

Anonymous Proof-of-Presence Groups for Messaging and Voting

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How to guarantee online accountability while preserving anonymity?

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Applied Proof of Personhood







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- Web and Android front-end, Go and Scala back-end
- QR Code
 - Organizer
 - Identity
- Local Autonomous Organization (LAO) creation and modification
- Schedule events (meetings, roll-call, poll, vote)

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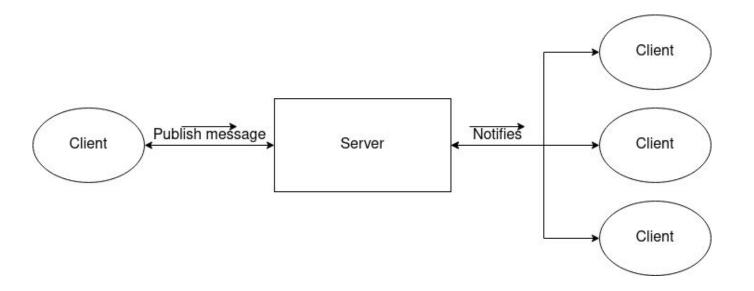
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Publish Subscribe pattern

- Channels, Publishers and Subscribers
- Easily scalable

Web Sockets

- Persistent, full duplex, connections
- Easy to use



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id: 0,
method
params

ch
me
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json rpc: "2.0",
method: "publish",
params:{
    channel: "/root",
    message: {
         data: base64({ object:"lao", action:"create", id:"YmFp", ...})
         sender: "b3Vp",
         signature: "eWVz",
        message id: "c2k=",
        witness signatures: [base64({witness: "amE=", signature:"dGFr"}),
                               base64(\{...\}),
                               base64({...})]
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Messages are signed with an Elliptic Curve Digital Signing Algorithm (EdDSA)

Trusting the Application

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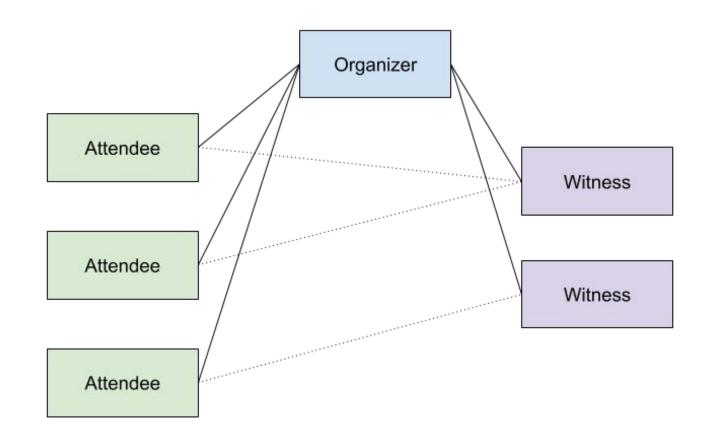
The witness ecosystem:

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- Make the system easier to trust
- Human validation on important data and events
- Compensate for an organizer failure or for a dishonest organizer



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State of the Application

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Core features

- Create and update LAO
- Create and close events
- Join a LAO
- Witness signing
- QR code generation & scanning

Extensions

- Vote event
- Witness routing messages
- Multi-organizer LAO

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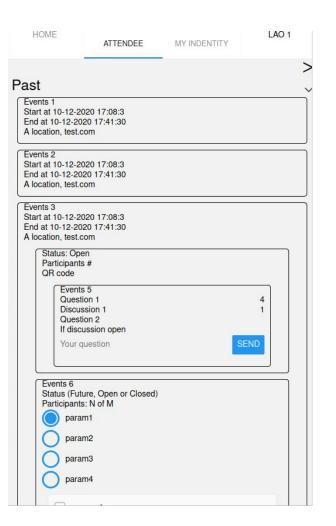
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HOME CONNECT LAUNCH To launch a new organization please enter a name for the organization (you can change it later) Organization name

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Core functionalities implemented

- User Interfaces for front-end
- Organizer back-end
- Base for future work
 - Interaction with back-end
 - Witness back-end server

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