



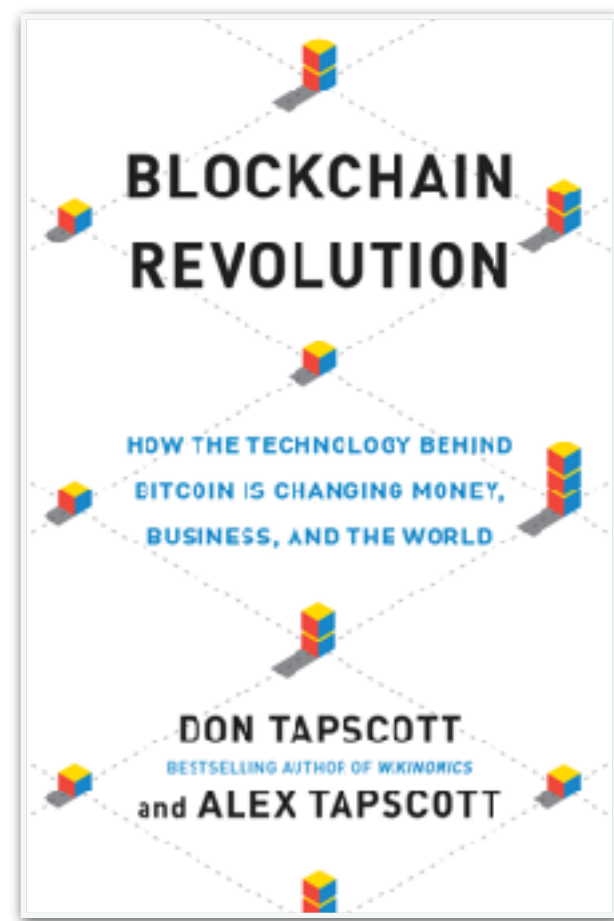
Bitcoin & Blockchain A Quick Primer

Jeremy Clark









Bitcoin Technology Piques Interest on Wall St.

By NATANIEL POPPER | AUG. 28, 2015



Freddie Voss is overseeing work at Nasdaq to use the technology behind Bitcoin to make trading faster and cheaper. Sasha Matlov for The New York Times

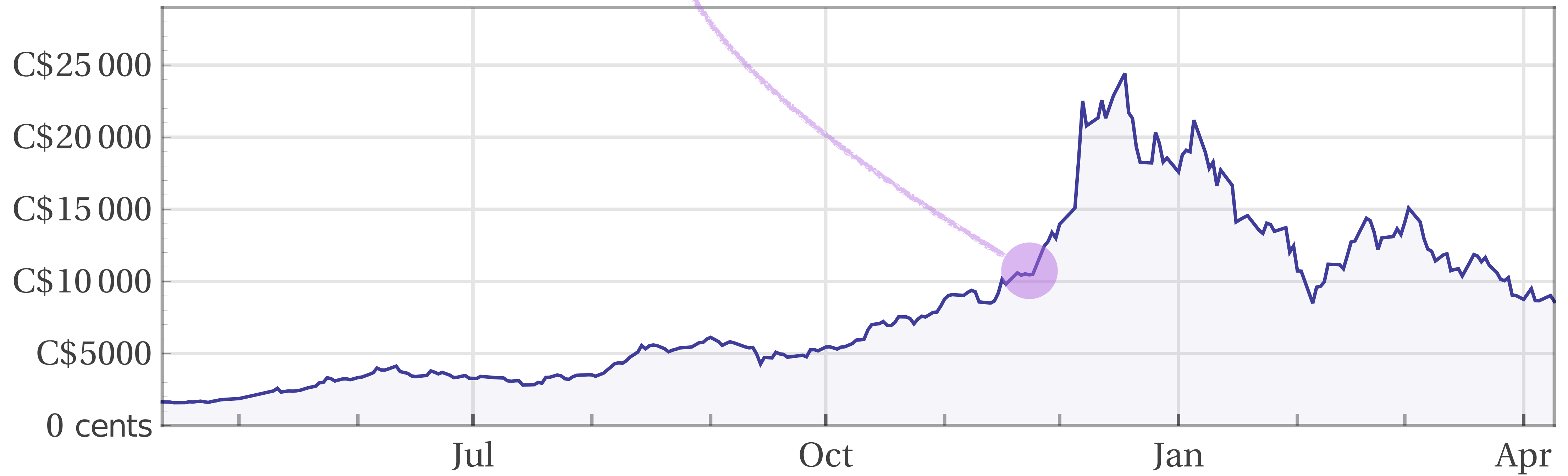
Most people still think of Bitcoin as the virtual currency used by drug dealers and shadowy hackers looking to evade the authorities.



Not a good thing



Not a good thing either



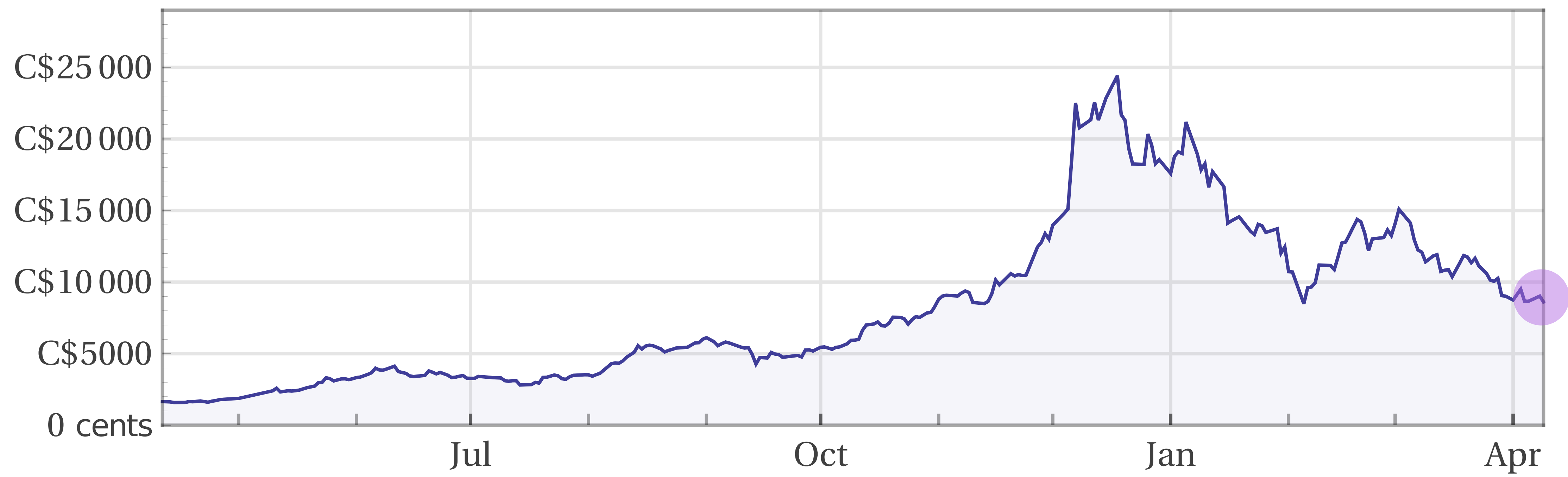
Bitcoin is a currency

Price increases:

- * Cause hoarding
- * Cause speculation
- * Deter borrowing



Why?

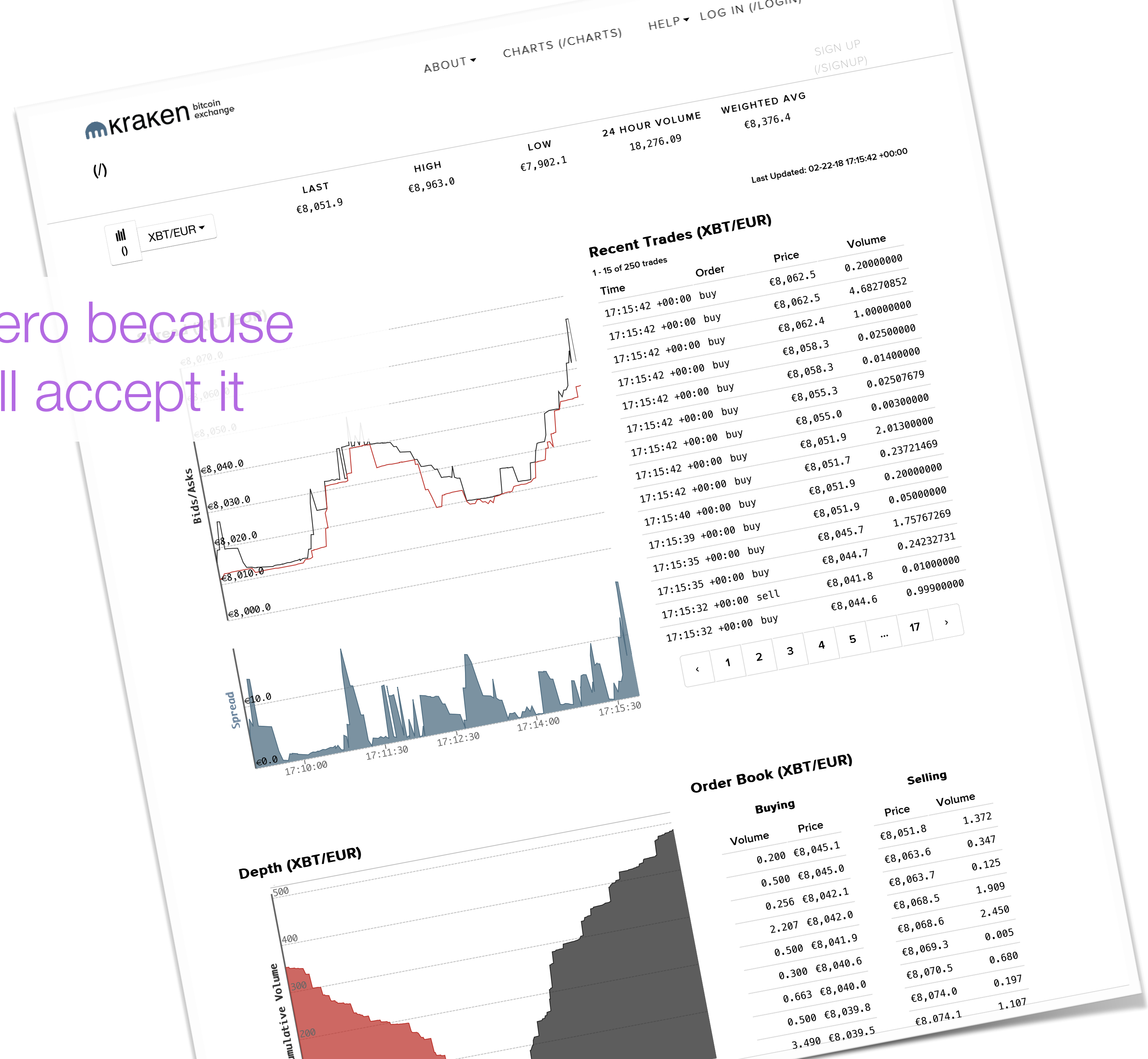


Why?

More than zero because
someone will accept it

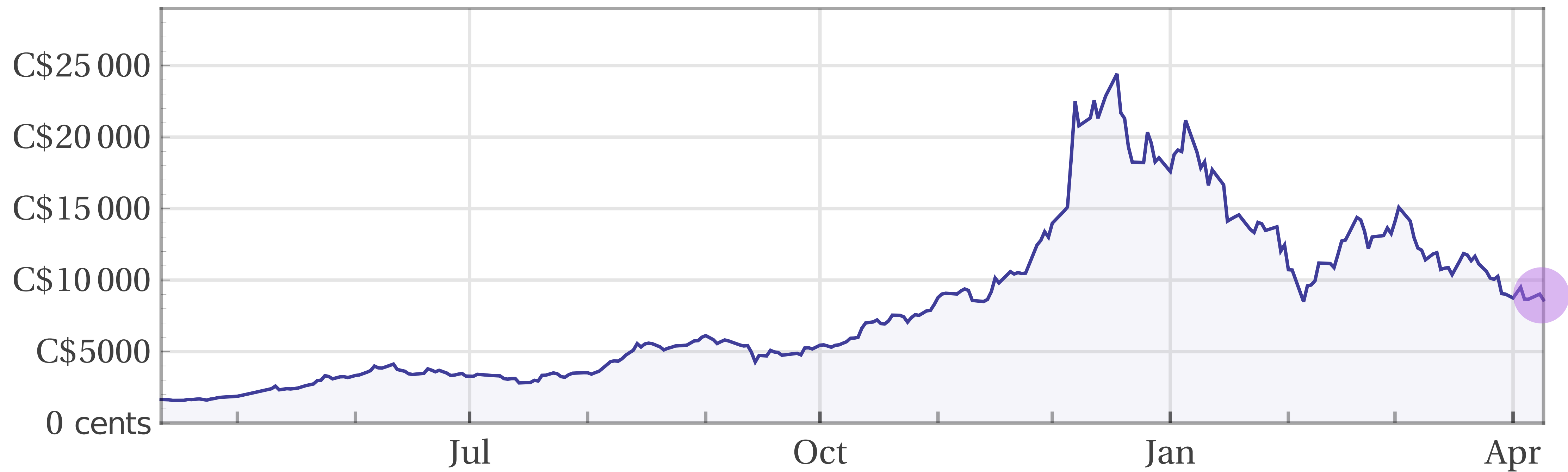



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Why?

\$15K instead of \$15.00 or \$15M?





Bitcoin is digital currency proposed ~10 years ago
It is used via phones, computers, & websites
Every transaction is written into a secure ledger of
called the blockchain — no one is in charge

Digital Revolution

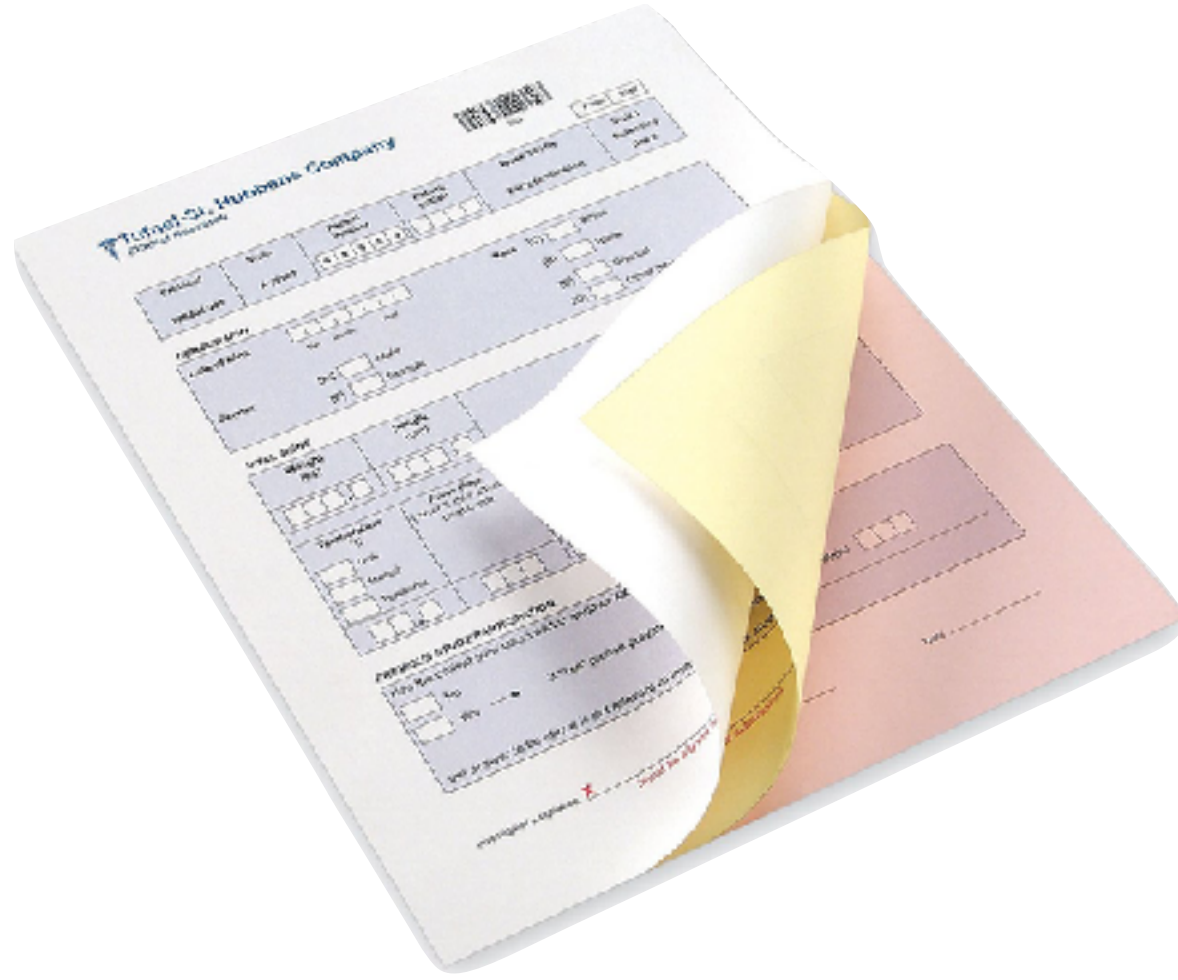
Blockchain

Digital Revolution

For business processes based on paper records, digitization increases efficiency



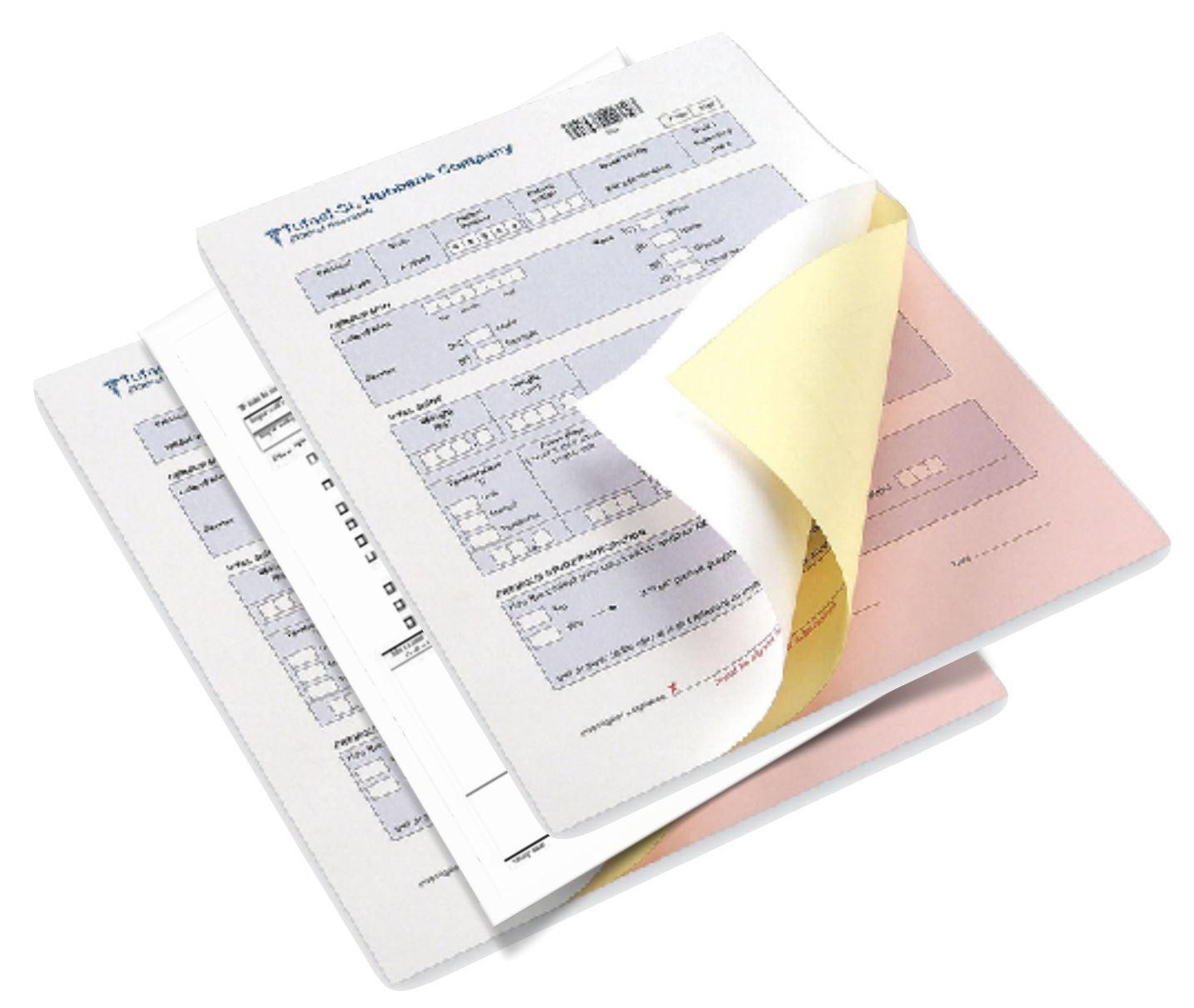
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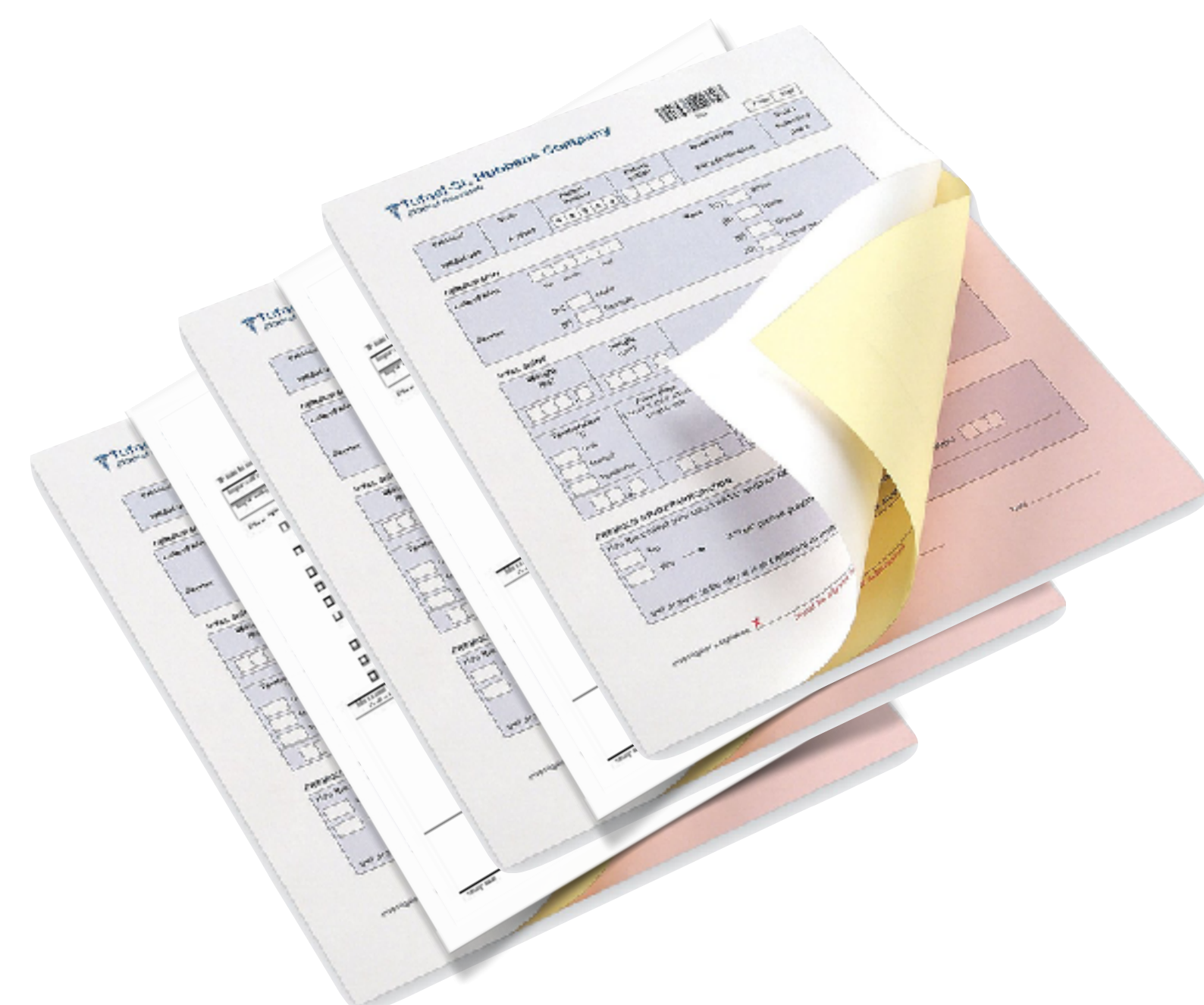
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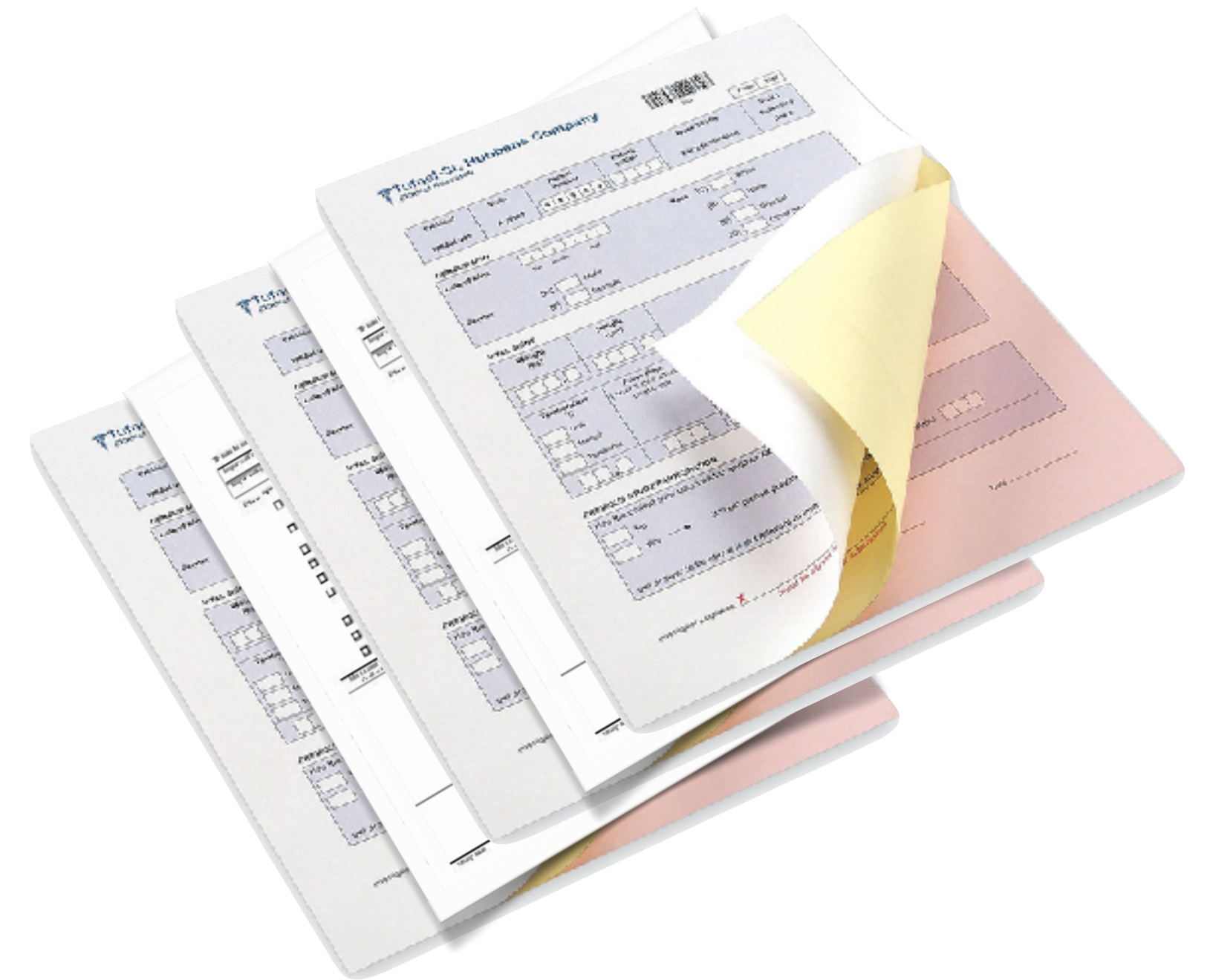


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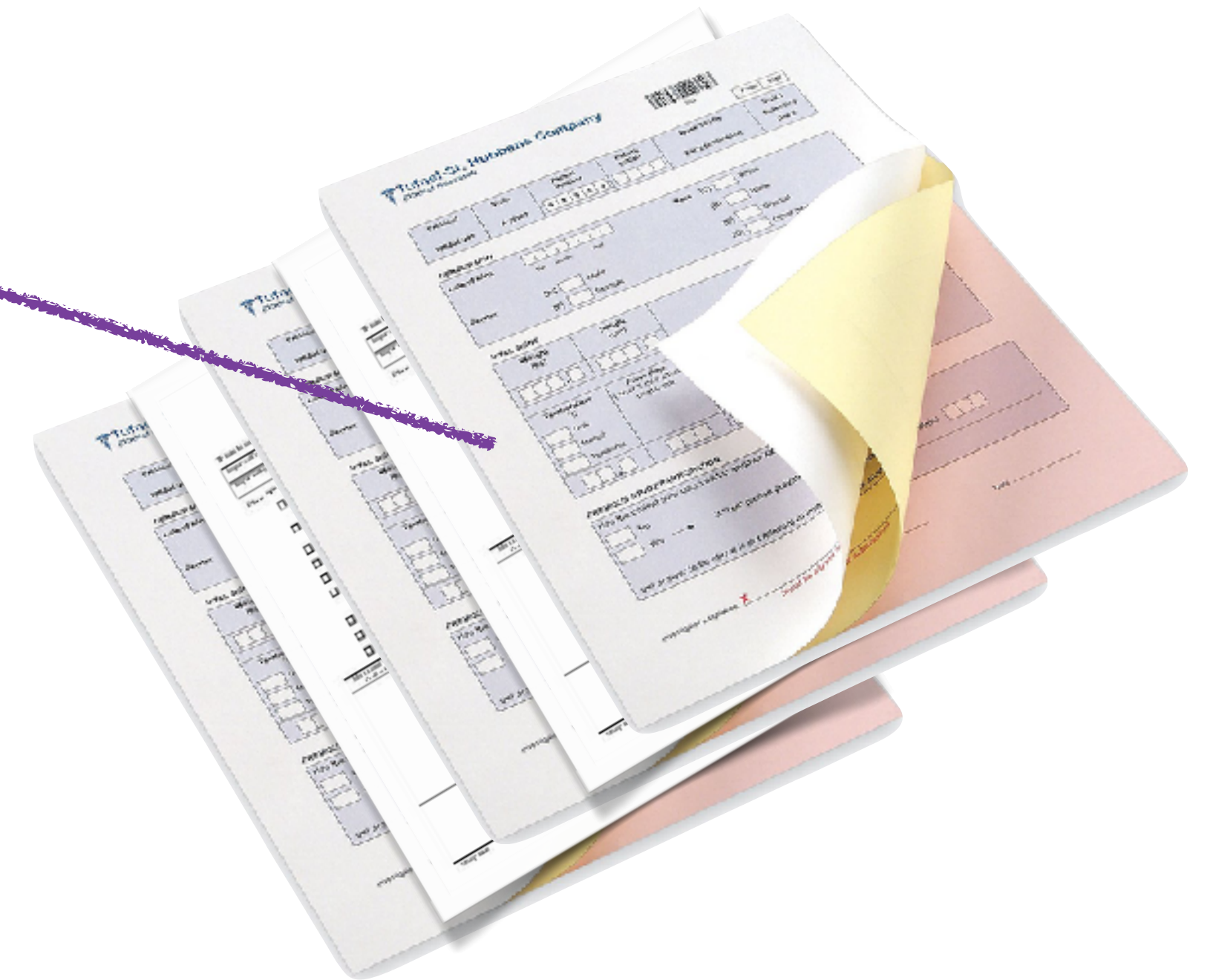
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Database





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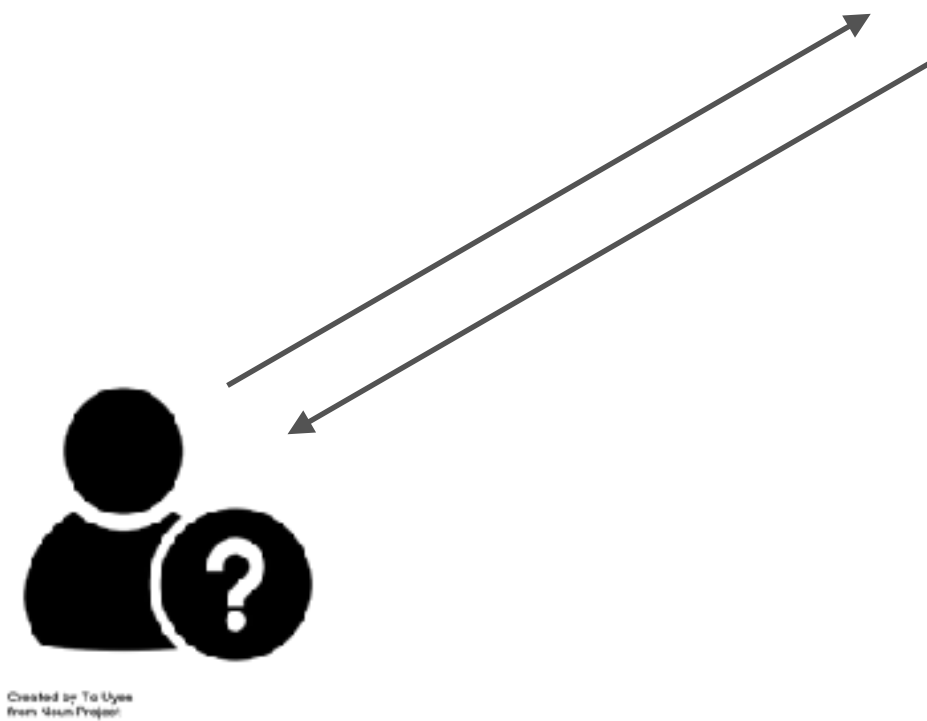
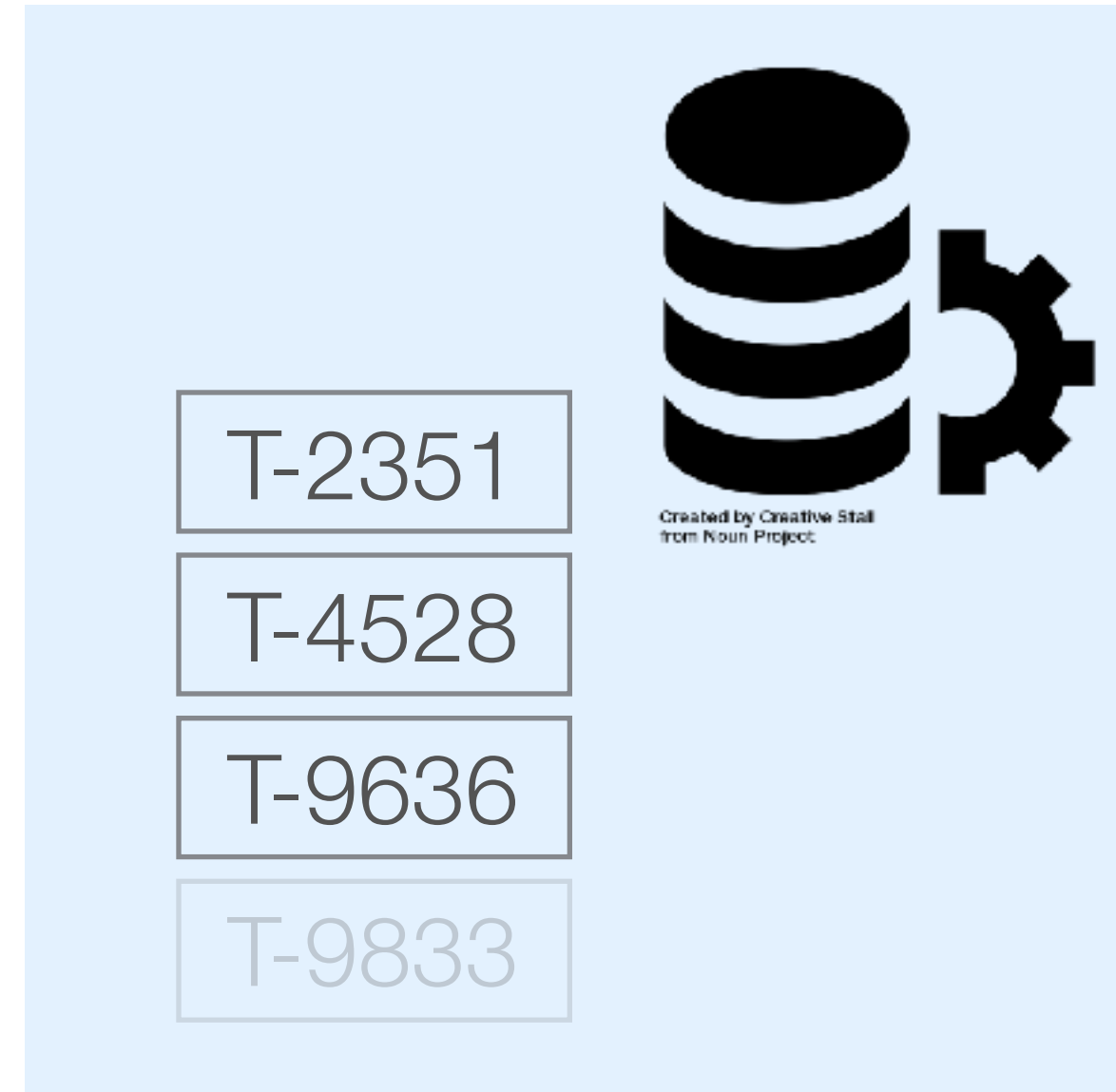
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Who Owns the Database?

Privileged Position

Availability

Manage Access

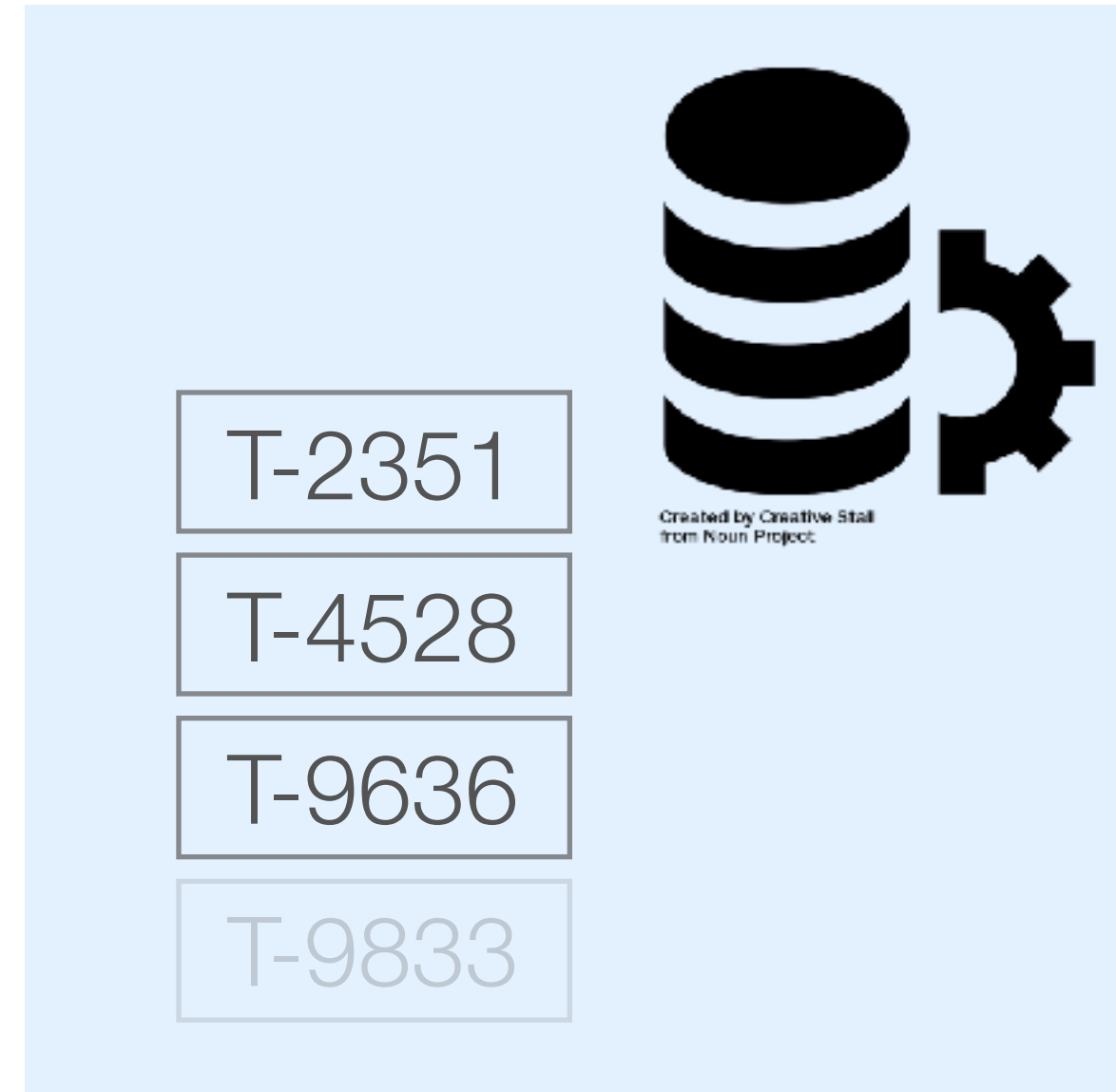
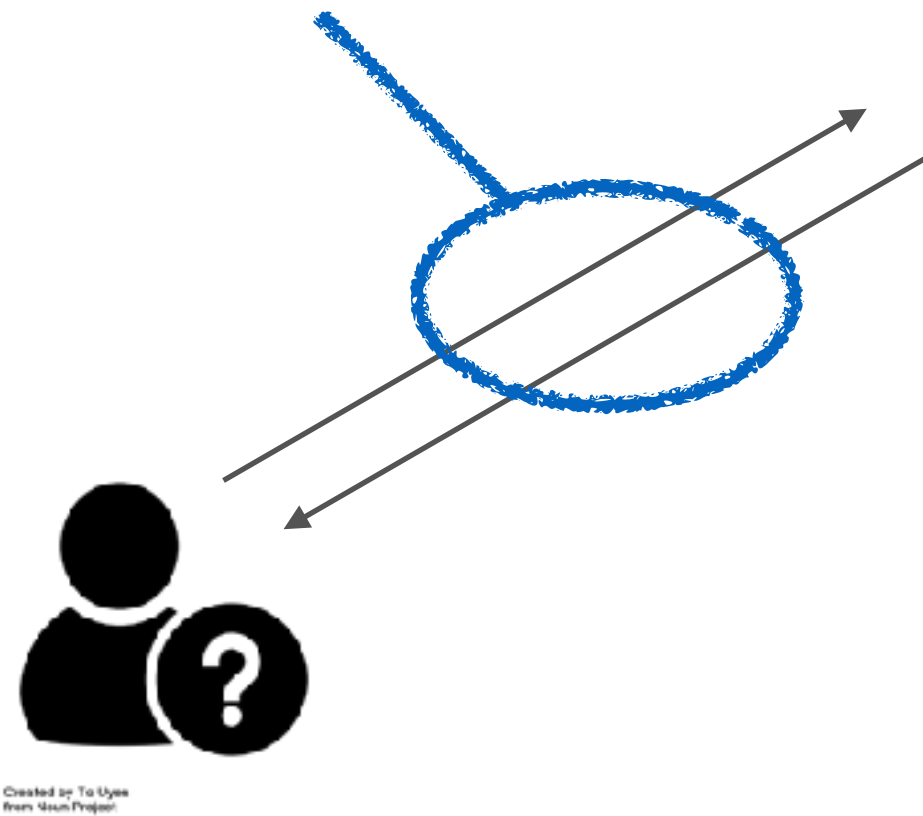


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Reconciliation



Who Owns the Database?
Privileged Position
Availability
Manage Access



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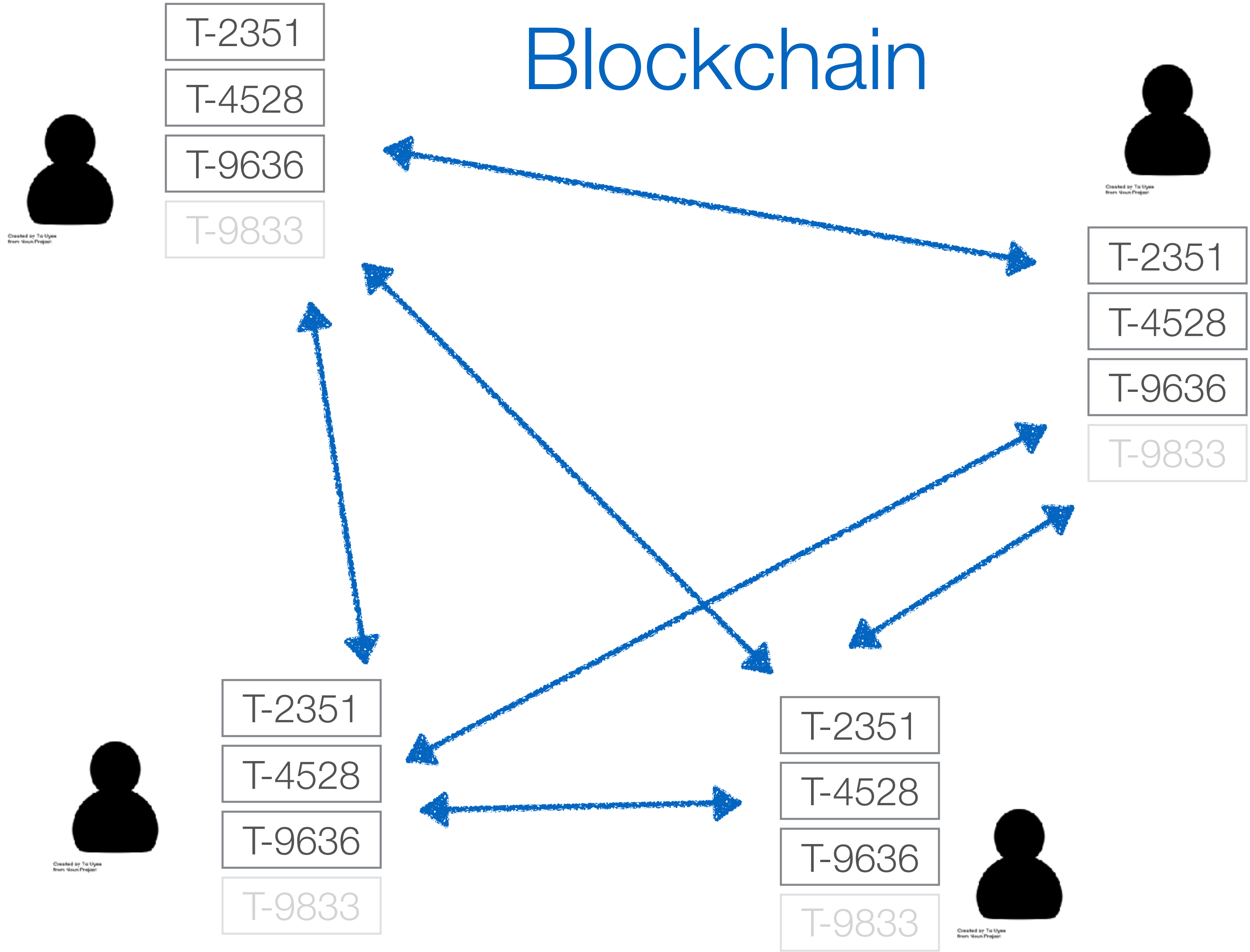
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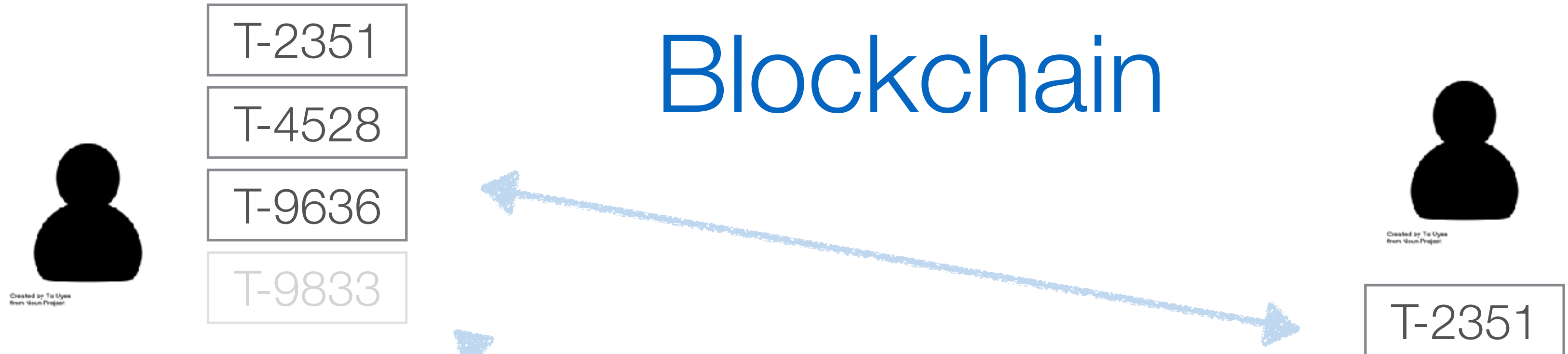


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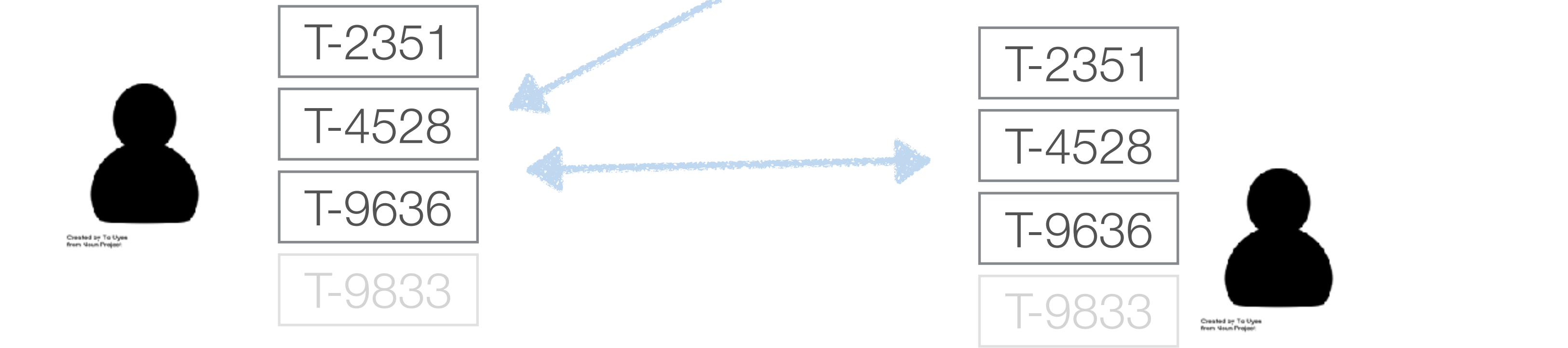
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Data is shared across participants
Network can tolerate nodes leaving or being hacked
No reconciliation
Data is validated & can activate processes



Use Cases



Lending

There is very little lending in cryptocurrencies

We show how a lending market could be designed for peer-to-peer lending up to commercial paper

We provide a variety of instruments for mitigating counter-party risk including collateral, insurance, & credit default swaps

*Toward Cryptocurrency Lending.
Chidinma Okoye, Jeremy Clark. WTSC 2018*



HTTPS

Using passwords, credit card numbers, cookies, and other private user data on the web requires privacy

HTTPS gives your computer a secure tunnel

Where does the tunnel end?

*Ghazal: toward truly authoritative web certificates using Ethereum.
Chidinma Okoye, Jeremy Clark. WTSC 2018*



Solvency Proofs



$$\text{ZKP: Equity} = \text{Assets} - \text{Liabilities} \geq 0$$

*Provisions: Privacy-preserving proofs of solvency for Bitcoin exchanges.
G Dagher, B Bünz, J Bonneau, J Clark, D Boneh. CCS 2015*



Markets

Excitement around replacing post-trade settlement for securities with a blockchain

We designed a decentralized order book based on a call market design

Nuances play a large roll: timing, speed, front-running, incentives

Take-away 1: Bitcoin-style digital cash is here to stay

Take-away 2: the Blockchain hype is (somewhat) real

Take-away 3: Blockchain success = invisibility

Take-away 4: Don't invest