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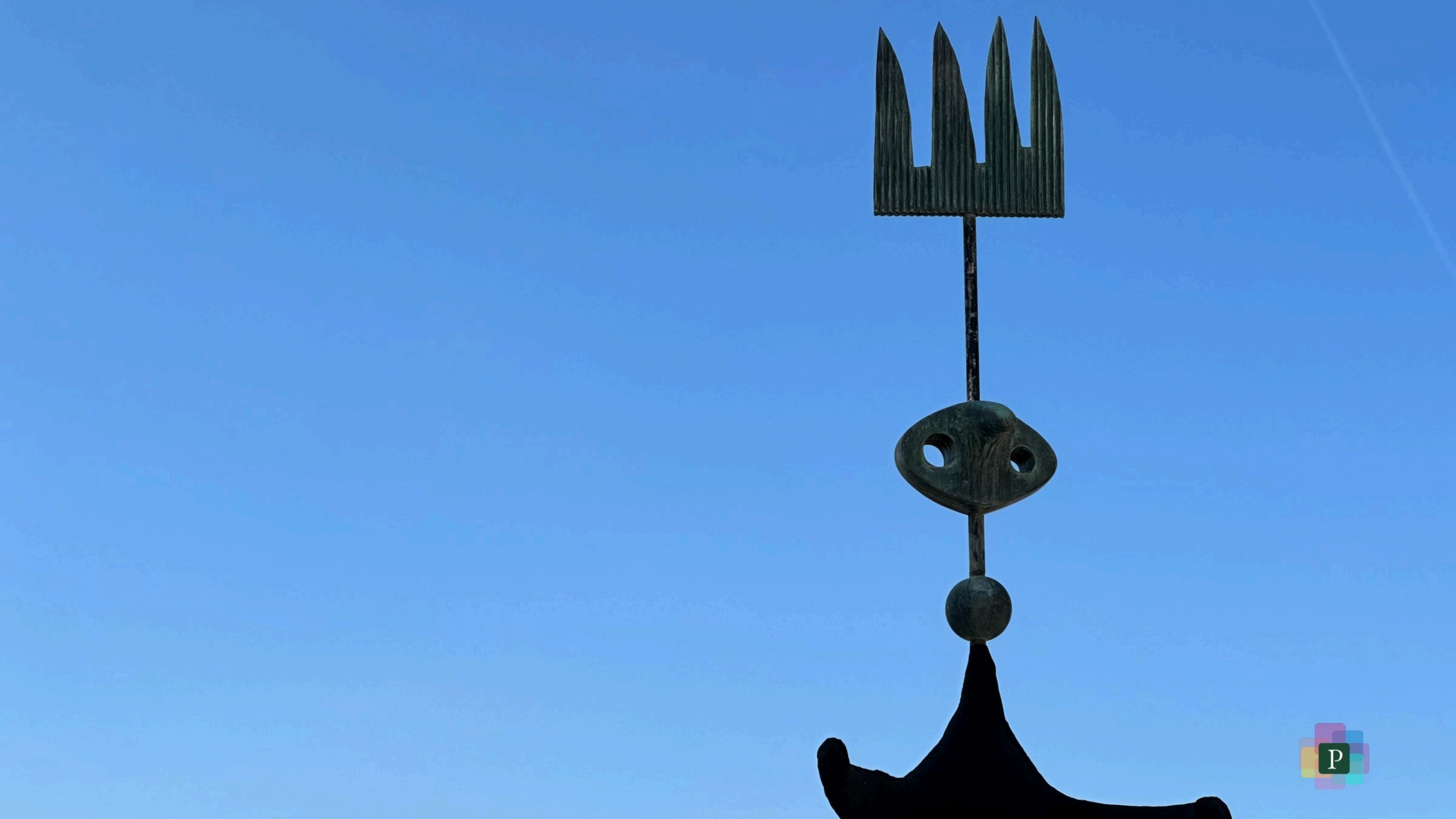
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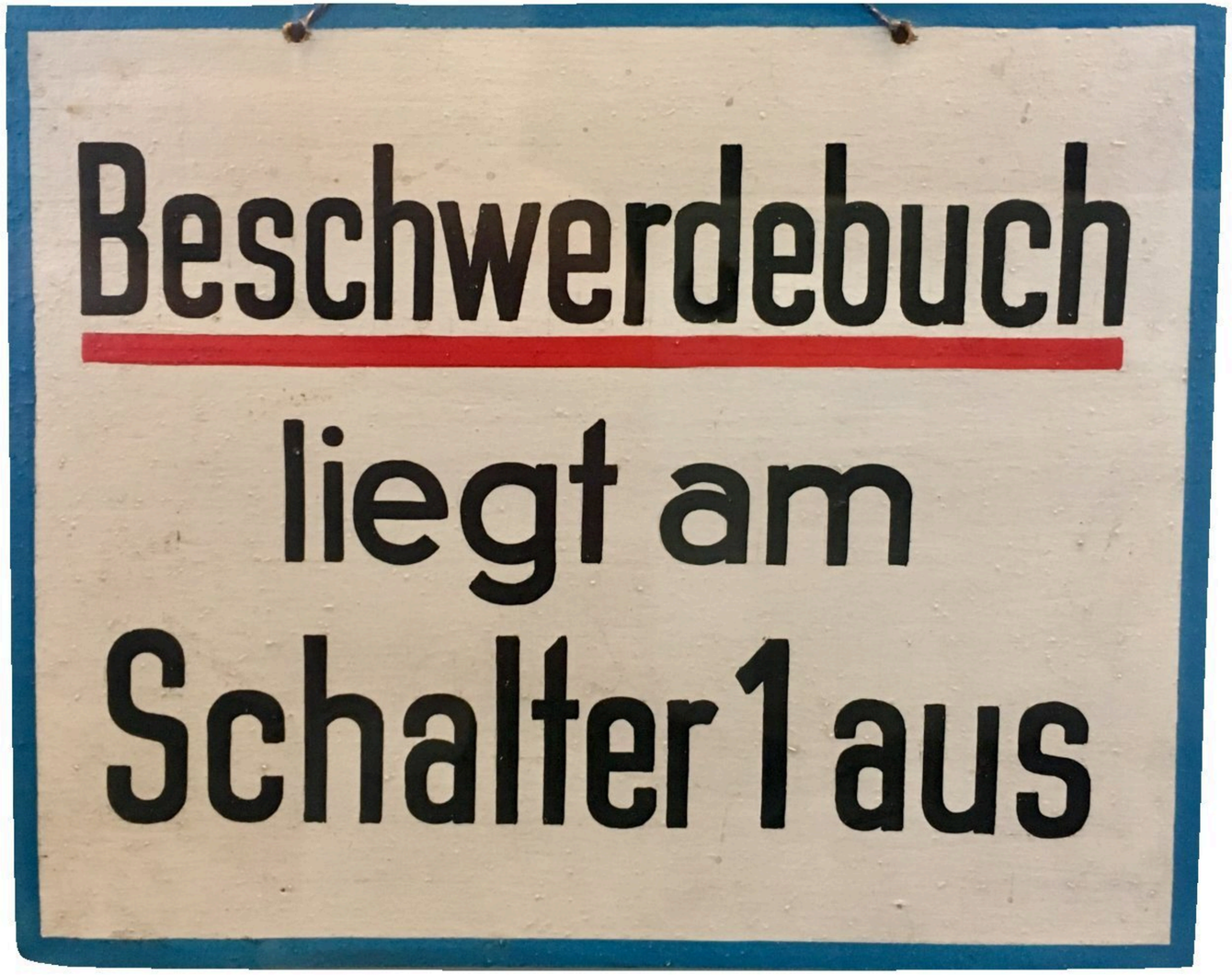
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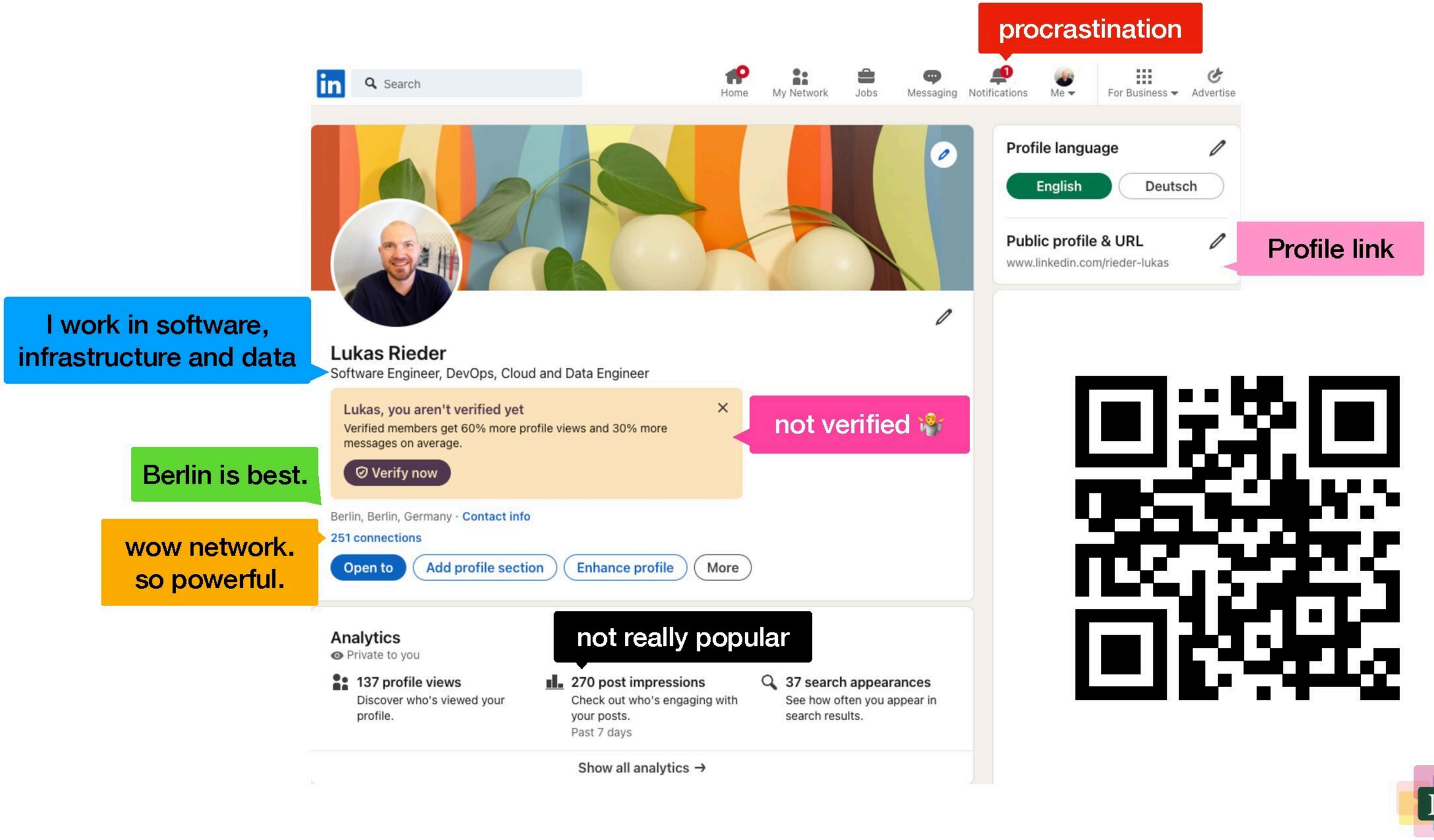

situation?


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I am not fine.


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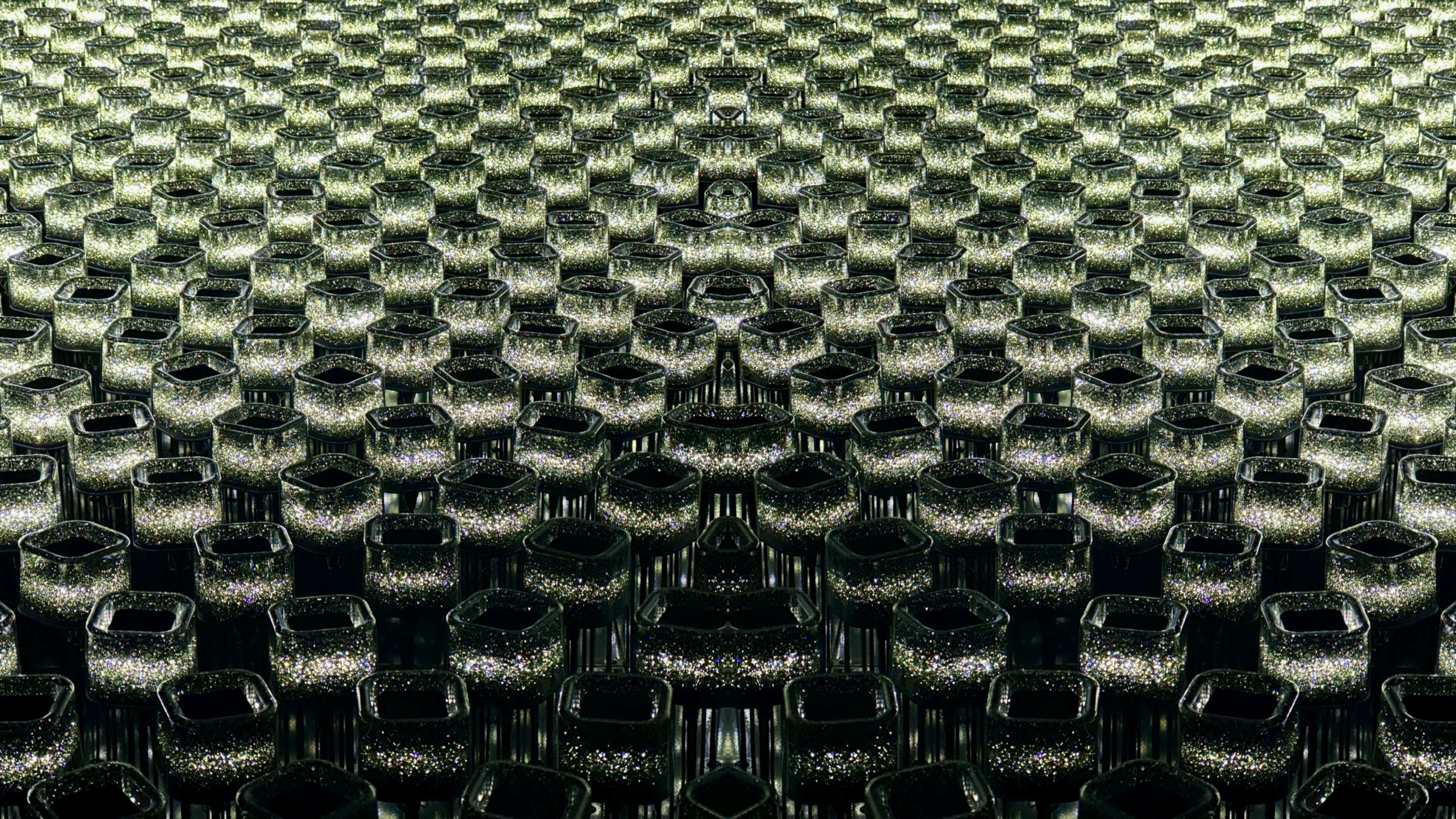


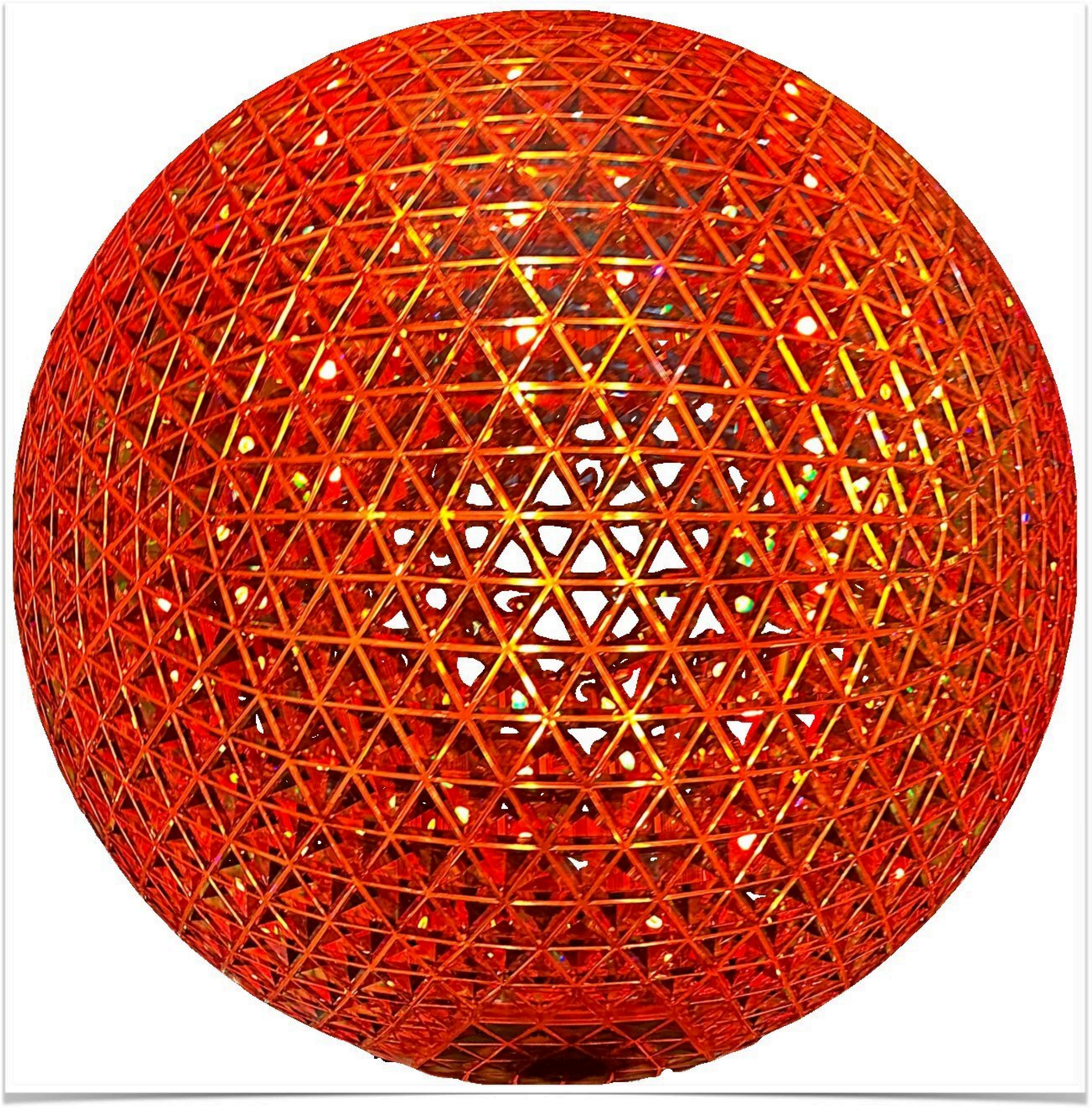


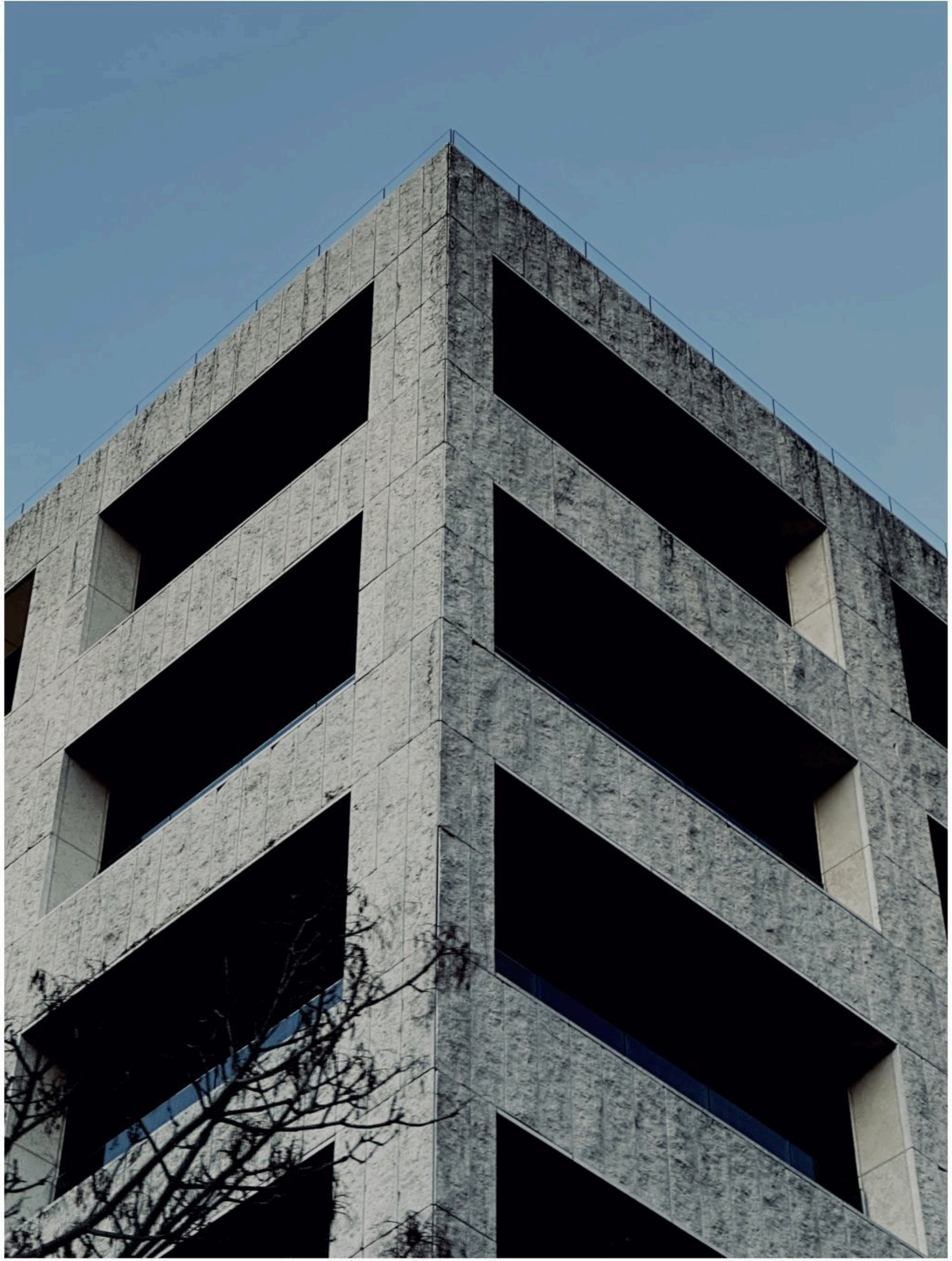


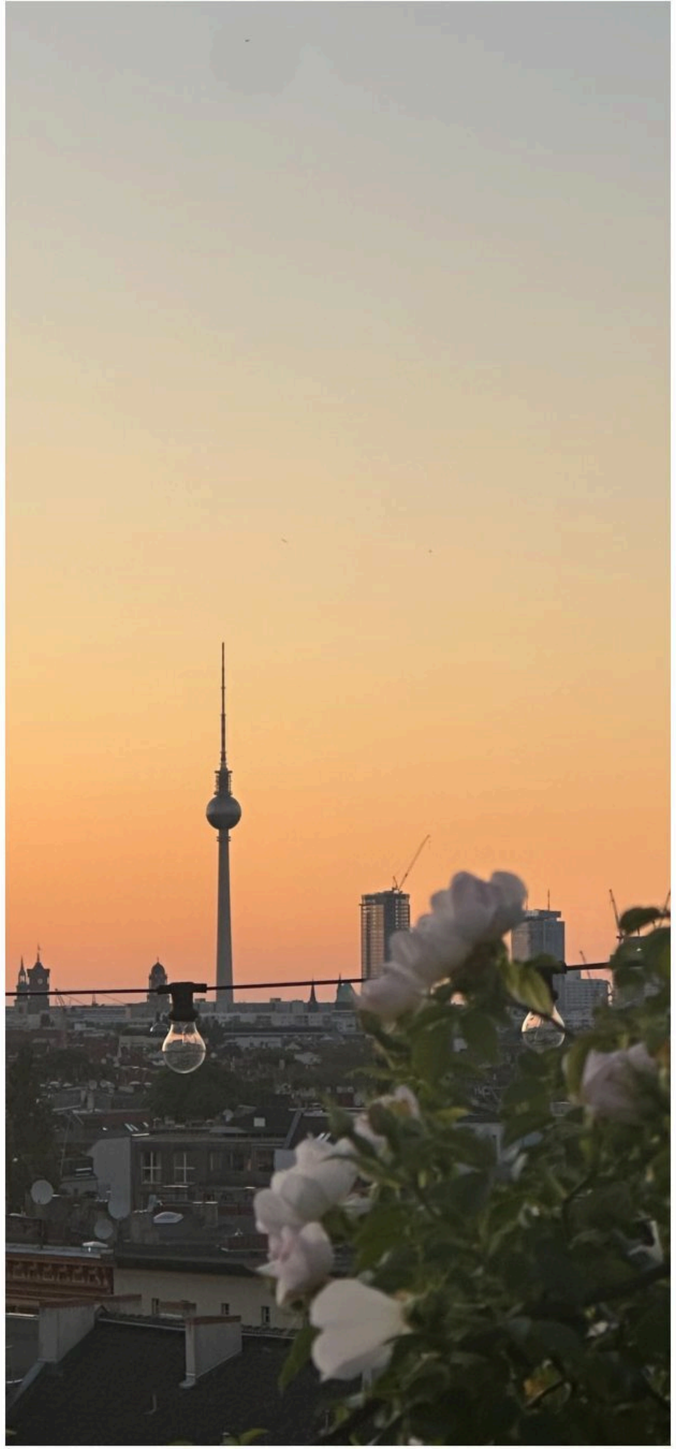



Remember the times we used to play? We'd sing and we'd dance all damn day...
Now all I do, is sing the blues





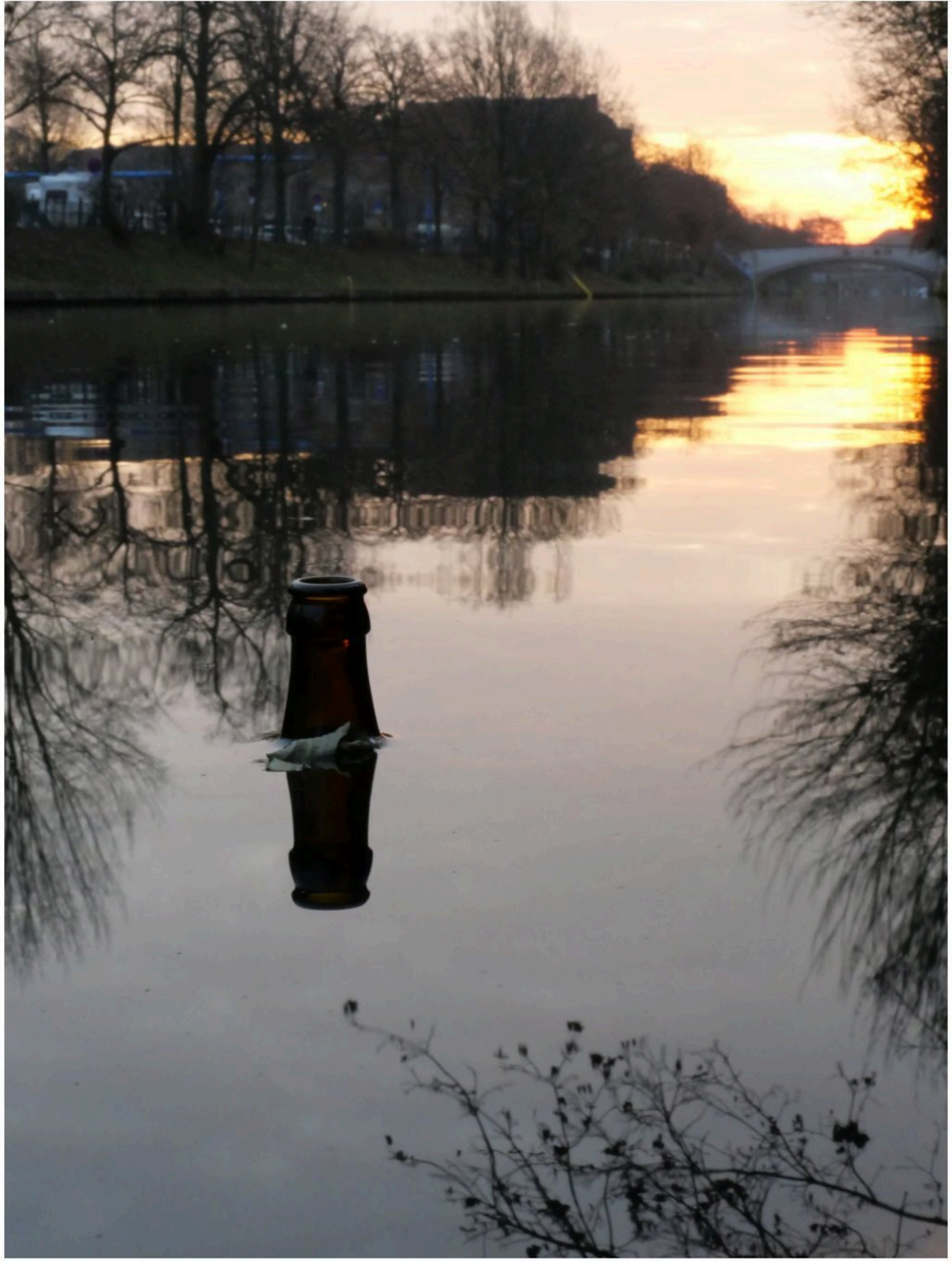


















Freelance Years

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German_Lifetime_Tax_Structure_Model

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Summarize this data

Lifetime Structure Comparison — Germany

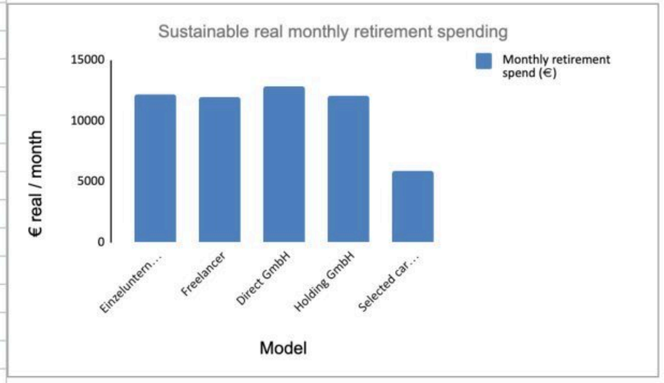
Pure lifetime counterfactuals plus a selectable year-by-year career path. Edit blue inputs on Assumptions and Career_Inputs.

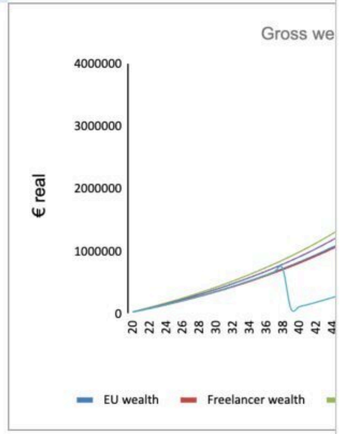
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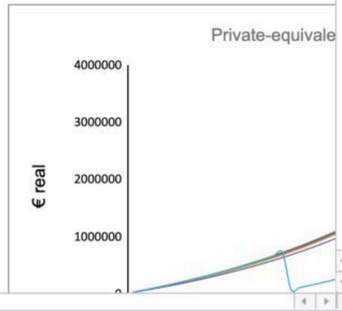
Model	Wealth at 67 (€ gross)	Private-equivalent wealth at 67 (€)	Sustainable annual retirement spend (€)	Monthly retirement spend (€)	Cumulative explicit tax by 67 (€)	Cumulative fixed/admin costs by retirement (€)
Einzelunternehmer	€3,167,737	€3,167,737	€145,906	€12,159	€2,721,153	70,500
Freelancer	€3,097,349	€3,097,349	€142,664	€11,889	€2,758,979	56,400
Direct GmbH	€3,987,126	€3,169,001	€154,032	€12,836	€2,260,183	188,000
Holding GmbH	€3,685,235	€2,949,582	€144,621	€12,052	€2,270,538	282,000
Selected career path	1,636,097	1,461,988	70,624	5,885	1,290,534	168,000

Scenario snapshot

Annual economic profit	€150,000
Work spending	€67,885
Direct GmbH GF salary	€98,000
Holding OpCo GF salary	€98,000
EU Hebesatz	410%
Nominal return	6.0%
Inflation	2.0%
Retirement age	67



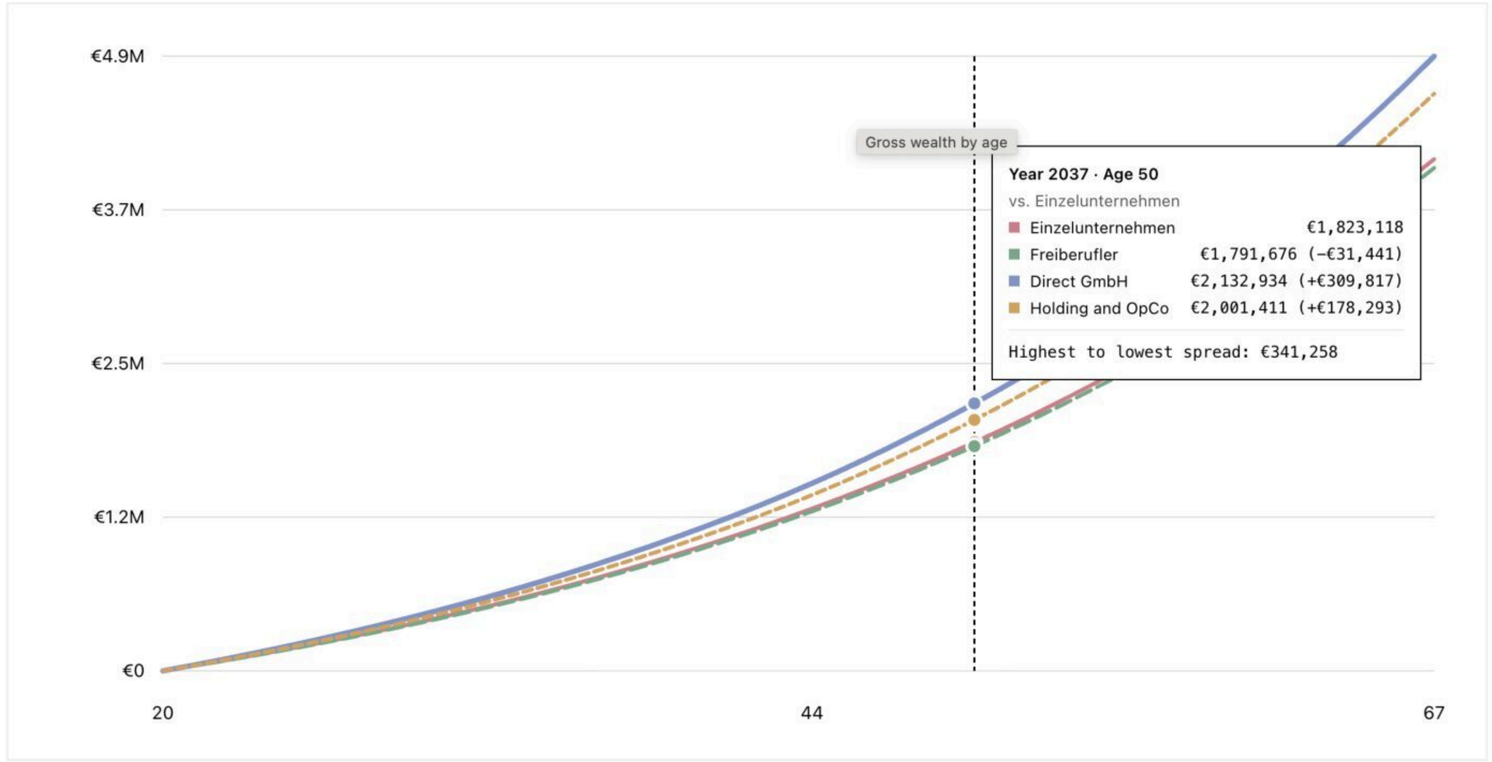




Dashboard | Assumptions | Career_Inputs | Selected_Career | Selected_Path_Report | Tax_Rules | Einzelunternehmer | Freelancer | Direct_GmbH | Holdi

Gross wealth by age

Hover, tap, or use the arrow keys to compare one year.



Freelance or company?

Compare an Einzelunternehmen, qualifying Freiberufler status, a Direct GmbH, and a Holding with the same profit, spending, and investment assumptions.

Calculator and model | Explanations and background

Lifetime structure calculator

Change an assumption to recalculate all four paths. Values are real 2026 euros.

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Timeline

Starting work age

20

First modeled working year.

Current age in 2026

39

Sets the calendar year for each modeled age.

Retirement age

67

Accumulation stops at the beginning of this age.

Profit, spending, and opening wealth

Annual economic business profit

105000 €

Profit before owner pay, structure taxes, and administration. This is not revenue.

Annual private spending

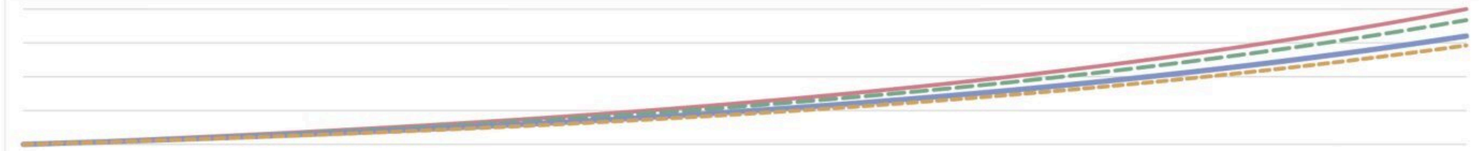
60000 €

After-tax consumption while working.

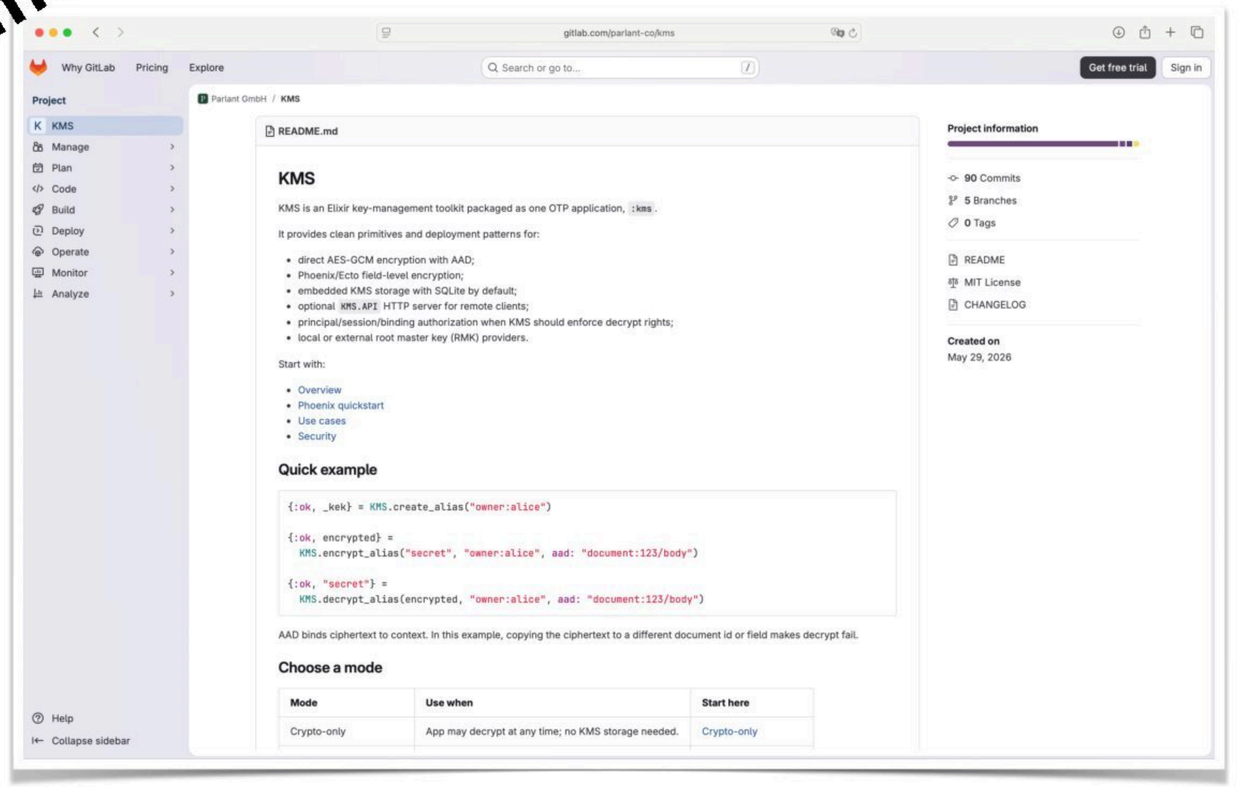
Managing-director gross salary

100000 €

Gross wealth by age



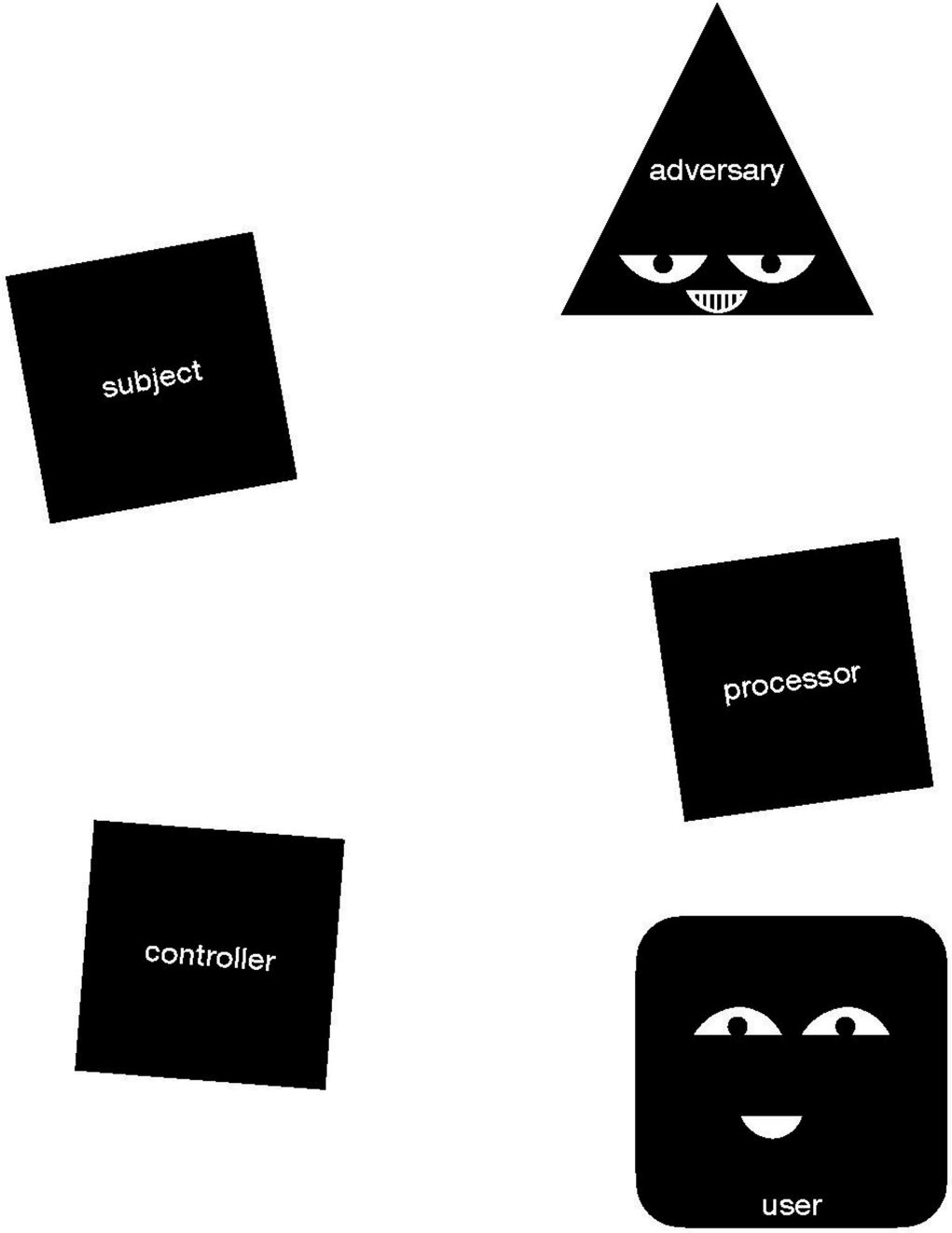
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Data Security

Data Security is the practice of ensuring that personal data is only accessible to the parties that are explicitly authorized and to no one else.

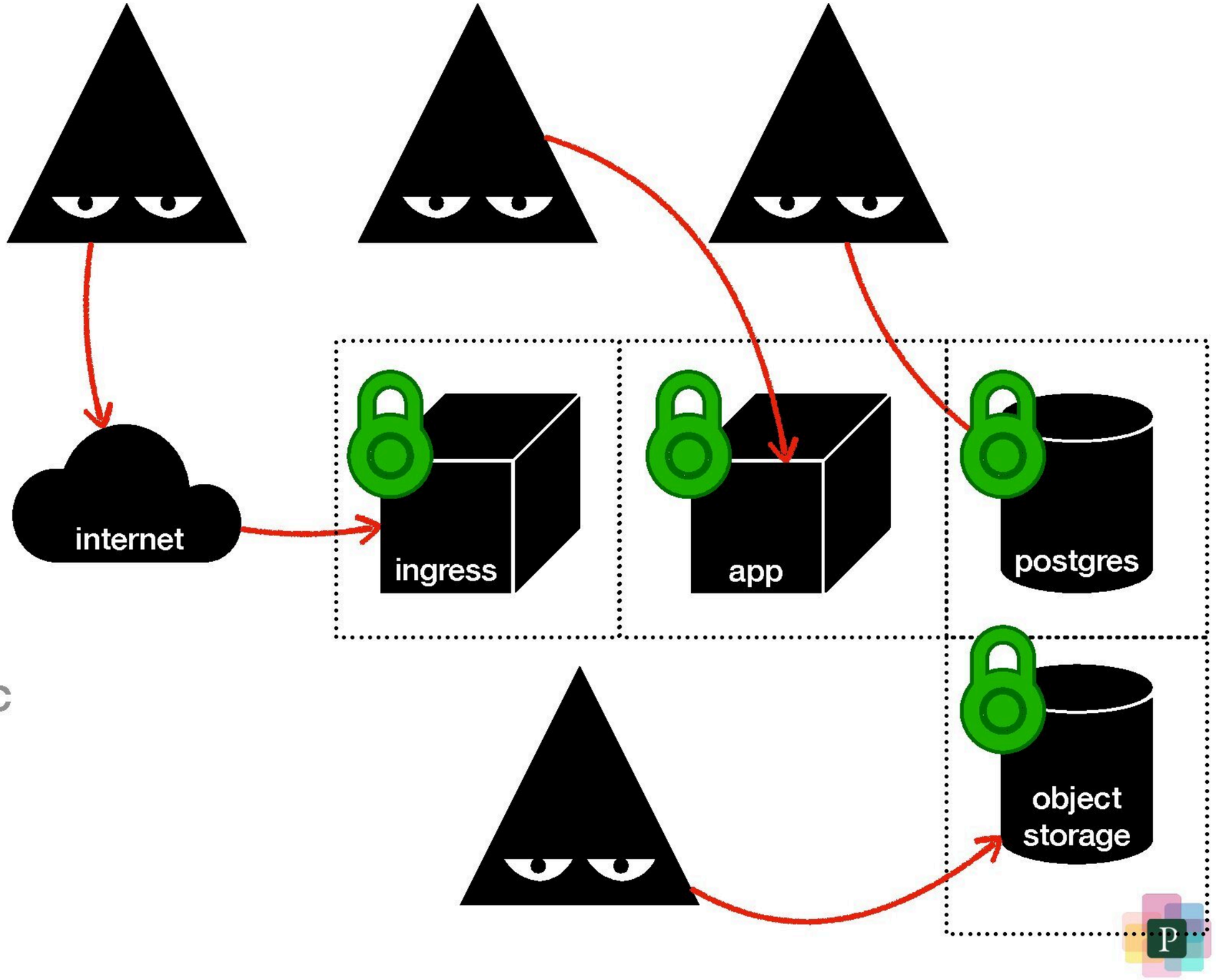


Encryption, Access Control, Isolation, and Secure Storage



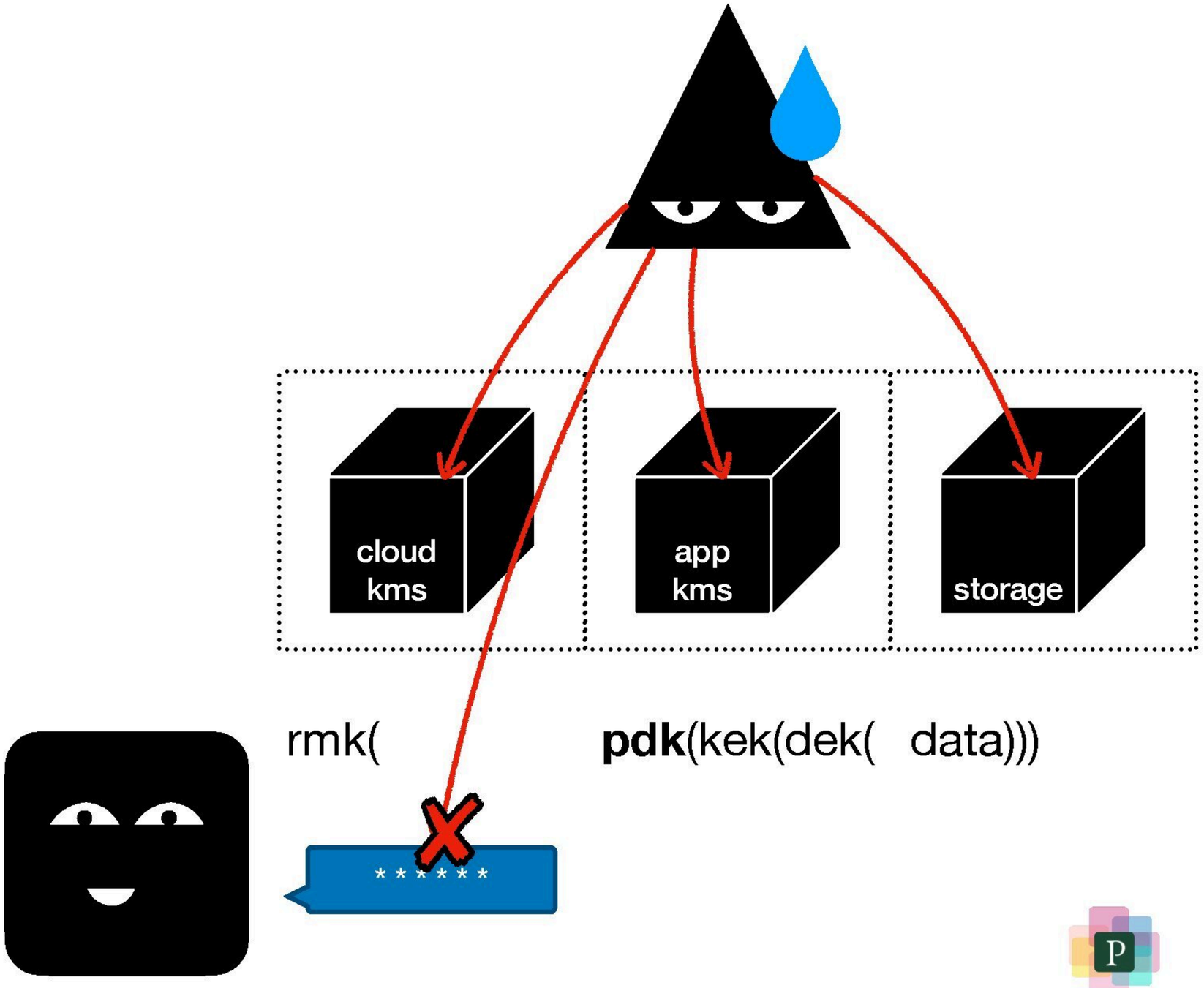
Secure Storage

Secure storage does not mean "hard to access", it means "useless without the correct cryptographic context".



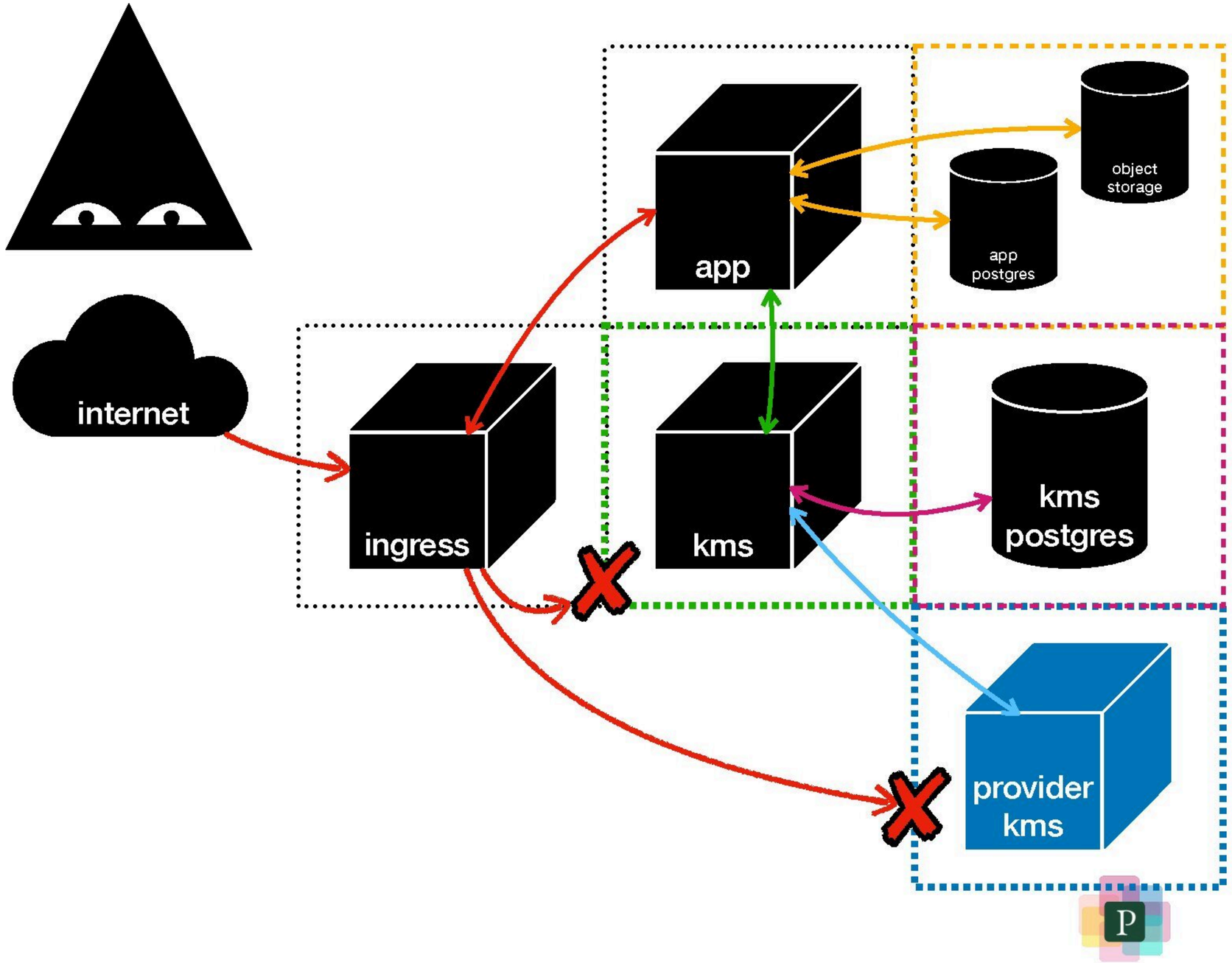
Passphrase **Derived Key**

Add secrets into the key derivation chain to add an extra authentication layer that is governed by user known secrets.



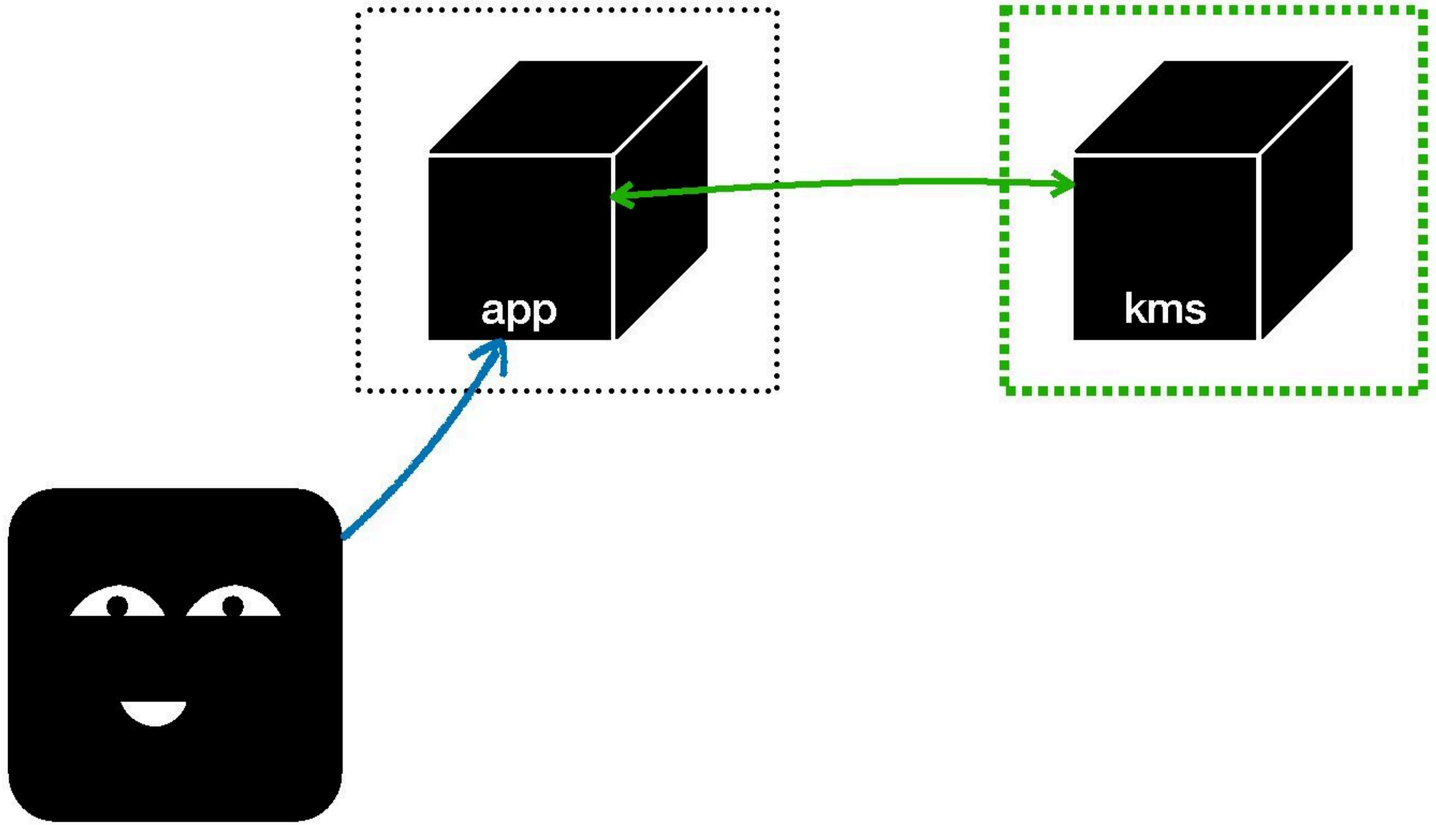
KMS.Client.Remote
KMS.Client.Local

Fast for local development, secure for production deployments.

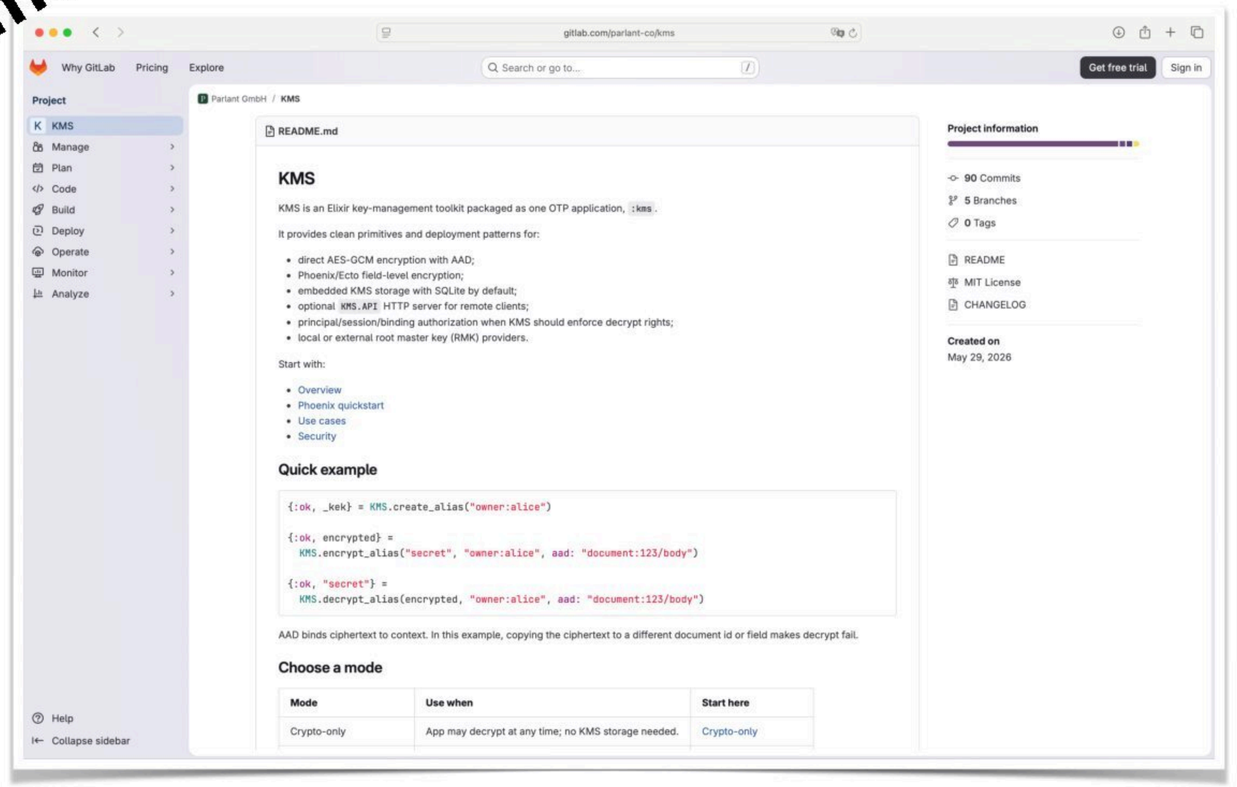


KMS API

Principals
Sessions
Keys
Encryption
Re-encryption



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Privacy by Design light

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