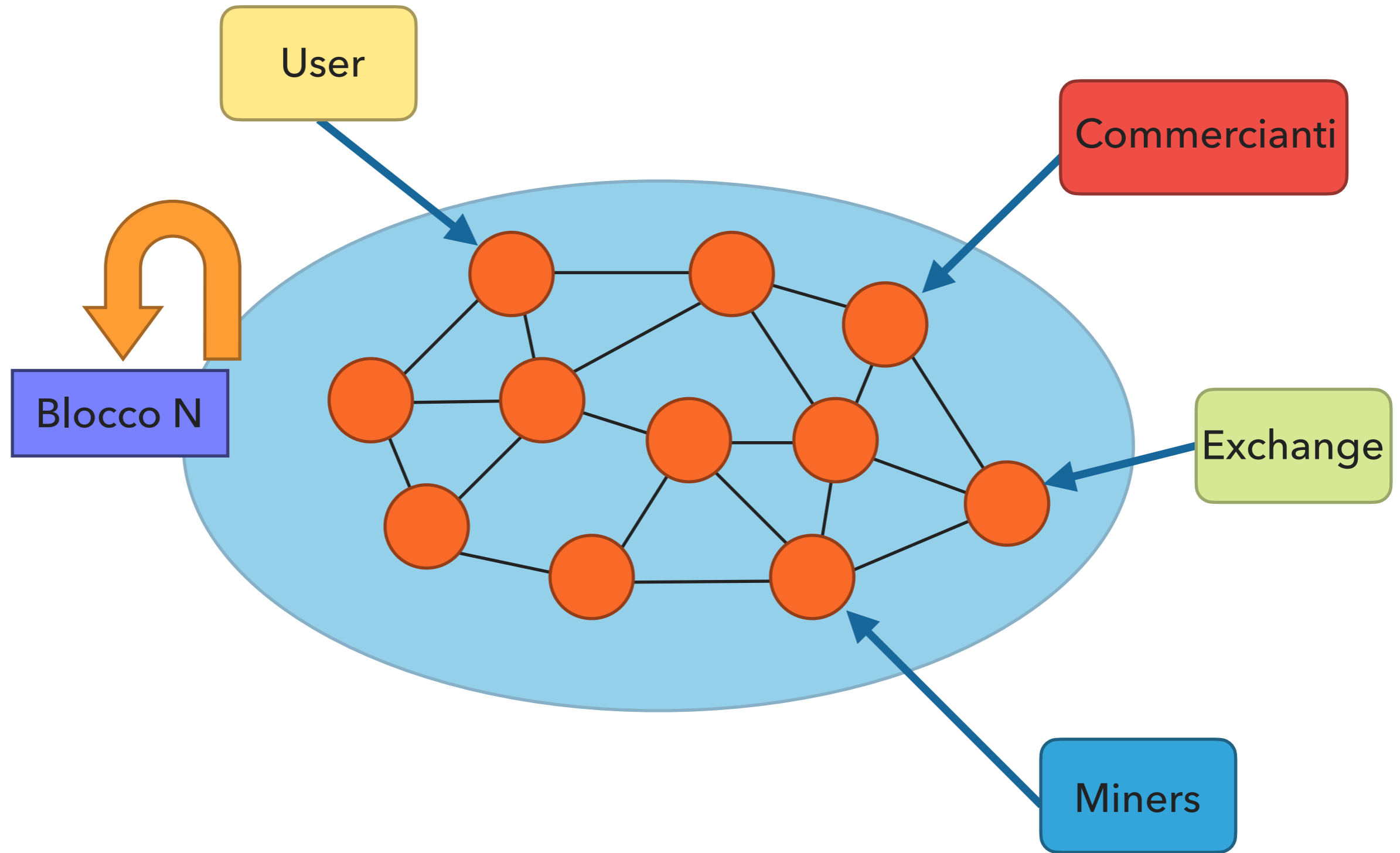
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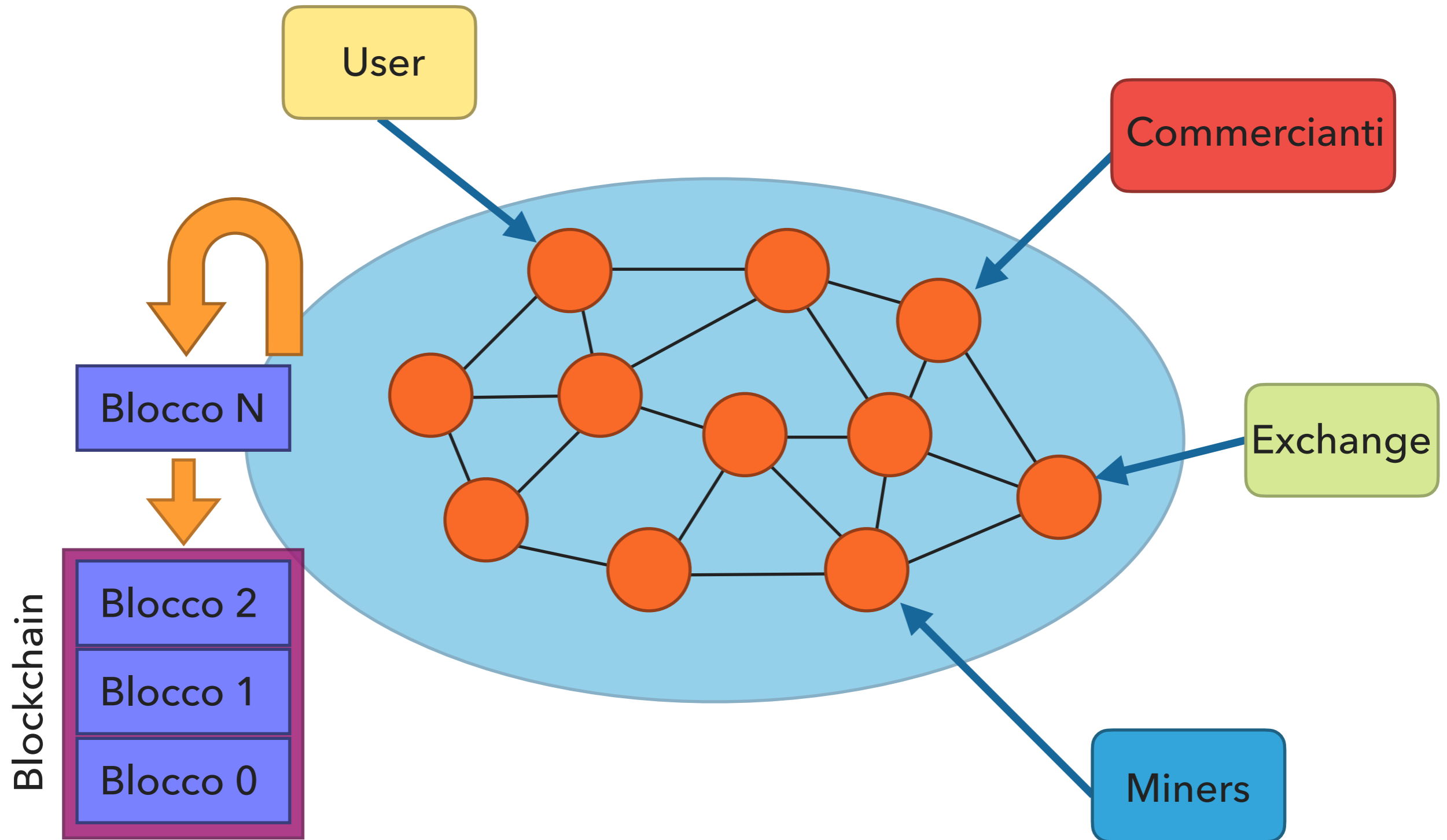
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**BITCOIN**

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Candidate

Documentation



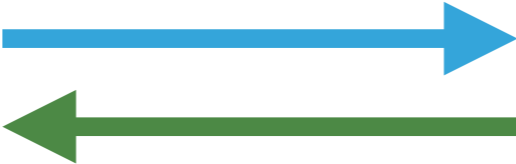
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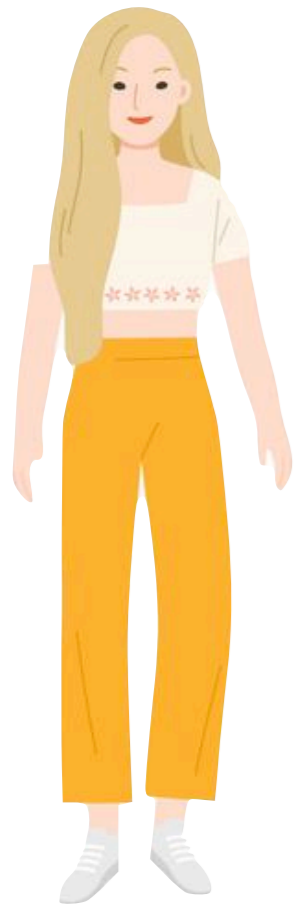


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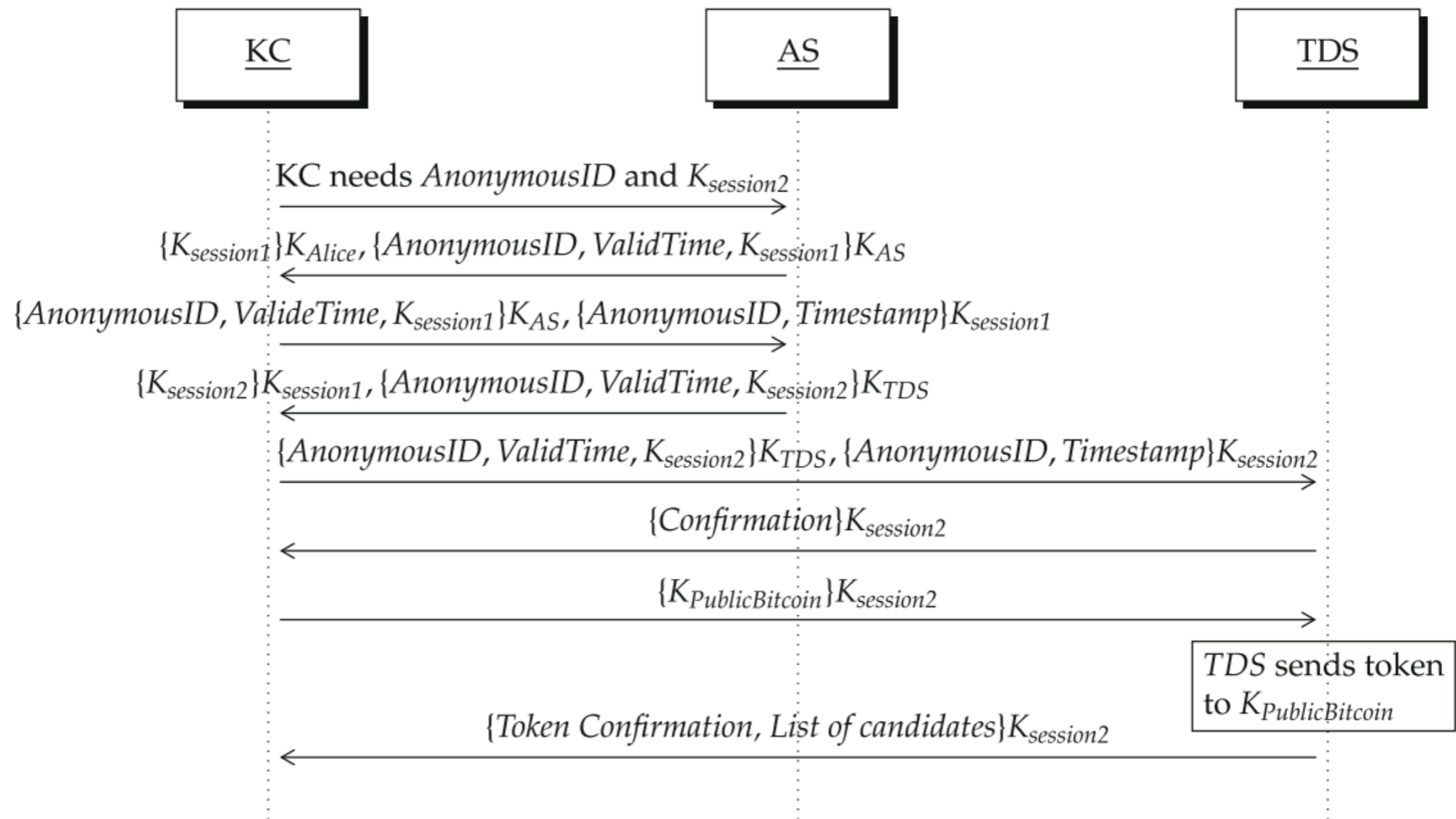


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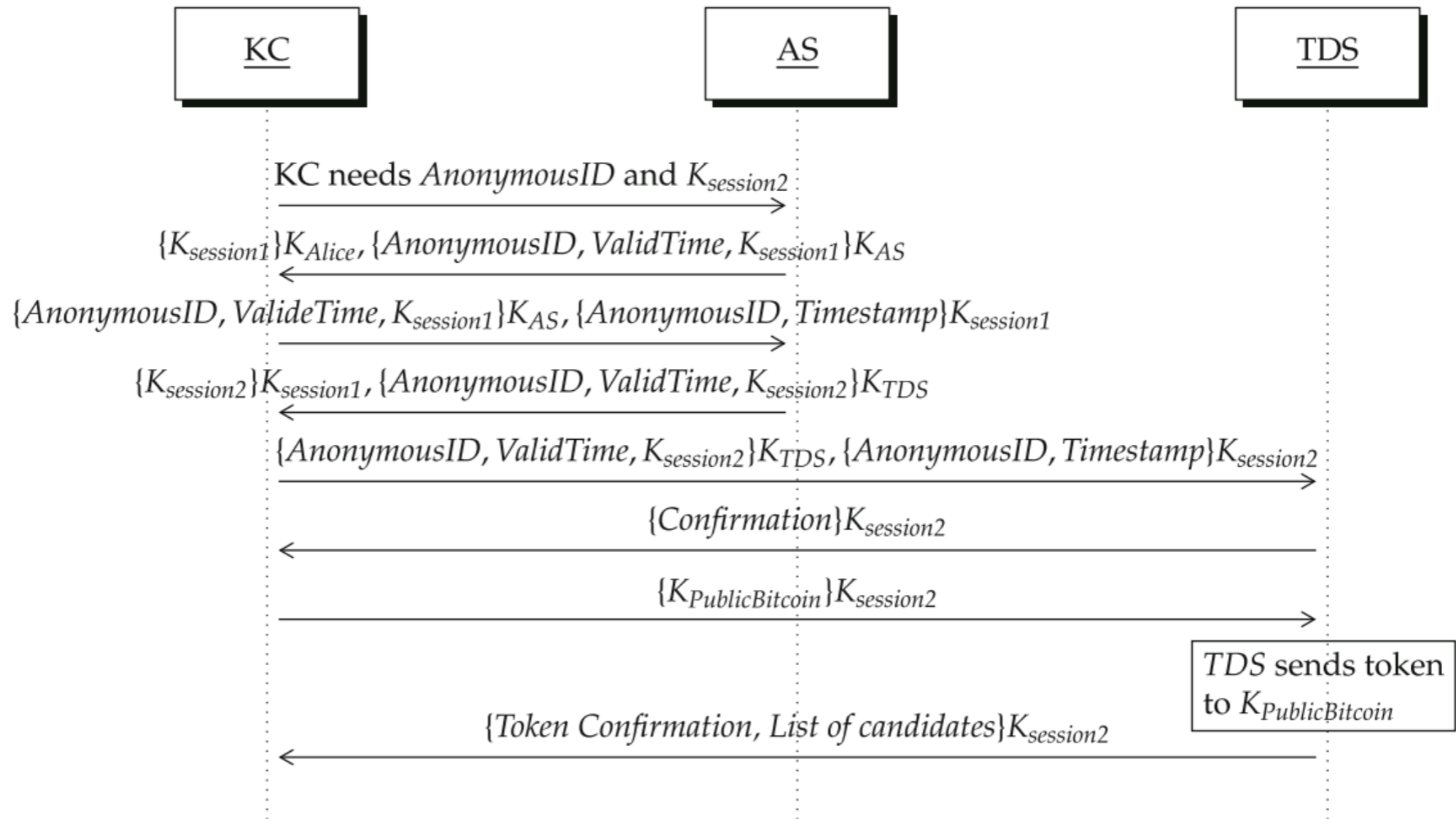
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# VOTER REGISTRATION



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# VOTE PHASE



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Vote (1 Satoshi or 1OAP)

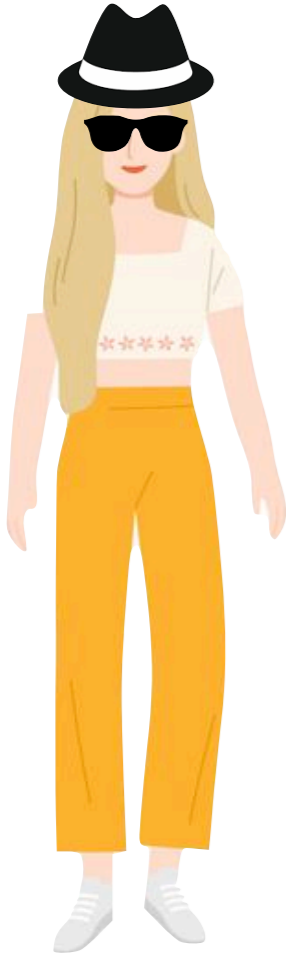


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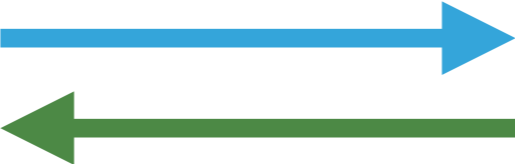
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# COUNTING



Candidate



Wallet

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- ▶ **Counting**



## OUR PROPERTIES

▶ **Privacy**



Kerberos

▶ **Authentication**



Pre-voting phase

▶ **Confidentiality**



## OUR PROPERTIES

▶ **Lack of evidence**



▶ **Reliability**

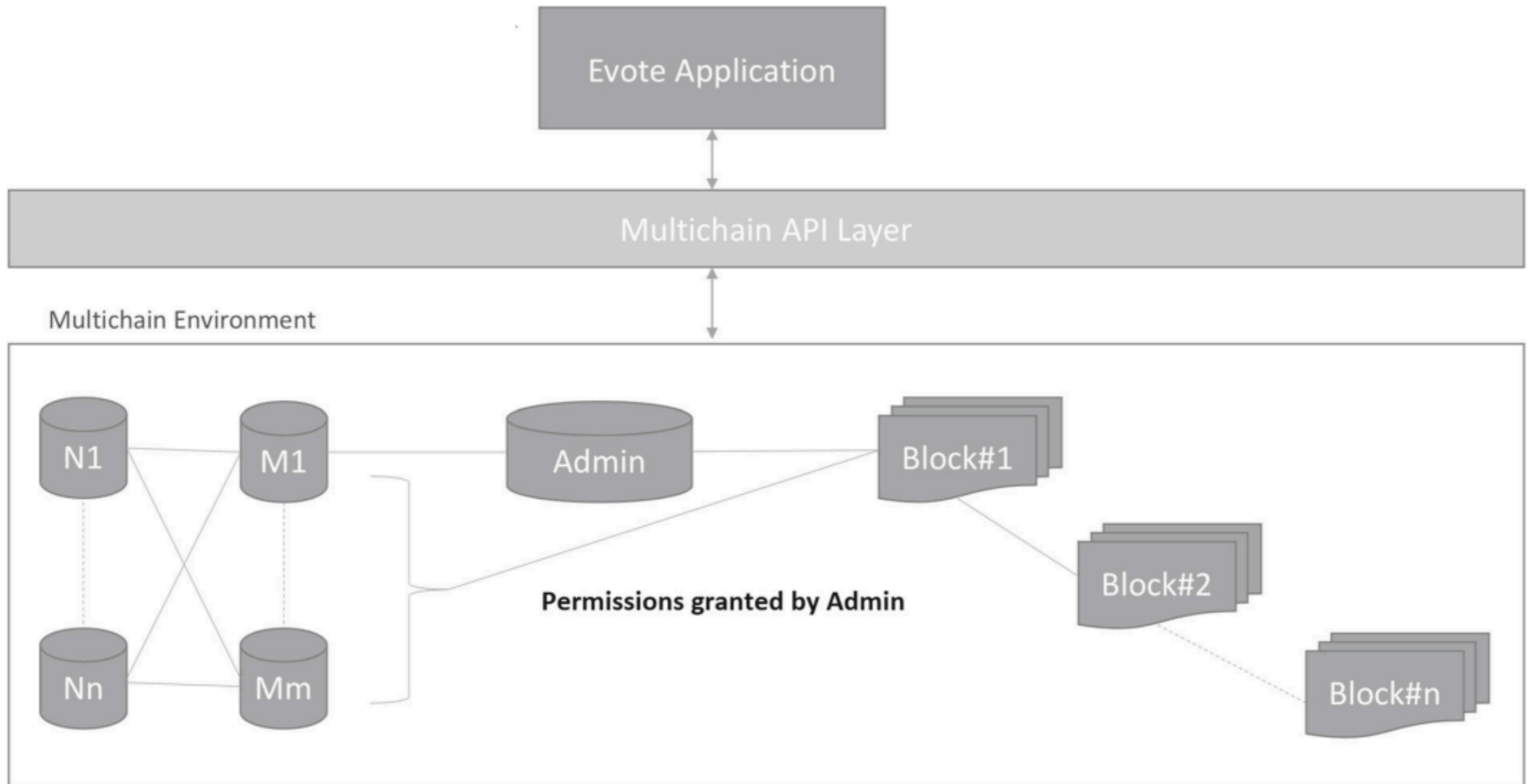




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**MULTICHAIN**

# THE ARCHITECTURE



# CANDIDATE REGISTRATION



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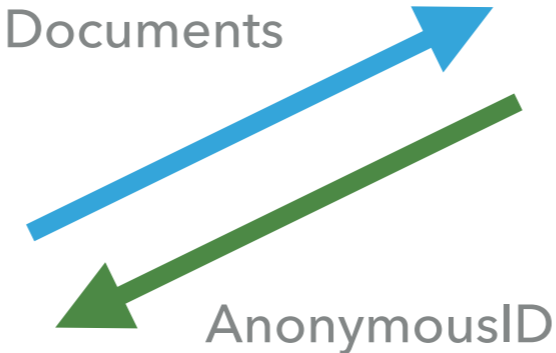
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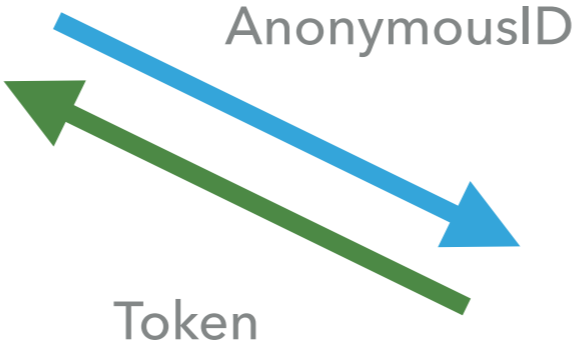
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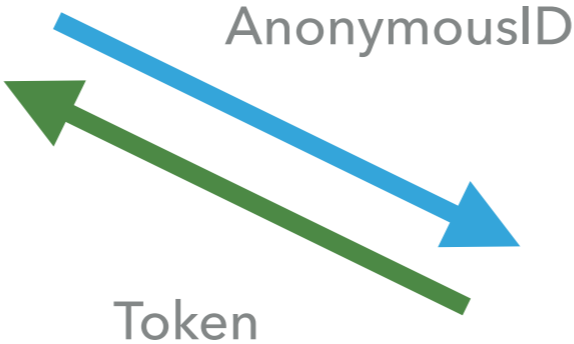
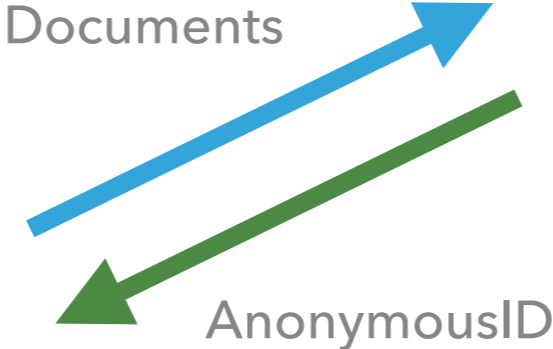
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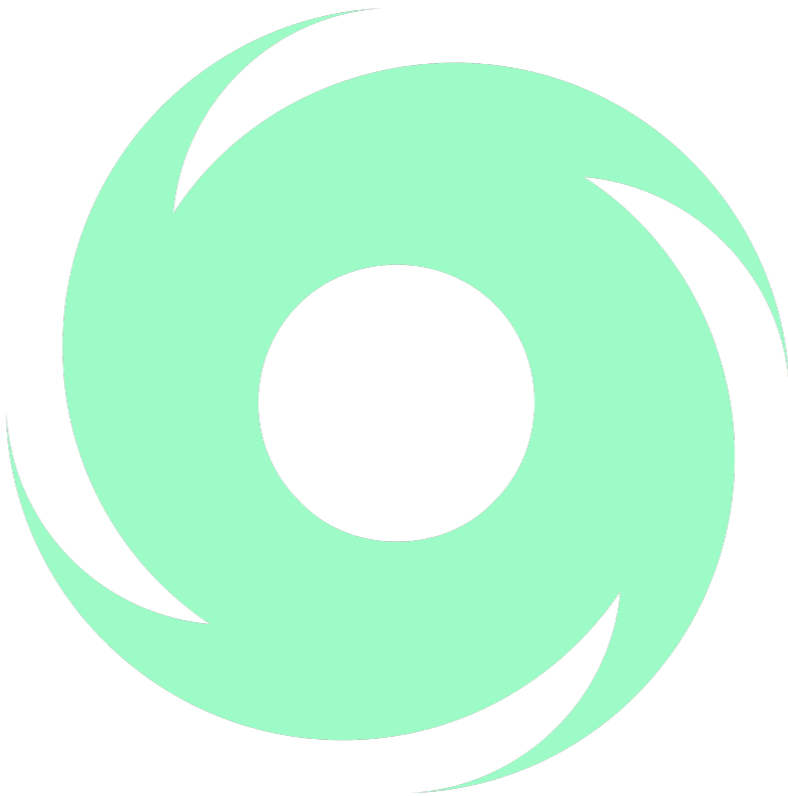
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# THE ERC20 STANDARD

# TORNADO CASH



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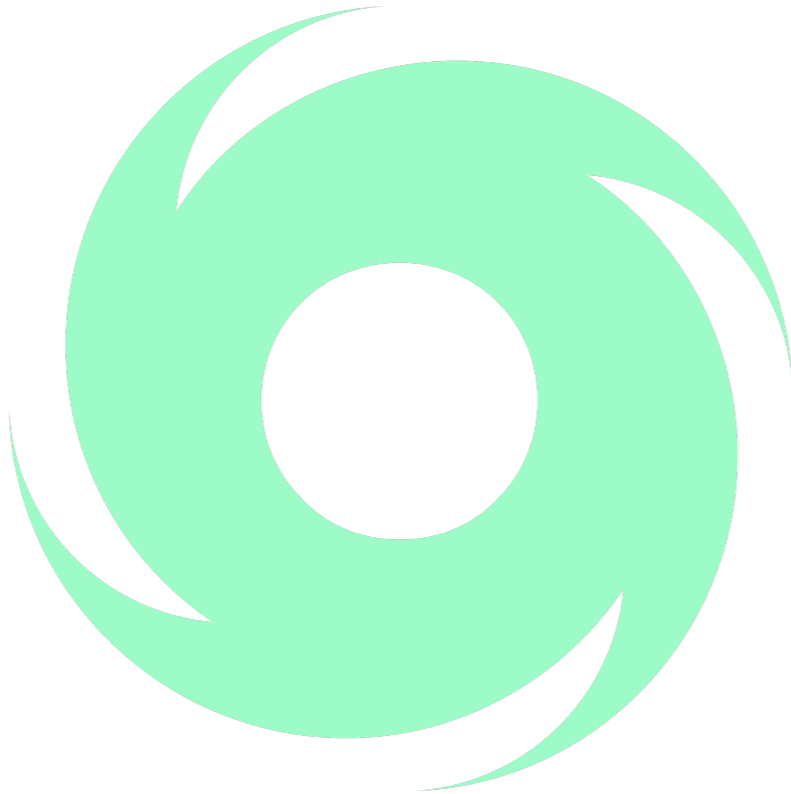


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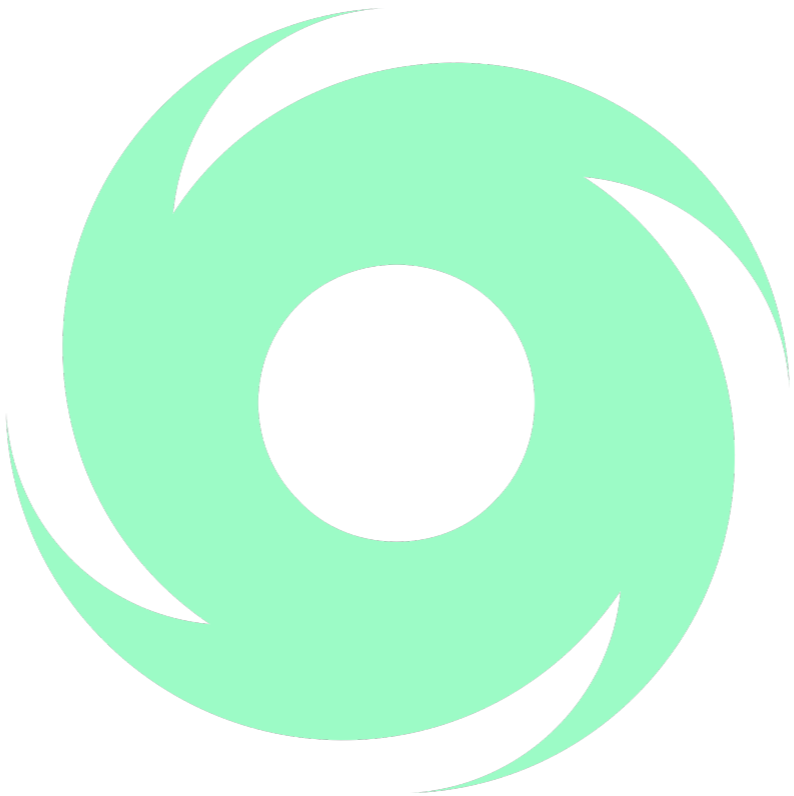
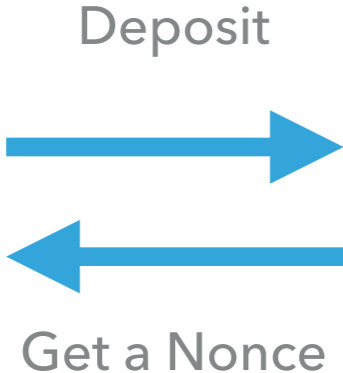
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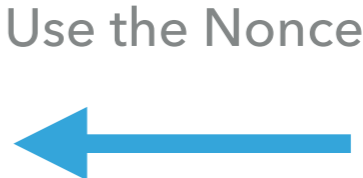
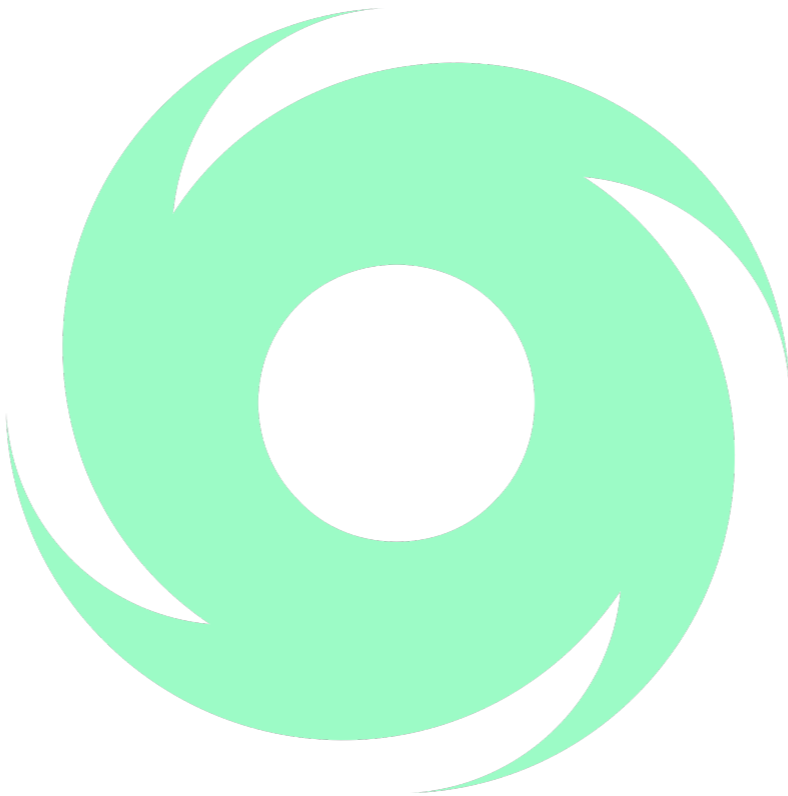
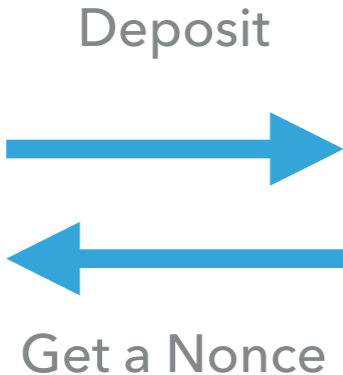
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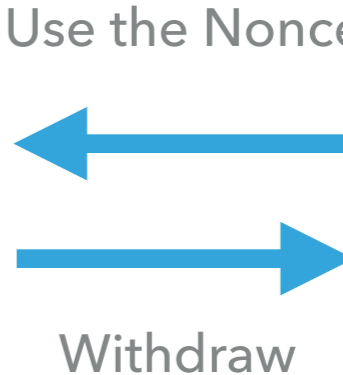
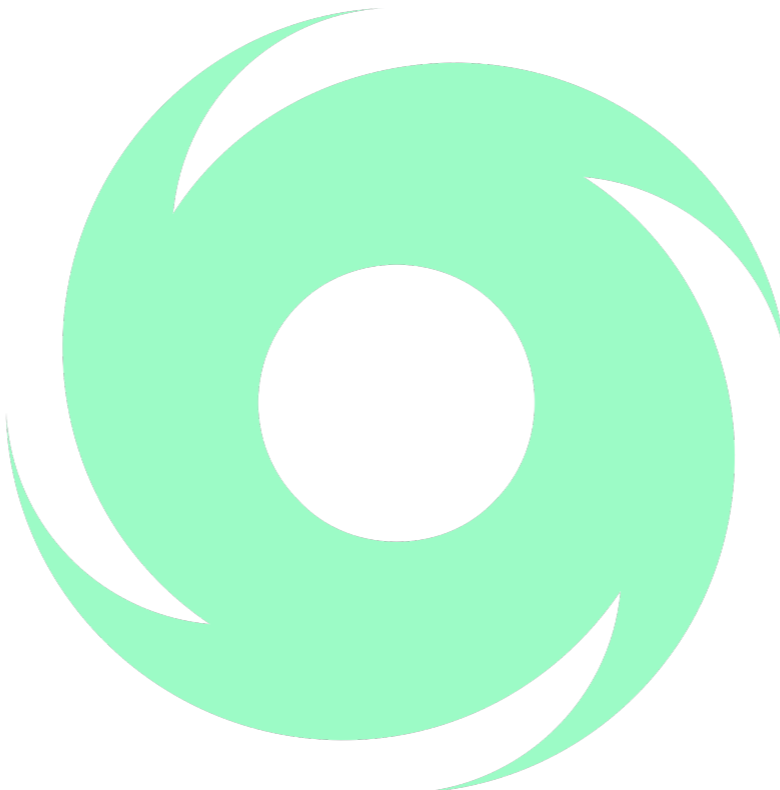
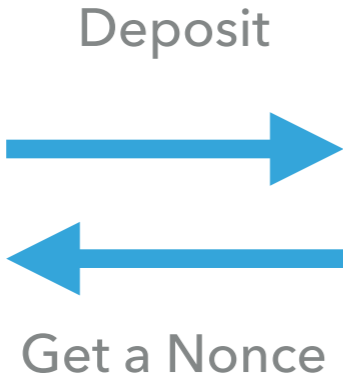


New Account

# TORNADO CASH



My Account



New Account

# FIRST STEP



Admin



User

# FIRST STEP



DTV (ERC20) token



Deploy



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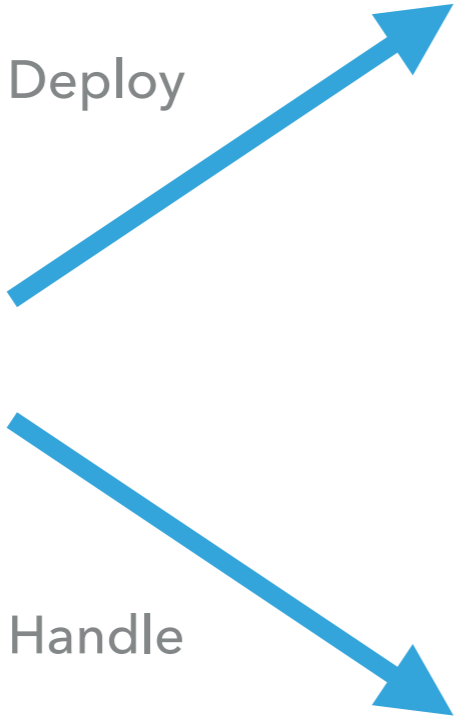


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DTV (ERC20) token



User Identification

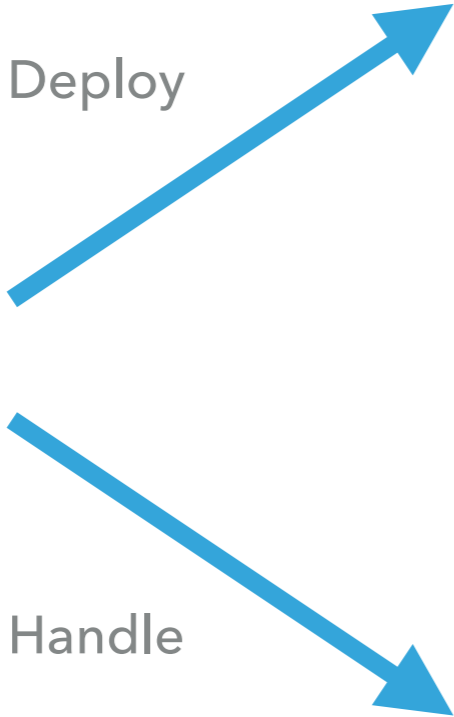


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User Identification

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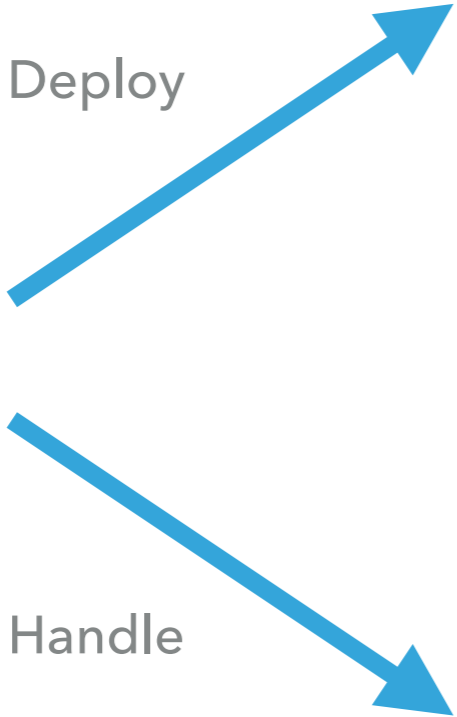


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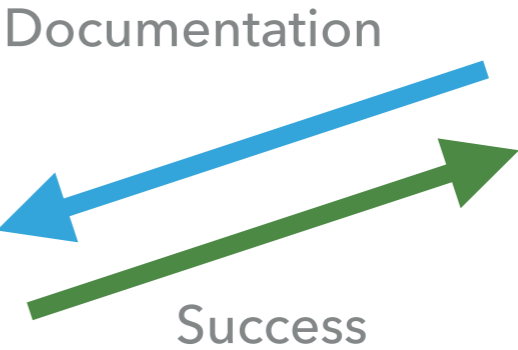
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User Identification



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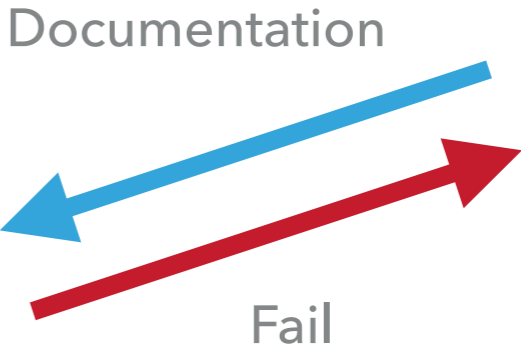
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User Identification



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# PSEUDO-ANONYMIZATION



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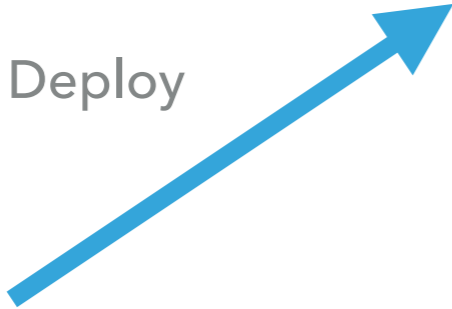


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TornadoCash-Relayer SC

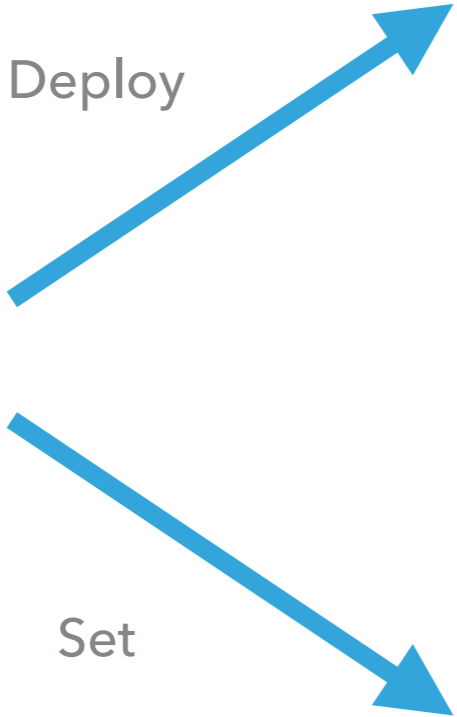


User

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Deposit expired time



User

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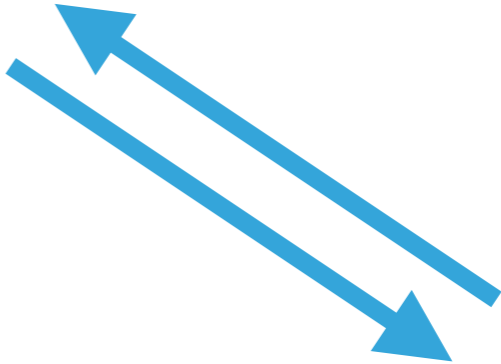


TornadoCash-Relayer SC



Deposit expired time

Deposit 0.0015 ETH and 1 DTV



Receive a Nonce

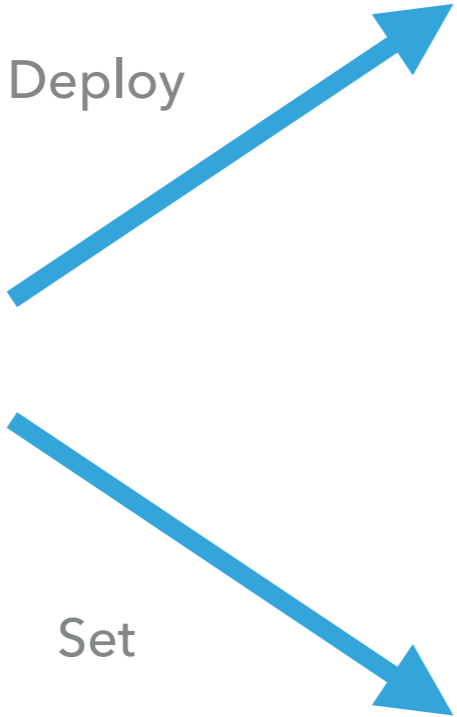


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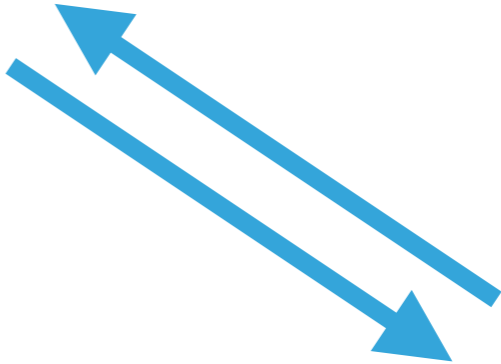


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TornadoCash-Relayer SC

Provide the Nonce



Withdraw 0.0015 ETH and 1 DTV



User



Deposit expired time

# VOTE



Admin

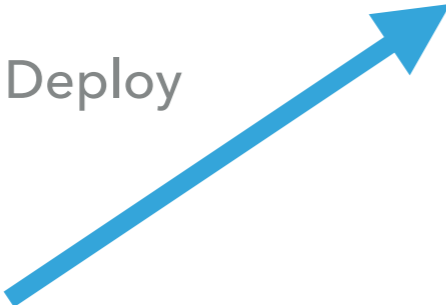


User

# VOTE



Admin



Voting SC



User

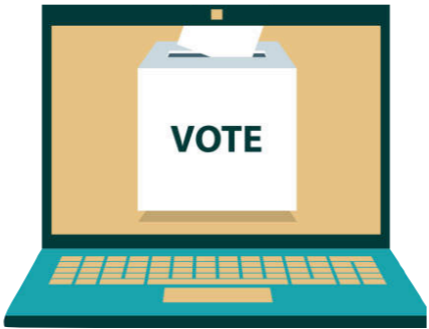
# VOTE



Admin



Voting SC



Vote Webpage



User

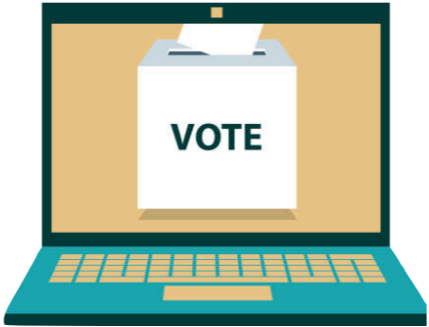
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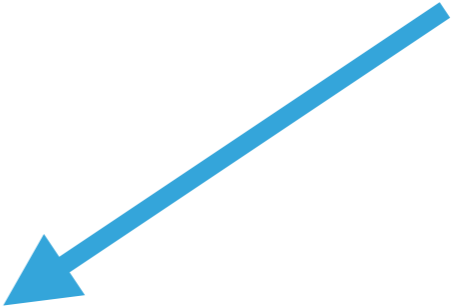
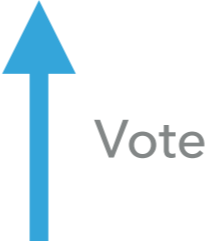
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Voting SC



Vote Webpage



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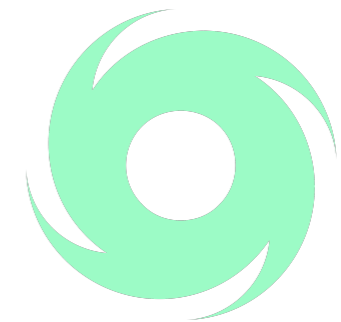
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Admin

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▶ **Lack of evidence**



▶ **Reliability**



# VOTE



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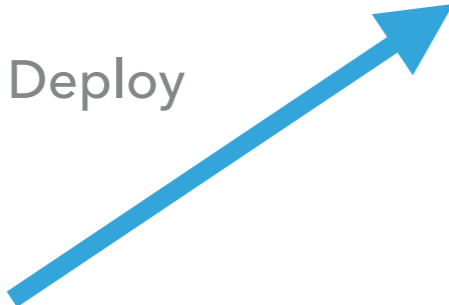


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Voting SC



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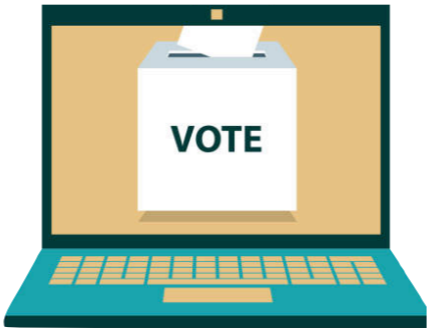
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Voting SC



Vote Webpage



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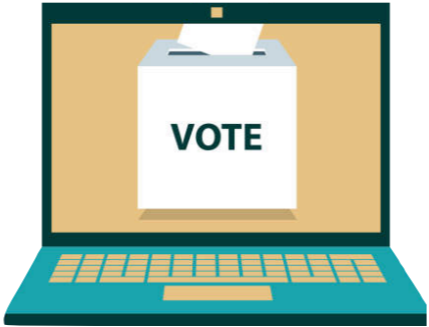
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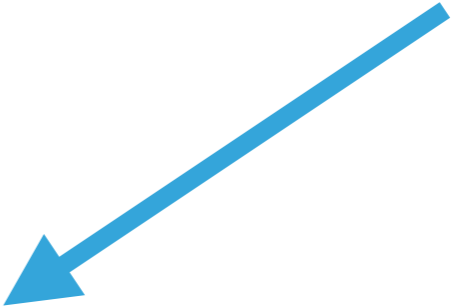
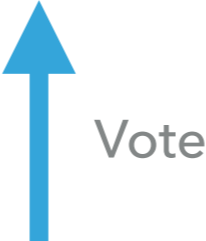
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Voting SC



Vote Webpage



User

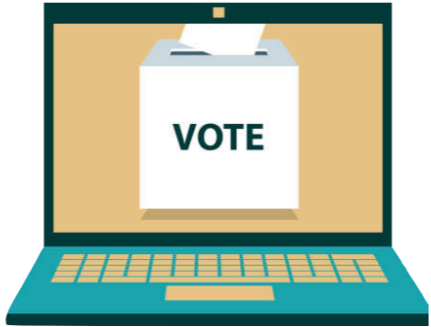
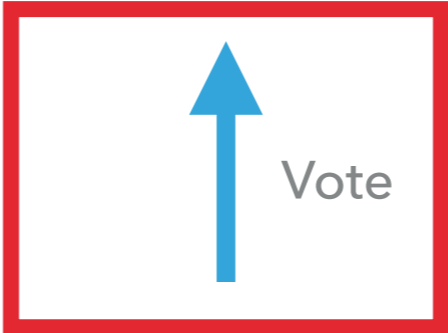
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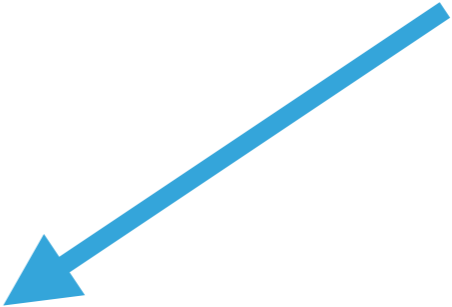
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Vote Webpage



Send 1 DTV to vote



User

# VOTE ENCRYPTION



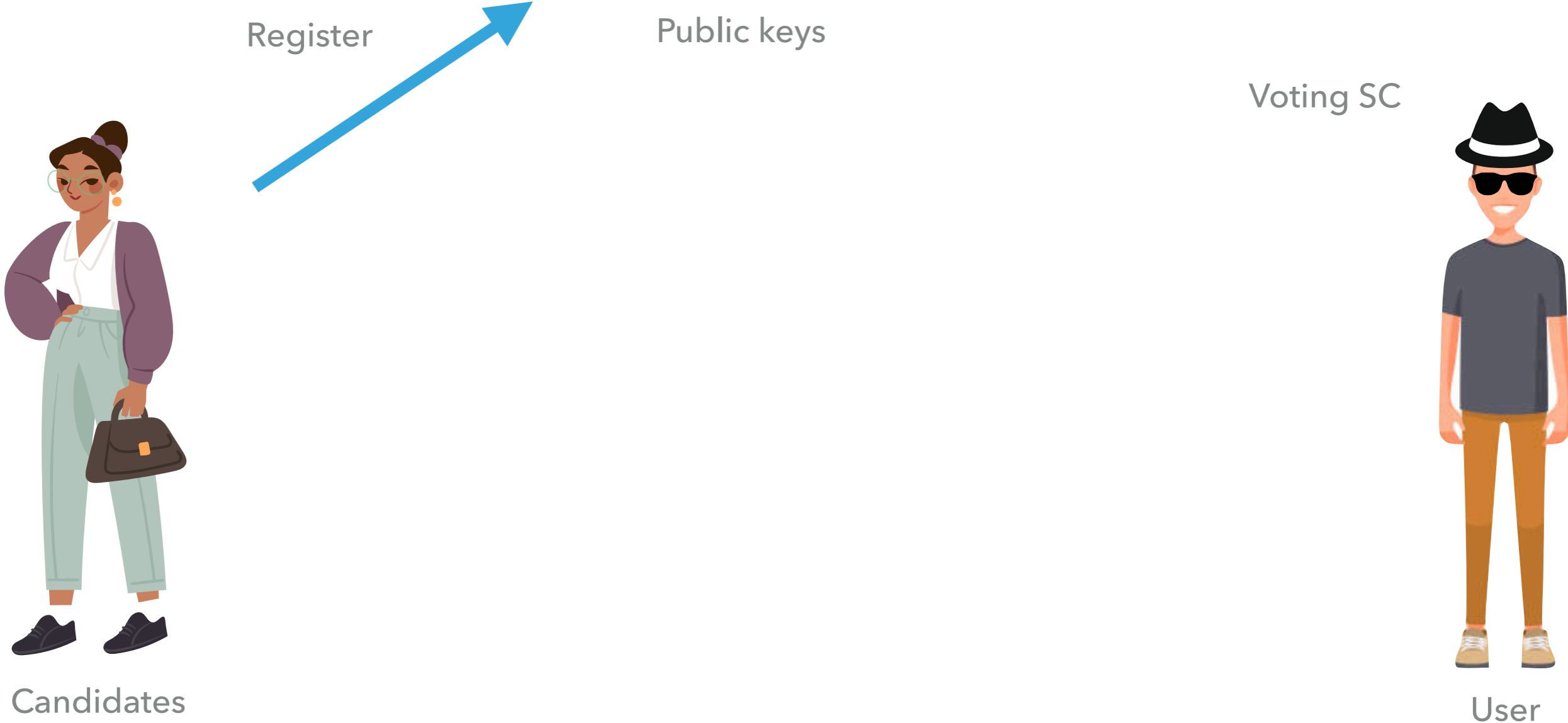
Candidates

Voting SC

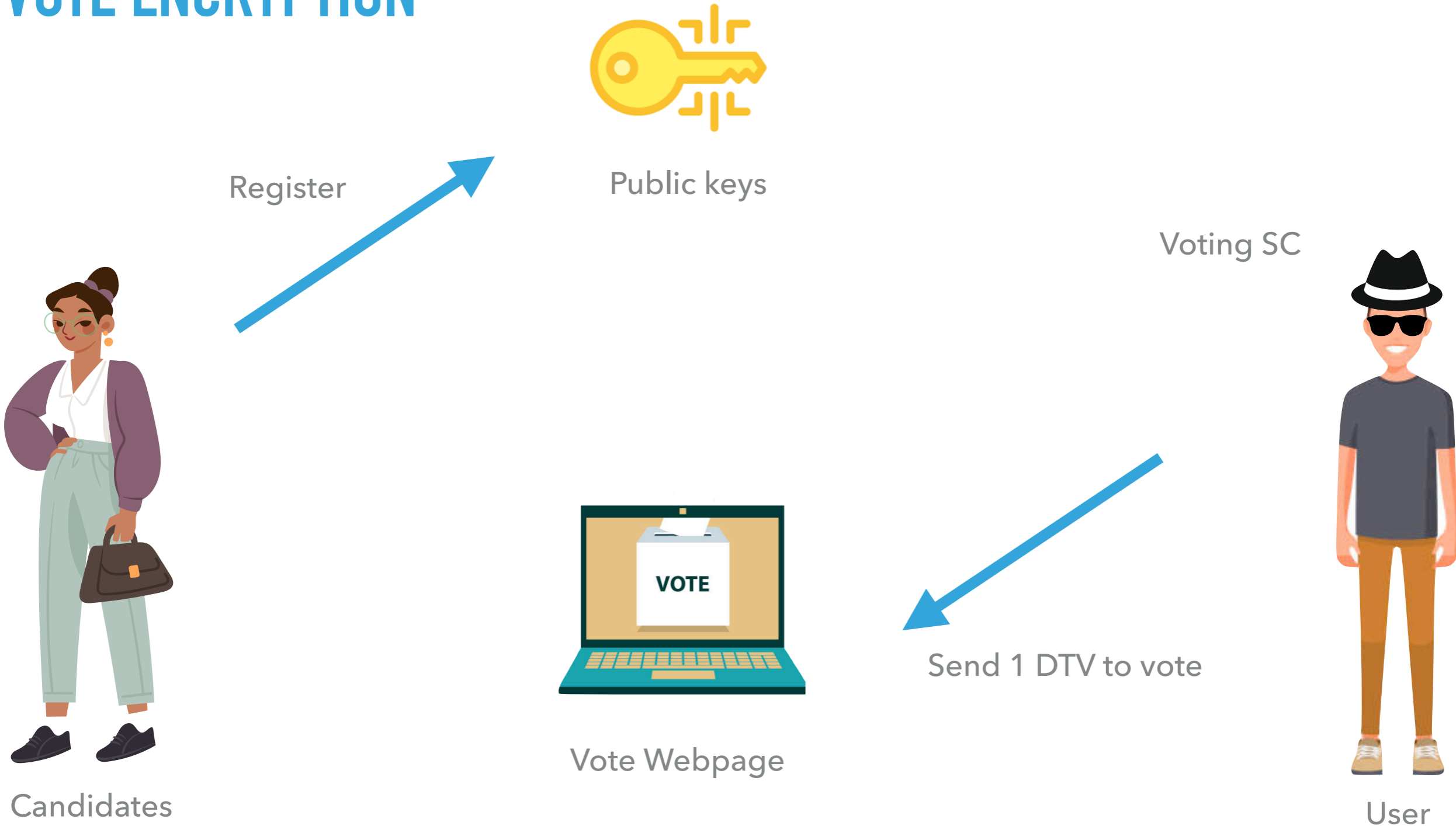


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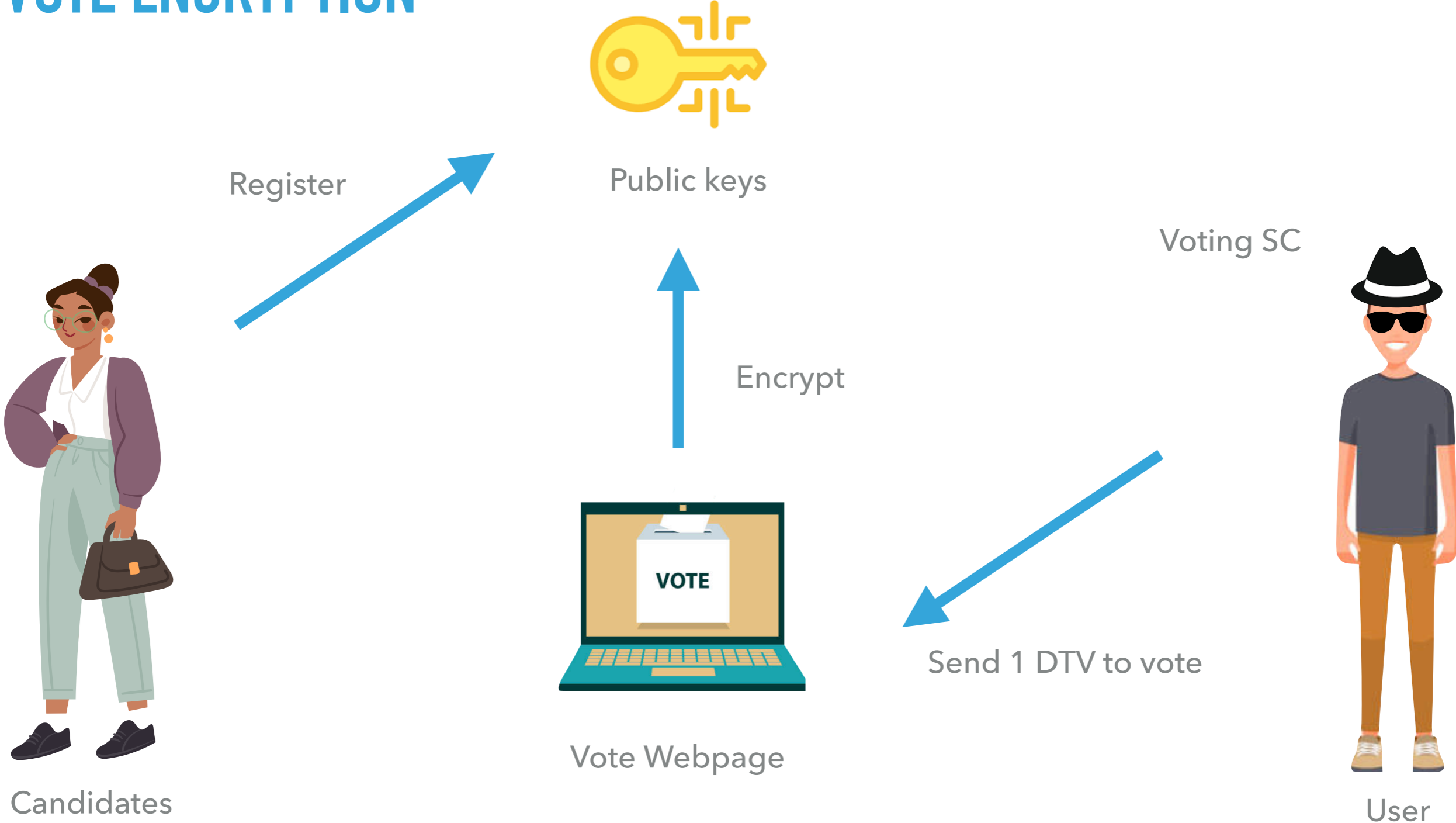
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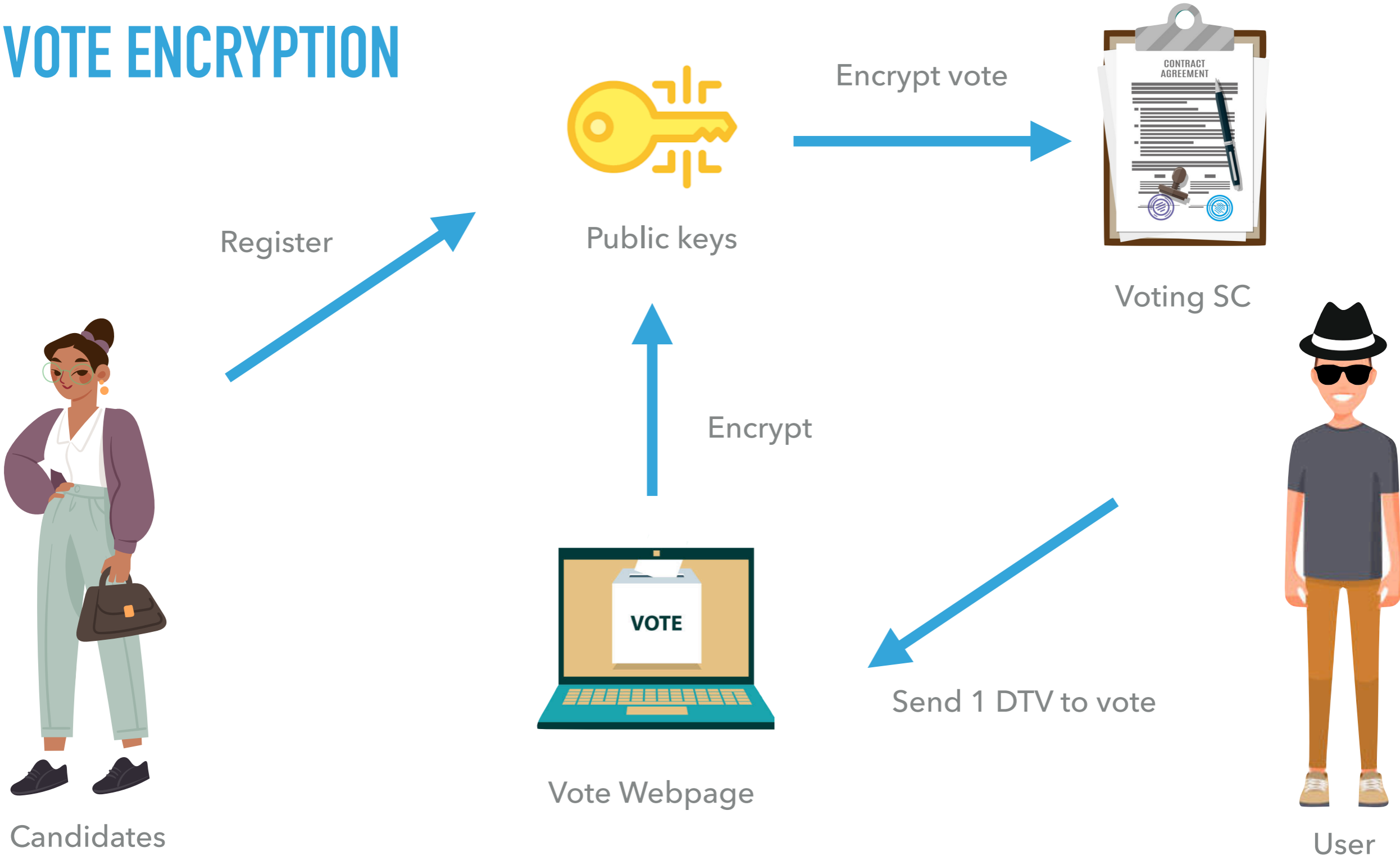
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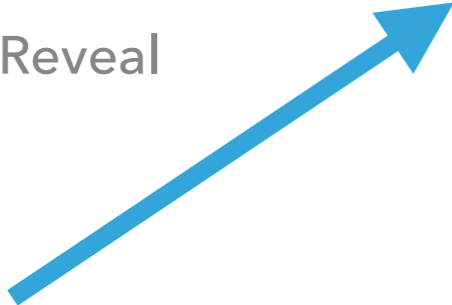
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# VOTE COUNTING

Reveal



Private keys

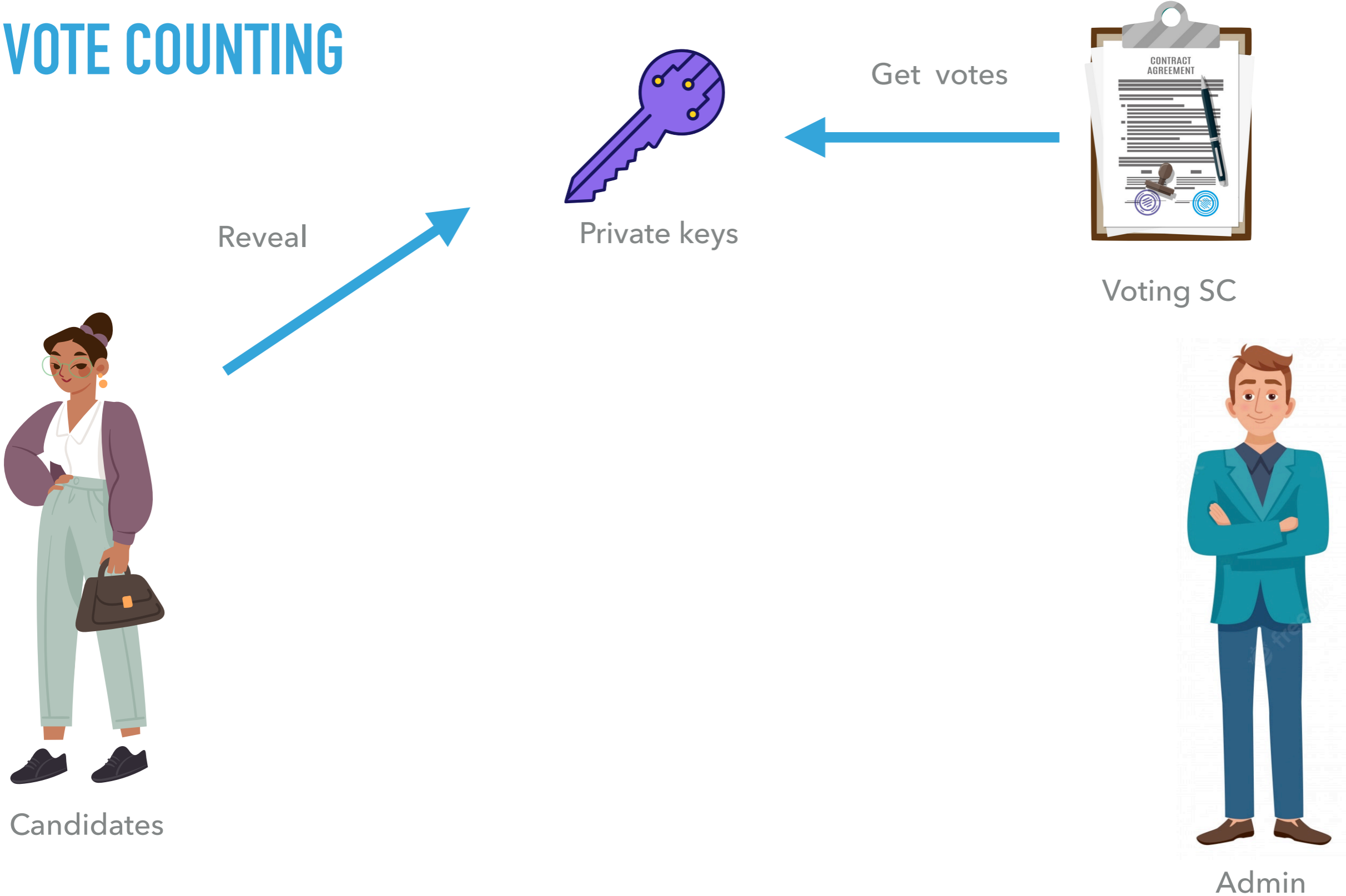


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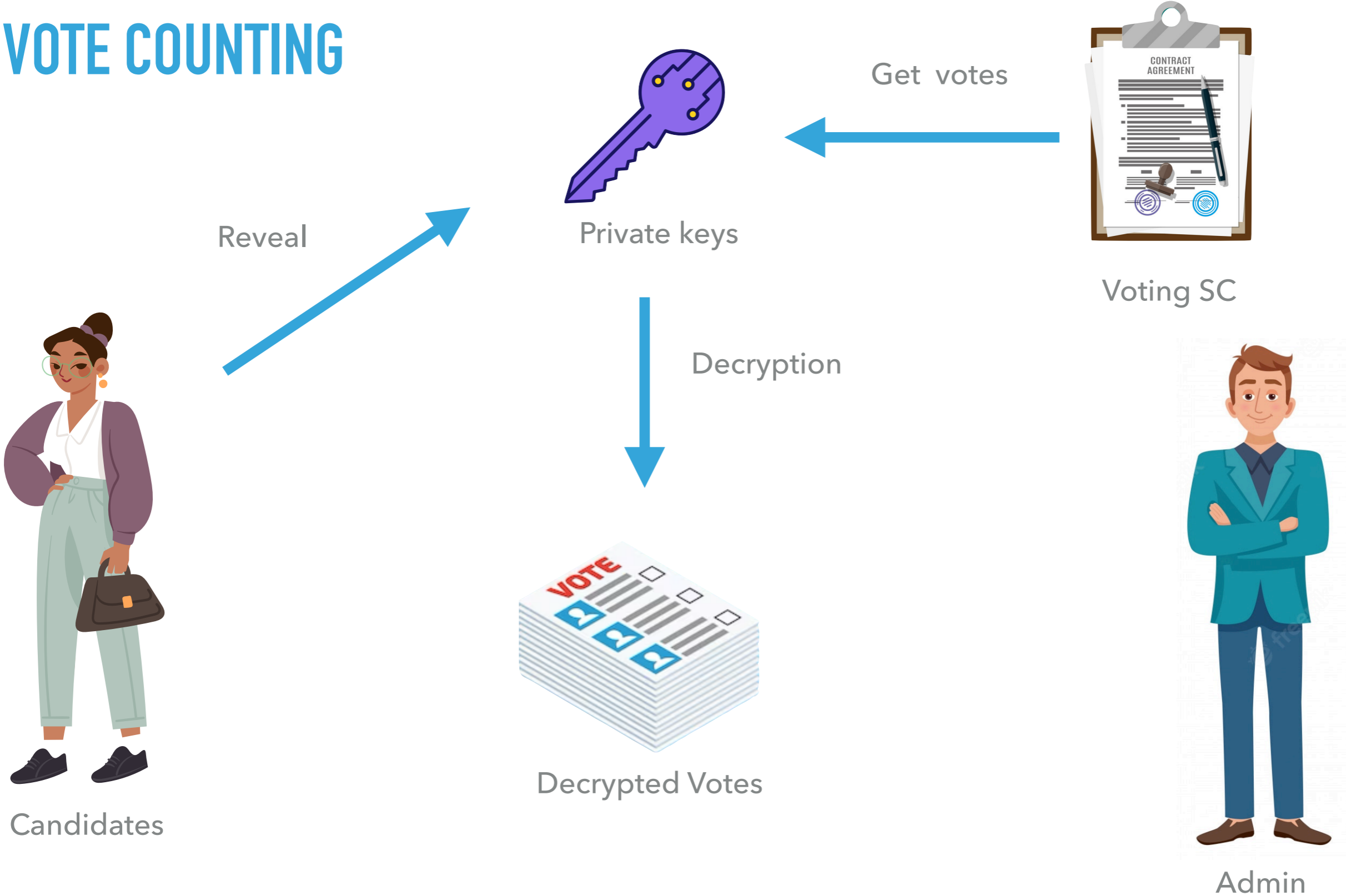
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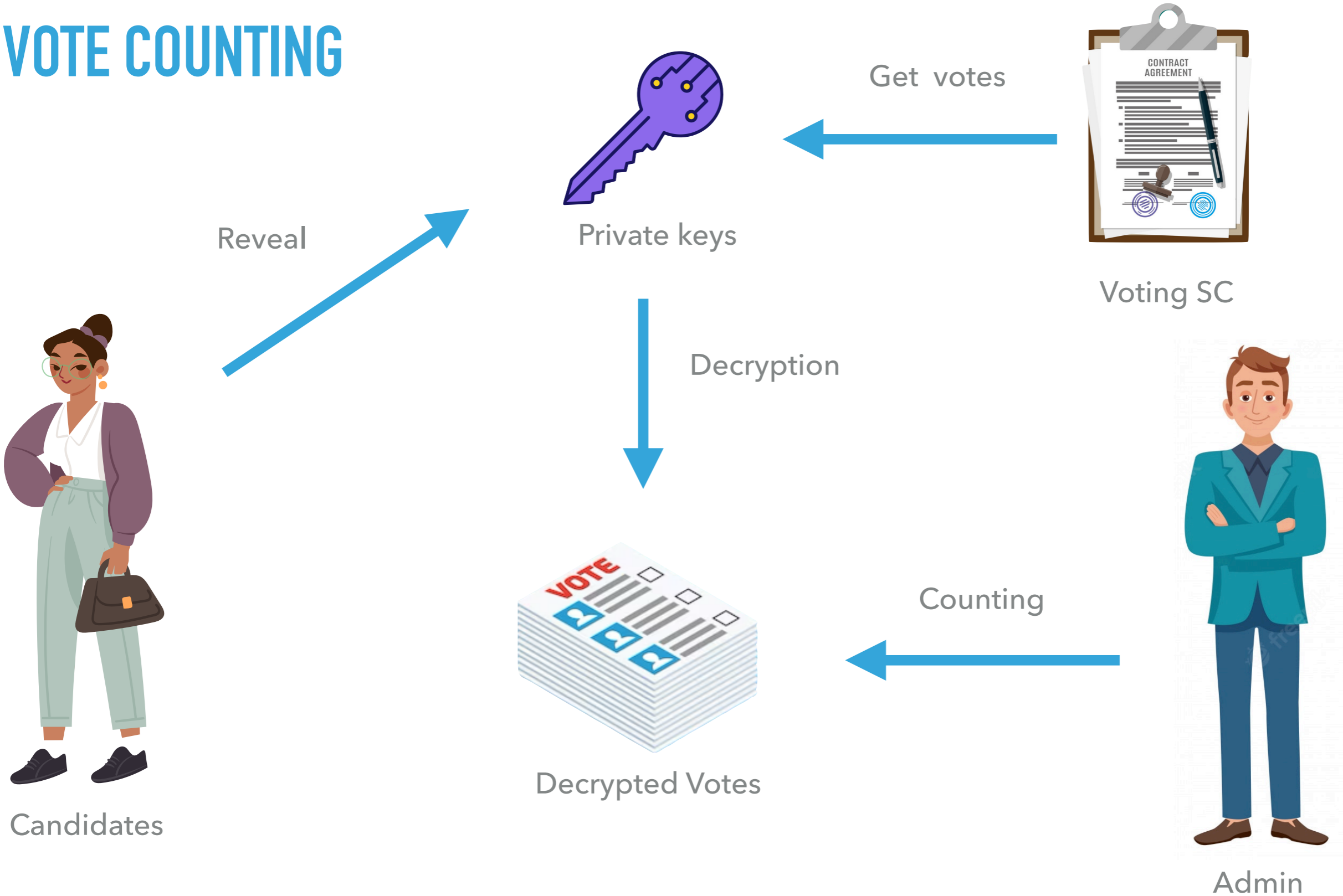
Voting SC

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# VOTE COUNTING



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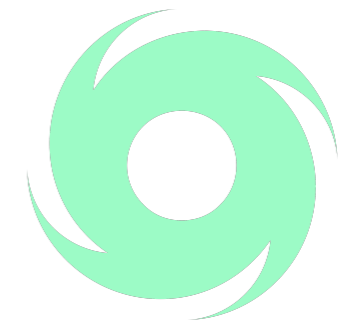
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Admin

▶ **Confidentiality**



Encryption

## OUR PROPERTIES

▶ **Lack of evidence**



▶ **Reliability**





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# K-TIMES ANONYMOUS AUTHENTICATION



Group Manager



Service Providers



Users

# ARCHITECTURE



Group Manager



Admin



Voting Providers



Users



# KEY PHASES

- ▶ Setup: GM creates cryptographic parameters and proofs.
- ▶ Joining: Users register and receive public/secret keys.
- ▶ Bound Announcement: Tag base (voting card) distributed.
- ▶ Voting: User votes anonymously via Account2.
- ▶ Public Tracing: Detects double voting while preserving anonymity.
- ▶ Counting: Results verifiable on-chain.

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k-times anonymous authentication



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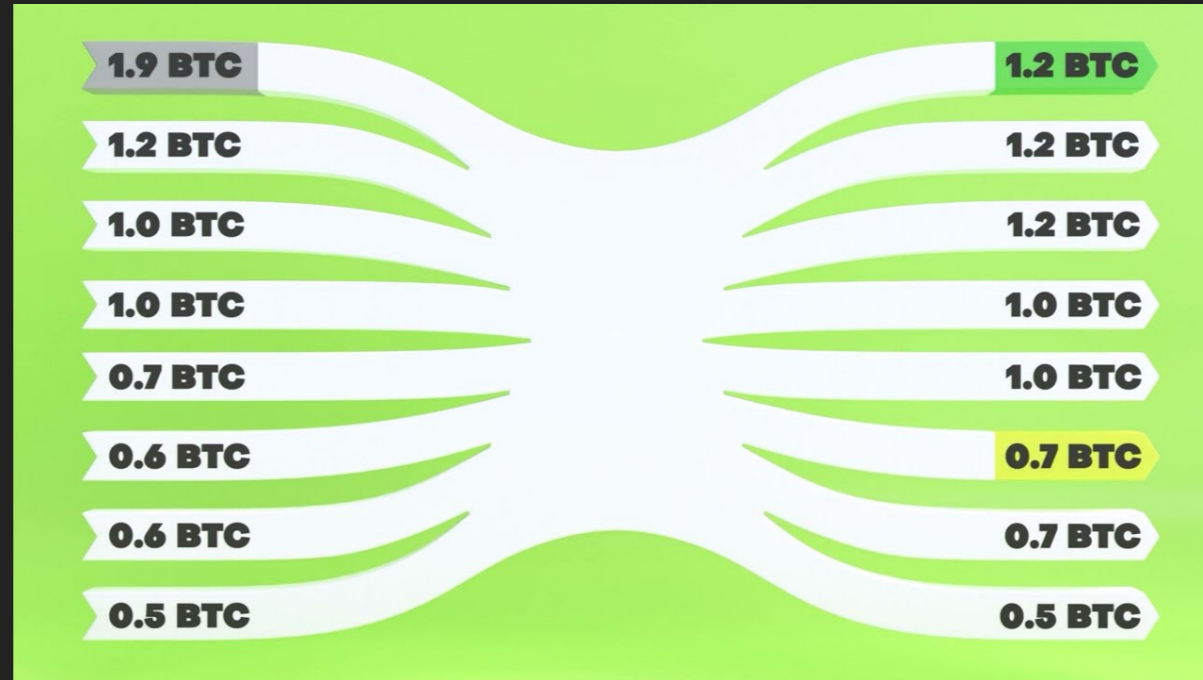
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▶ **Lack of evidence**



▶ **Reliability**





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Transaction

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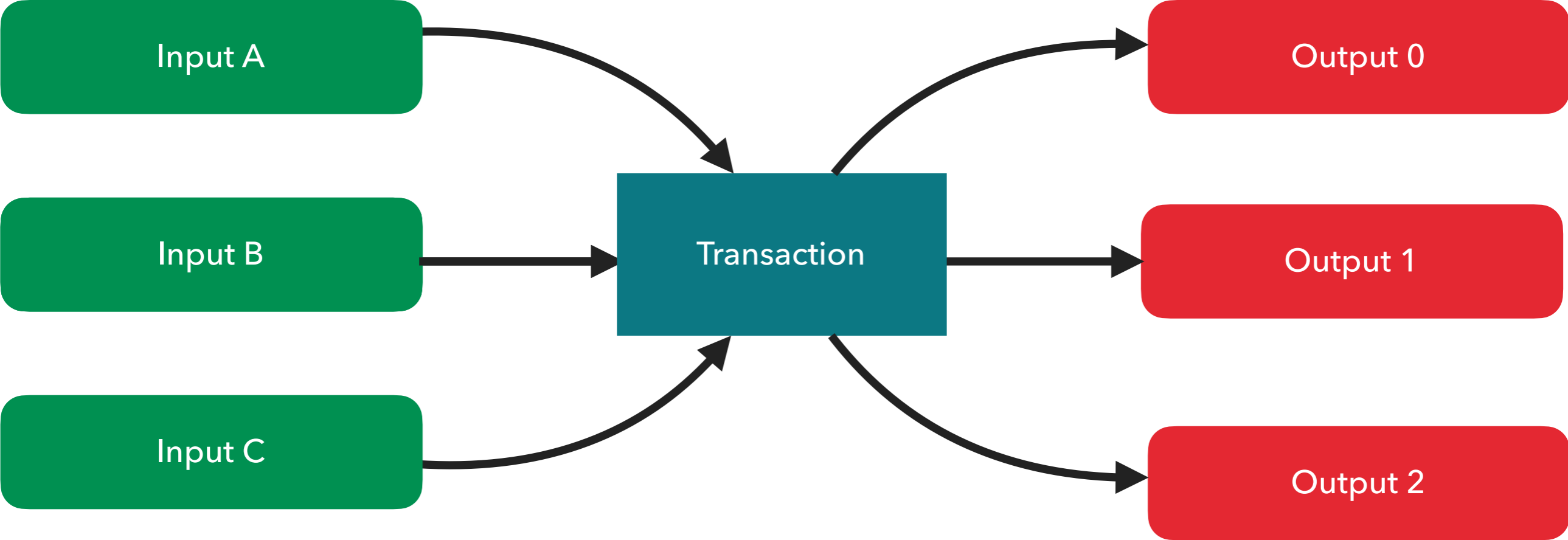
Input B

Input C

Transaction

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# COINJOIN



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- ▶ E-voting system using litecoin and conjoin
- ▶ Enforce authentication: SSI or OAuth and OpenID protocols
- ▶ Increase privacy: Thor

# Towards a Decentralized and Privacy-Preserving Voting System

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**THANKS FOR THE ATTENTION.  
QUESTIONS?**



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