

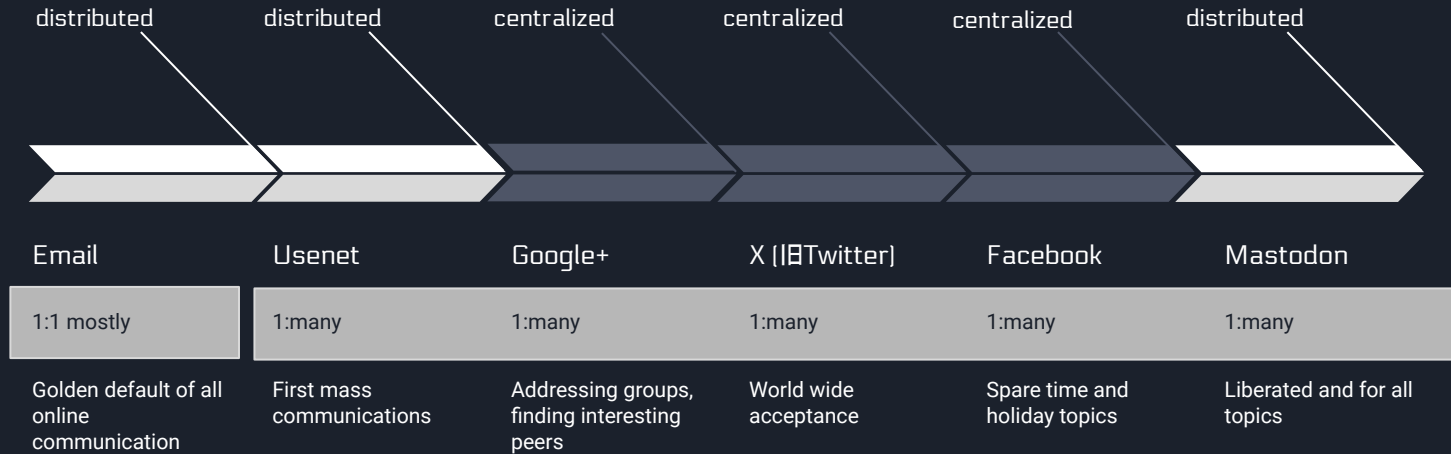


Mastodon: Join the Federation!

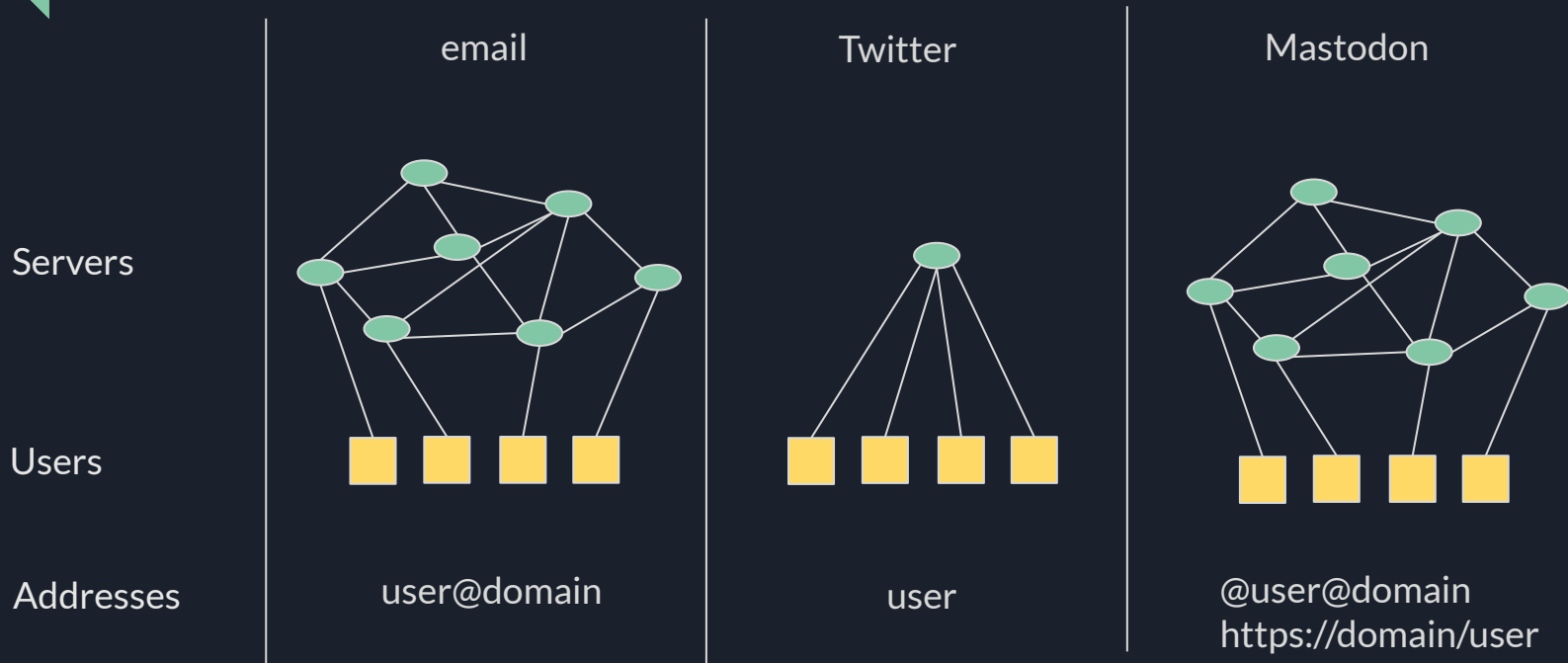
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My Internet interaction journey

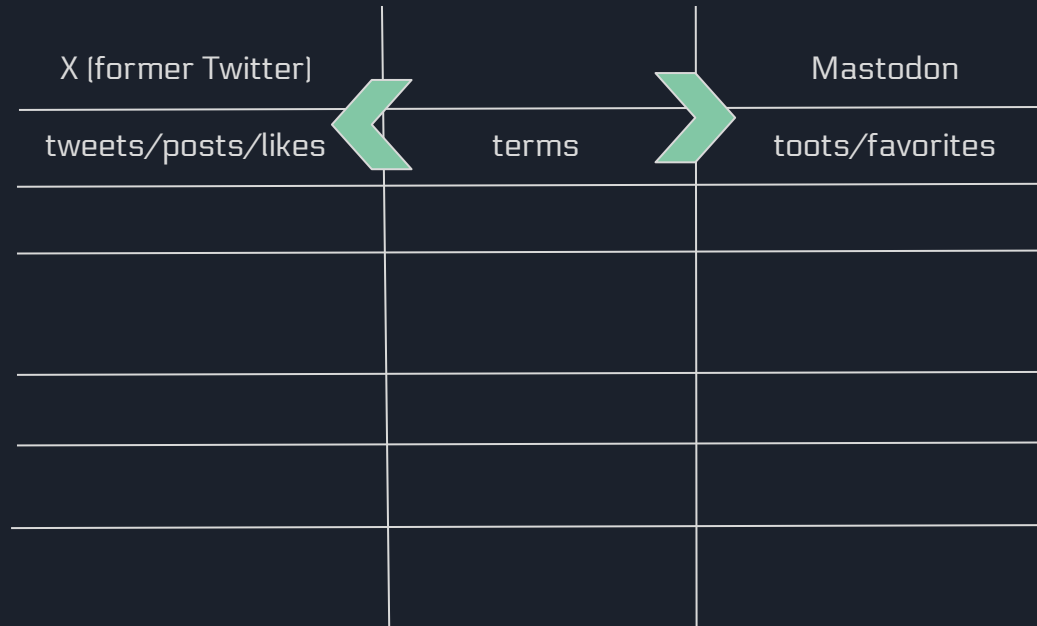


Centralized vs. decentralized





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From Christian Horn (@globalc)
 Thanks to @Asahilinux, I can now run the Fedora remix on my employer supplied MacBook pro 2023 M2, the model is supported since last week. Works nicely! Fantastic runtime on a single battery charge! Disk encryption is not yet in the installer. You boot from usb, then encrypt - memories of #sun days and Veritas disk encapsulation coming up. #sway works great, also wlan, ethernet via dock, bluetooth. Speaker is not yet supported, but sound via bluetooth. Notes: https://fluxcoil.net/wiki/hardwarerelated/mac_notes

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From saud (@saud)
 @globalc getting mine next week. Looking forward to trying it!

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From Christian Horn (@globalc)
 @saud I had actually chosen an M1/32GB. That got 'silently' upgraded to M2/16GB.. but that's also supported now :)

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Clients? Clients!

Browser / Android / MS-DOS and more



What I want..

- Simple 1:many communication, want to reach all my friends
- Freedom to host the service myself
- Freedom to discuss and decide rules with people around me

Twitter/Facebook give me instead..

- Cookies, trackers, ads, messages from pay-users
- Rules decided by someone else



Let's talk about money.. who pays the bills?

- Twitter/Facebook:
 - Advertisement based
 - User data being used to various degrees
 - "If you are not paying for the service, you are the product."
- Mastodon:
 - Running the service costs money: server housing, energy, hardware costs, internet connectivity
 - Moderation effort costs time
 - For the Mastodon account I mainly use: I donate money
 - For the accounts I host myself: using resources I pay directly
 - Software improvement: improving Mastodon software and docs

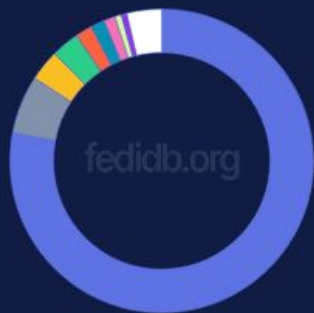


More differences..

- Mastodon users have to opt-in for getting included in searches, users & content
- No quoted boosts. You can:
 - Either boost without comment
 - Or write an own toot/post with the content
- Content warning are important for many users, use them.
- Image descriptions are important

A whole Fediverse to discover, All the good stuff speaks ActivityPub!

Software User Distribution



	Mastodon	78.0%		Pleroma	1.5%
	Misskey	6.2%		Microdotblog	1.2%
	Lemmy	3.3%		Writefreely	0.7%
	PeerTube	3.0%		Kbin	0.6%
	Pixelfed	1.8%		Other	3.7%

- Microblogging (Mastodon, Misskey)
- Images (Pixelfed)
- Videos (PeerTube)
- “reddit” style discussions (Lemmy)
- Chat (Matrix)
- ...



Getting started..

- <https://joinmastodon.org>
- Deciding for a server is not as important – you can move later, taking your followers with you. If in doubt, mastodon.social is a good default.
- Register, fill out your profile. Do a first post with tag #introduction .
- Start to follow other people. Follow the live stream on the server where you registered.
- Search for #tags you are interested in.



Image: joinmastodon.org

Thank you! See you on Mastodon?

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(don't/do) get me
started about:

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