Sex Tech Space

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A SEXTECH PUBLICATION FOR TECHNOLOGISTS

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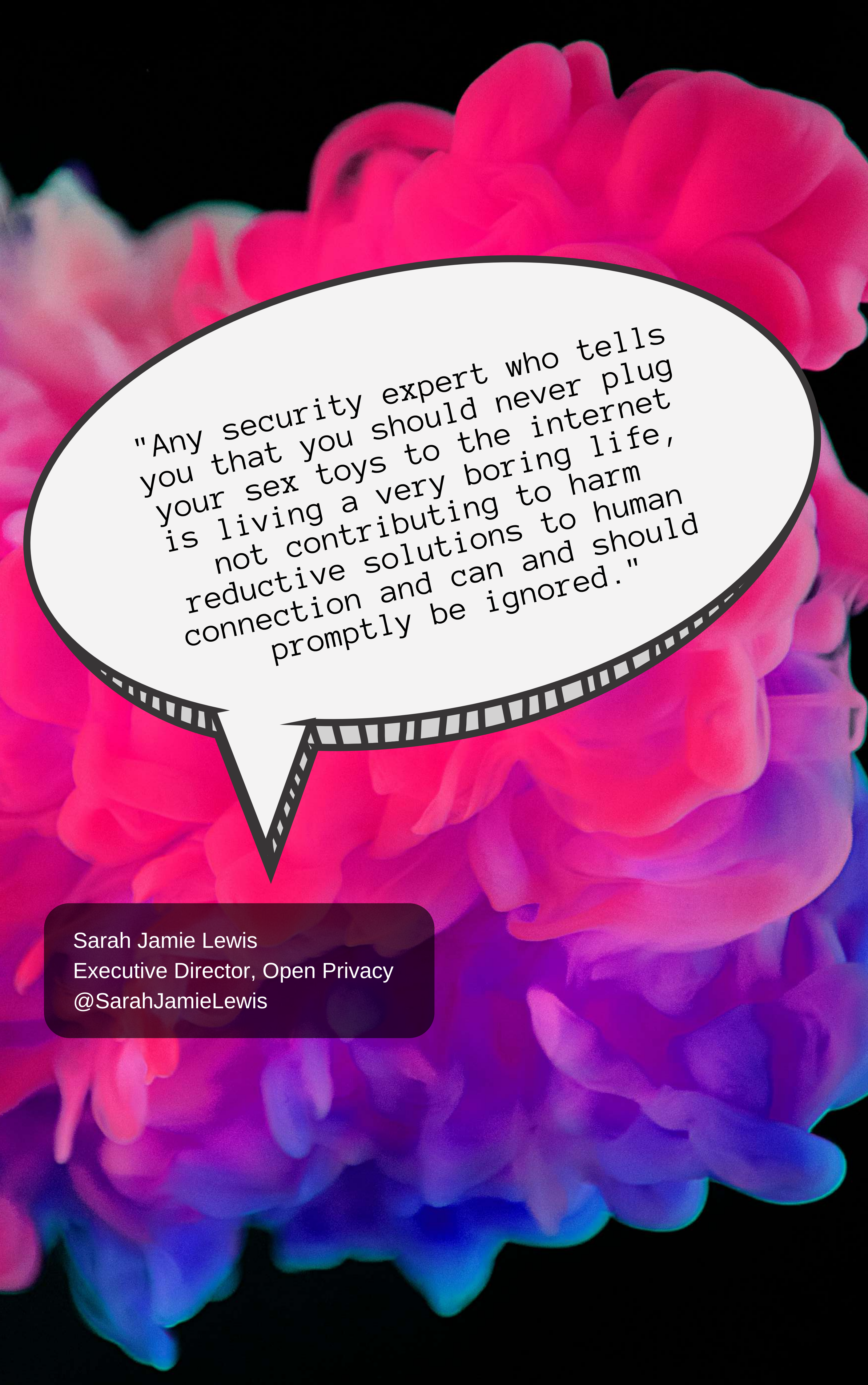Data breaches and other types of hacks have become the norm for news stories spread across our media. As technology continues to disrupt human sexuality, the possibility of sextech joining this club is not far off. As you'll see from industry leaders in this issue, there is a lot to be concerned about. Luckily there are people working hard to bring awareness to the practice of security in the sextech space - or lack there of.

As a cybersecurity master's candidate myself, I have found it typical to be educated and groomed for a government security career path - as if there is no other viable option. With this third publication, I hope to show another avenue of a valid security field that is in much need of the tech industry's attention.

I am certain you will gain valuable information as a technologist, security professional, vendor, or consumer from the topics discussed within these pages. I am filled with gratitude for our contributors, growing reader base, and to be able to compile and share this work with you. I am excited to see the dialogue it creates and how it will inspire you and those with whom you pass on this knowledge.
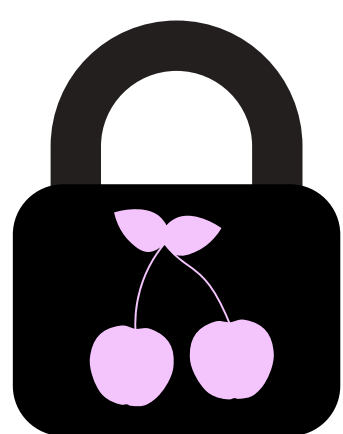
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"Any security expert who tells you that you should never plug your sex toys to the internet is living a very boring life, not contributing to harm reductive solutions to human connection and can and should promptly be ignored."

Sarah Jamie Lewis
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SECURITY FACTS
BY SARAH JAMIE LEWIS

1 If your vibrator is bluetooth enabled it is trivially accessed by a local attacker. All the noise has mostly been around this attack vector but it's the most boring and least worrying.

2 Companies that offer remote play sessions generally pass the initial contact over SMS or Email - yay metadata vectors.

3 On some apps you can spoof that initial link, and remotely add a partner by getting someone with the app installed to visit any link you want (yay mobile access from websites!)

4 Once that pairing is done, most signaling data is still transmitted through a centralized and trusted server.

5 Even where companies have done due diligence and locked down their systems they are still fundamentally highly trusted actors in what should be an intimate experience.

CYBERSECURING THE BAG

WITH LEAH CALLON-BUTLER
>>CRYPTO EXPERT
>>CO-FOUNDER INTIMATE.IO

Can you tell us a little about yourself what you do and how you got into crypto?

It was my continued interest in the renewable energy sector that first sparked my fascination with blockchain, when I heard about the technology being used to trade solar power between neighbors.

My imagination went crazy with the application potential for distributed ledger tech and I became obsessed with identifying the ultimate use-case. It wasn't until I met my future co-founder, Reuben Coppa, that I was introduced to adult — one of the oldest industries in the world, yet it was still largely unregulated, its workers were marginalized and very often, neither supplier nor customer enjoyed adequate rights or protection.

Institutional bias had made it near impossible for entrepreneurs to rely on traditional mechanisms of payment and identification, while many mainstream banks and payment gateways wouldn't deal with service providers in this space at all … all pain-points that crypto was poised perfectly to solve.

Why have you opted to use Ethereum?

ITM is actually blockchain agnostic, meaning it is an ERC-20 token now, but it can be moved to another platform in future, if necessary. Today, Ethereum is adequate to support the functionality that we are on our way to proving, which includes off-chain cryptography and scaling solutions. Ethereum also has superior market penetration. But at this early stage, we are primarily focused on developing our own architecture before selecting the best platform to "plug into."

Describe your role as "Chief Impact Officer" for Intimate.io

People often ask about my title. For Intimate.io, achieving impact is ensuring that people have the knowledge, tools and confidence they need to adopt our payments and reputation technologies to improve their own lives, run more profitable businesses — and ultimately — make the world a safer, more inclusive and sex-positive place.

So my role is all about getting our story out there and educating both sides of crypto and adult. Over the past year, I've spoken at 30-plus conferences across the world on topics such as "the future of trust" and "moral arbitration in repugnant markets."

Learning about the adult industry is often an eye-opener for people in blockchain, as they have no idea how difficult it is for us to do basic things like establish banking relationships and process payments. I also deliver "Intro to Crypto" workshops for sex workers and adult business owners, bypassing the b.s. to demonstrate how they can start accepting crypto payments and improve con-version rates to capture a growing new customer segment.

What distinguishes Intimate.io from other cryptocurrencies?

Many people in adult are already aware of the general benefits of cryptocurrencies, which include cryptographically secure transactions, low transaction fees, zero chargebacks and enhanced privacy.
Intimate.io goes a step further to introduce an industry-wide reputation system that allows ITM token holders to collect feedback from people and entities that they interact with, and verify personal information such as ID and sexual health records, in order to earn the trust of others and additional rewards.

Other points that differentiate Intimate.io:
• Suitable for every segment of the adult industry including adult content, pleasure products, business services, dating, escorting, education, health services, gaming, events, travel, media and more;
• We have developed genuine, collaborative and synergistic (not "pay for play") partnerships with the industry;
• Governed by an ethical charter that sets our commitment to achieving positive change and social impact.

Discuss the latest cutting-edge trends in crypto, based on your research and participation in industry trade shows.

Crypto volatility is always at the top of my mind, so stablecoins are all the rage right now. Security tokens are popular too, as they offer a way to put assets on the blockchain, but are treated more like traditional investments, than say, decentralized coins like Bitcoin or Ethereum.

I would say, however, that not enough people are focusing on improving UX and UI in crypto, to make it easier and less intimidating for people to start using crypto in their everyday lives. This presents a real opportunity for Intimate.io, as this is what our team is most passionate about: Making crypto more user-friendly for the people who will benefit most (that is, people who have been unfairly profiled and marginalized by existing financial systems).

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How does blockchain tech fit into the burgeoning peer-to-peer economy, and what are the main challenges facing the crypto business?

We've already seen the potential for peer-to-peer (P2P) marketplaces to reinvent the way we transact, interact and trust the people around us, but to-date, these social spaces are still controlled by centralized bodies such as eBay, Uber, Airbnb and so on. This means you cannot transport your hard-earned personal reputation between different platforms, so your 4.7 stars on Uber means nothing on Airbnb.

However, with blockchain, this is decentralized, allowing you to regain control over your own data. This is important because "reputation" is fast becoming one of our most valuable assets, as it is used to earn the trust of others, and "trust" is the currency of the P2P economy.

I think the biggest hurdles to crypto adoption are still uncertainty, skepticism and misinformation. Intense media hype and price speculation have painted an ugly picture that crypto is just a bubble bound to burst. I was speaking with a lady just this week who said it just felt like Monopoly money to her. I said "just think of it as money that isn't controlled by banks or governments, so the people who have been exploited or excluded by incumbent financial, judicial and political systems, can start to take some control back for themselves."

She thanked me and said she'd never heard someone describe it like that. We should be pushing for more conversations like this, to bring people on the journey and help them dream about the possibilities (not just fearing the unknown).

Give us a glimpse of the future for Intimate.io.

Our goals for the short-term are pretty straightforward: Provide fair and equal access to payments services for business operators in the adult industry. We do this by making it easy to implement our products on existing platforms, so our partners can provide an additional payment option to their customers. Over the longer term, we will continue to develop the Intimate.io reputation system. This is the real game-changer as it has the power to totally redefine the future of trust for every industry.
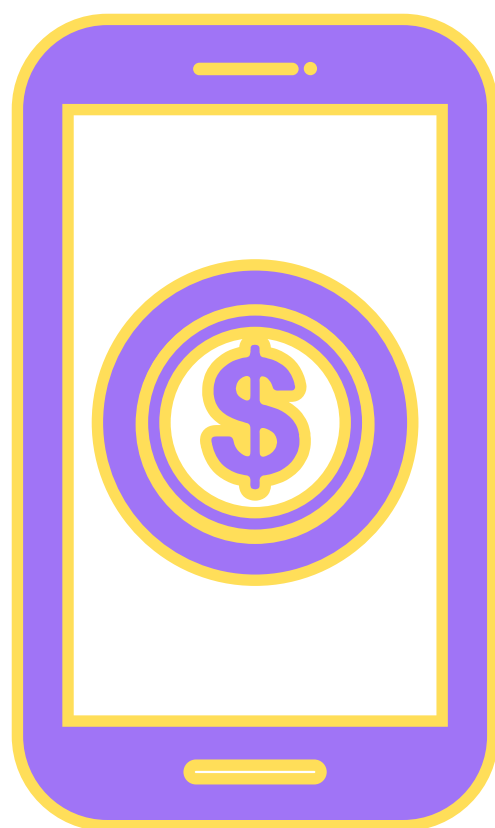
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<INTERVIEW>

SARAH JAMIE LEWIS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of OPEN PRIVACY

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Can you tell us a little about yourself and Open Privacy?

I am a privacy researcher, computer scientist, hacker, and executive director of the Open Privacy Research Society. Open Privacy is a non-profit research organization which works with marginalized & at-risk communities (including sex workers, queer people, and activists) to design and build better systems. We push for technologythat is consensual-by-design i.e. privacy preserving and accessible.

How did you get into security and was studying the security of sex toys part of your initial career goals?

My first job out of university was as a UK government computer scientist investigating the security of telecommunication protocols. After that I moved to Canada to work for a large Internet company working on all kinds of systems. While there I became dissatisfied with the state of the world and quit to do independent security research.

What was the point in your life where you knew this was what you wanted to do?

As an independent researcher I looked at many things from the Dark Web to Connected Children's toys and sex tech see: https://www.wired.com/story/sex-robot-ethics/). Sex tech also interacted with a project I did called Queer Privacy (https://leanpub.com/queerprivacy) where I talked with and eventually commissioned a number of people to write essays on how their lives intersect with technology. That book and the problems highlighted within it was one of my main motivations for founding Open Privacy.

Some people would say there is a lot of "professional risk" involved with sextech. Was it easy for you to start talking publicly about this work and/or how did you get over that voice in the back of your head?

I started working on and talking about sex tech after I had quit my job and was independent. I'm not sure it that makes it easier or harder. On the one hand I had no boss to answer to, on the other at the time my income was entirely based around my ability to convince people to pay me to do research.

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As it was, the only reason I got some of the contracts I did was because people had seen my sex toy research. So in my case it worked out.

I don't want people to get the wrong idea, my experience might not be your experience. But at the same time, we only get one life and as Emma Goldman is so often misquoted as saying "If I can't dance I don't want to be in your revolution"

What is your opinion on security in the current atmosphere of sextech?
Can you discuss some common vulnerabilities you find in your research?

It's getting better, but not fast enough or in the best absolute direction. There is more awareness about the importance of encrypting data and not storing too much of it but there is still a huge amount of sensitive metadata being thrown around the system and leaking from it. To be fair, that is a problem which extends far outside of sex tech and requires new technology (and new research) to solve - and one of the big problems that Open Privacy is working on

(See https://openprivacy.ca/blog/2018/06/28/announcing-cwtch/)

What are some threats that we might be seeing in sextech in the present/future?

As technology progresses and becomes more mainstream I think we will see issues stemming from more complex hardware requirements and the challenges with responding to those threats e.g. firmware updates are generally a badly secured function across the IoT space, and as sex tech becomes greater featured we might start seeing a rise in hacked firmware as we have seen in other areas.

New devices also bring new safety challenges - a rogue vibrator can be uncomfortable or, depending on circumstance, violating but is rarely life threatening, and the situation once identified can be contained by the person using the device. We have recently seen (renewed) efforts to commercialize more risky connected sex e.g. electrostim and restraint devices and hacks, faults and errors in this space can be life threatening.

Unfortunately, I don't think we will have to wait that long before someone is severely hurt as a result of a compromised connected device.

If a security professional was interested in applying their skills in the sextech industry, what advice or next steps would you give them?

Go check out Metafetish and Internet of Dongs - they are overlapping groups looking at building open sex tech and securing it. The conversations with the people involved in those groups are always interesting and novel.

What are some countermeasures one can apply when dealing with mitigating risk in sextech? If you could tell people one thing about using smart sex toys, what would it be?

Like all sex, have fun but be mindful of the risks and take precautions. There sadly isn't a succinct "use protection" message when it comes to connected toys, but you can examine the permissions of any app to understand the kind of data that might be collected about you, you can take a look at the toy itself and ask questions like "does it have a camera" "what would happen if someone other than me or a partner was able to control this", and "how quickly could I stop using this if I needed to?" Practice safe, consensual sex.

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DATA & PRIVACY

Stephanie Alys (MysteryVibe) on SexTech, Data & Privacy
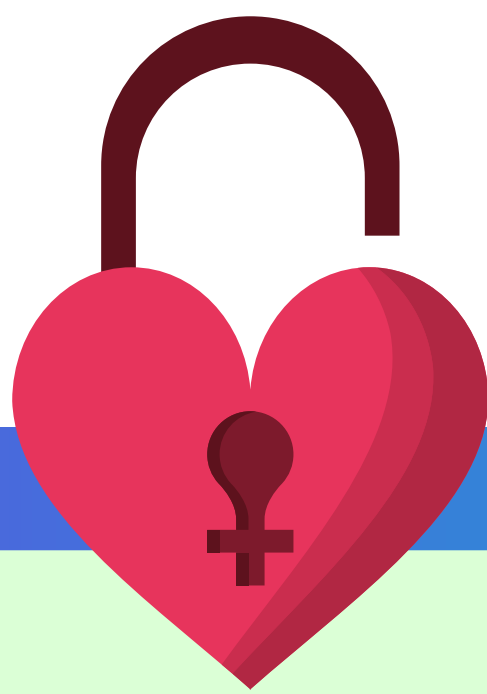
"Smart sex toys are coming. In fact, they're already here. Across every aspect of our lives, we agree to the collection, storage and usage of our personal data. But when it comes to sex... it all gets a bit too personal. And yet, the sextech industry is moving towards digital at an unprecedented pace. With high-profile hacks hitting the headlines, why do we think differently about data when it comes to sex? What's the future of sex, technology & security? And what should we expect and demand of companies operating within the sextech space?"

–TNW

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Can you give us a brief overview of what security is like in the sextech industry based on your experience?

In brief; Poor, but improving.

The major issues I've found with #sextech in general is that vendors and companies are new to this connected world and are blissfully unaware of the implications of the risks that come with connectivity. They genuinely (for the most part) don't know what they don't know.

Until recently, they were designing and manufacturing manually operated devices or limited (short range, dumb) remote control. Adding connectivity brought about a whole new world of risks and they really had no clue what they were getting into. They would rarely ever cross paths with someone like myself who would look at things and ask "Is that really such a good idea?". As a result, I was able to get access to full databases, locations, personal info and even hijack devices and accounts with ease. It was well past the point of being funny and ended up in scary territory.

The good news is, they are improving. In my experience, once you make a vendor realize that they are now a software company, the light bulb goes off and they get up to speed quickly. Still a lot of things that could be better. Mistakes are being made, but these companies are learning quickly and realize they are in a unique position and need to be completely trustworthy, or else the market may decide the risk isn't worth it.

Why do you think not many sextech companies are invested in this space?

Frankly, I don't think they knew. They never had to do anything like this (regarding connectivity) and had zero clue what questions to ask. Compounding this is a common IoT problem where outsourced manufacturers or vendors only have incentive to produce working software or hardware. It works, but it's leaking info everywhere. There's no revenue stream in patching and improving, so some third party companies are taking the easiest route. When dealing with intimate data, you can't cut corners.
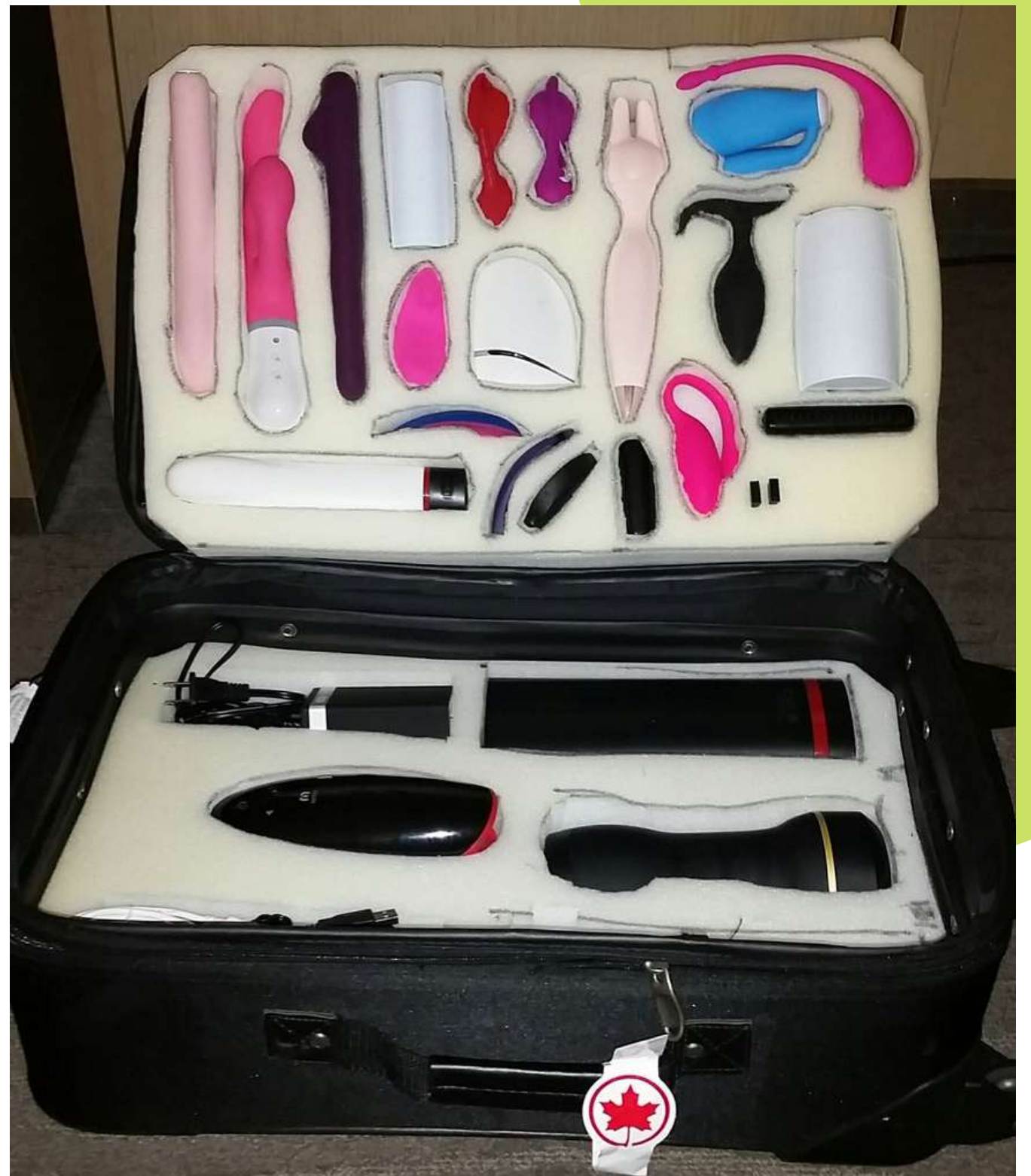

Image via @internetofdongs

What are some of the risks associated with not investing in security in sextech?

There are many risks beyond normal IoT risks that are compounded by people's (particularly north american) attitudes about sex and sexuality. The obvious ones are disclosure of who owns/uses these devices (Recall the Ashley Madison breach and that people committed suicide as a result of shame).   With whom they do and when (infidelity?). Many devices and apps have text/audio/video communication capabilities that I'm pretty sure customers don't want to have disclosed (blackmail, extortion of celebs and notable people). Some devices integrate with cam sites. There is the possibility, through a poorly designed API, that IP addresses of users or even GPS locations could be disclosed. That's the kind of thing that creepy stalkers love and could get people killed.

Where it gets really scary is when you consider full remote hijack of accounts and devices. If an attacker is able to hijack an account and initiate a remote control session with a partner (under the pretense they are that persons partner), imagine the horror at later discovering that it wasn't who you thought it was that was controlling your intimate device. In some jurisdictions, there is "rape by deception" statutes (if I pretend to be my twin brother to sleep with his wife for instance) that would define such actions as sexual assault. We live in a world where remote rape is a very real threat. The scary part is, most jurisdictions don't have any such thing and assume sexual assault requires the offender to be physically present.   Regardless of the legal definitions, the feeling of violation and the emotional harm, I maintain, is on part with a physical sexual assault.

I'd like to keep this a theoretical attack and never have it happen. I like to be able to sleep at night.

What got you started in this field?

I've been a hacker all my life. I'm the kid who took apart the vaccum cleaner as a kid and put it back together before anyone found out. Security is a great field because it's always changing and you are ultimatly against another intelligence. I was always that kid that when they played "cops and robbers" I liked being the robber.

I came to work with sex toys because I was looking for a way to learn more and research IoT ecosystems. Others had already carved out expertise with babymonitors, thermostats, appliances. A previous project planted the knowledge that connected sex toys were a thing and so when I looked, there was a few one-off, half joking reports on them, but no one had really looked at these devices comprehensively (due to stigma's about sextech). I saw an opportunity to carve out a niche, I'm sex positive, and I don't suffer a great deal of dignity, so I took up the mission. I'm kinda glad I did.

What is your mission with Internet of Dongs?

Originally it was to house my research, then to be a hub for other researchers. Well, it's (for the most part) just me still.
Where I found my niche was building relationships with vendors and educating them about their responsibilities. Basically I've been providing a kind of guidance and oversight for them and being an advocate to the industry that they need to take this seriously before people get hurt.
In a nutshell; to help bridge the IT security community and it's knowledge and expertise with the sextech industry and make both realize they need one another.

What has the response been from individuals after you present your work in public spaces (conferences/meetups/etc)?

Initially, a lot of laughter and juvenile humor (the back of my business card says "Yes, we are hacking Sex Toys. Please stop laughing") . After I hit them with "remote rape" the whole room sinks an inch as everyone feels ashamed for laughing.

I take great pride in that many people, mostly women, come up to me (white, male, CIS, heterosexual) and thank me for handling a topic and product thats commonly associated with women and doing so with respect and care that it rightly deserves.

If you could give vendors and/or consumers one piece of advice what would it be?

Ask questions. Check out vendors. See if they say anything about security. See if they have a way to report issues or if they just say "trust us". Vote your trust with your money. Ultimately though, if you have reservations about a connected device, there's a ton of great analog devices on the market.

SEXTECH, SECURITY & THE LAW

< BY MAXINE LYNN >

When people think of sex toys, they don't usually immediately think of seemingly unsexy topics like data security or legal issues... But, actually, they ought to. Internet-connected sex tech is ushering in new and unique questions of exactly that – data security and the law.

When you put an internet-connected sex toy to your nether regions and press "on," data is, in many cases, being collected and sent to a remote admin server. Types of data collected may include time of usage, duration of usage, settings like patterns and vibration strength selected, device temperature, etc.

Collection of data by a software provider is not unusual for most internet-of-things devices. Given the intimate nature of the data involved with sex tech though, it's really important that people realize that this is happening, and check into exactly what data is being collected, where it is being sent, and how it is to be used. This data could potentially be utilized to infer very personal information about the user.

Things are improving, however, as companies in the industry have become more savvy. But, in the meantime, its has cost at least one major company big bucks.

In 2016, a class action suit was filed in a federal court in Illinois against Ottawa-based Standard Innovation Corporation, the creator of the We-Vibe brand of sex toys, for failing to disclose, to users, their collection of data from their internet-connected vibrators. The complaint in the lawsuit alleged a number of different causes of action, such as violation of the Federal Wiretap Act, violation of the Illinois Eavesdropping Act, and several others. Although the company did not appear to have malicious intentions, and didn't sell or share the data, it failed to disclose the collection, which basically amounted to a deficiency in its privacy policy. For this, the business (or its insurance policy!) agreed to pay out five million Canadian dollars in 2017 as a settlement.

When we talk about things happening without our knowledge, there also comes the really interesting hypothetical issue of what if someone hacks another person's vibrator... Or even their AI-enabled sex doll?

< WHAT IF THEY HACK IN AND START CONTROLLING IT WITHOUT THE USER'S KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT - IS THAT RAPE? IS IT SEXUAL ASSAULT? ABUSE? IF NOT, WHAT IS IT? IS IT A CRIME AT ALL? >

We start exploring the issue by looking at the definition of rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse, etc. in the appropriate jurisdiction. The laws differ from state to state in the United States, and vary among countries. As an example, let's examine excerpts of some of the laws of my home state of New York. As you'll see, the analysis leaves us with more questions than answers.

Section 130.35 of the New York Code says, in pertinent part, a person commits rape in the first degree when the offender "engages in sexual intercourse with another person... by forcible compulsion. " In our hypothetical, the hacker's body is not actually touching the victim's body since it's a remote-controlled sex toy. Can remotely controlling a sex toy used by another person be considered "sexual intercourse?" Also, is it considered "forcible" if the victim is willingly using the sex toy, even though s/he doesn't actually know that the hacking is happening?

Section 130.25 of the New York Code says, in pertinent part, a person commits rape in the third degree when the offender "engages in sexual intercourse with another person without such person's consent, when such lack of consent is by some other reason than incapacity to consent." This is closer, but again, can remotely controlling another person's sex toy be defined as sexual intercourse with that other person?

Section 130.52 of the New York Code says, in pertinent part, a person commits misdemeanor forcible touching when the offender intentionally and for no legitimate purpose "forcibly touches the sexual or intimate parts of another person for the purpose of degrading or abusing such person, or for the purpose of gratifying the actor's sexual desire." Again, what is "forcible?" And, what is touch – Would it require that the hacker touch the victim "body to body," rather than a sex toy to a body?

The closest offense, in my opinion, was aggravated sexual abuse in the third degree. Section 130.66 of the New York Code says, in pertinent part, a person commits aggravated sexual abuse in the third degree when he or she, outside of a valid medical purpose, "inserts a foreign object in the vagina, urethra, penis, rectum, or anus of another person... by forcible compulsion." But the person hacking and controlling the vibrator may just be controlling the vibration, rather than insertion. So, does this apply?

Another one that might be close, but only if the victim is putting the vibrator on or in their anus, is New York Code Section 130.20, which defines misdemeanor sexual misconduct. This law says, in pertinent part, a person commits such crime when "he or she engages in oral sexual conduct or anal sexual conduct with another person without such person's consent." What is anal sexual "conduct?" Would control of a vibrator by a hacker, without consent, that the user is stimulating their anus with fall into that category?

So, as you can see, the advancement of Sex Tech, as an industry, will bring about many complicated issues and difficult questions. The law typically lags behind technology. Government bodies usually move slowly, and do not keep up to speed with the rapid pace of technological development. Users of sex tech devices should be aware of possible issues and do their best to protect themselves, in the meantime.
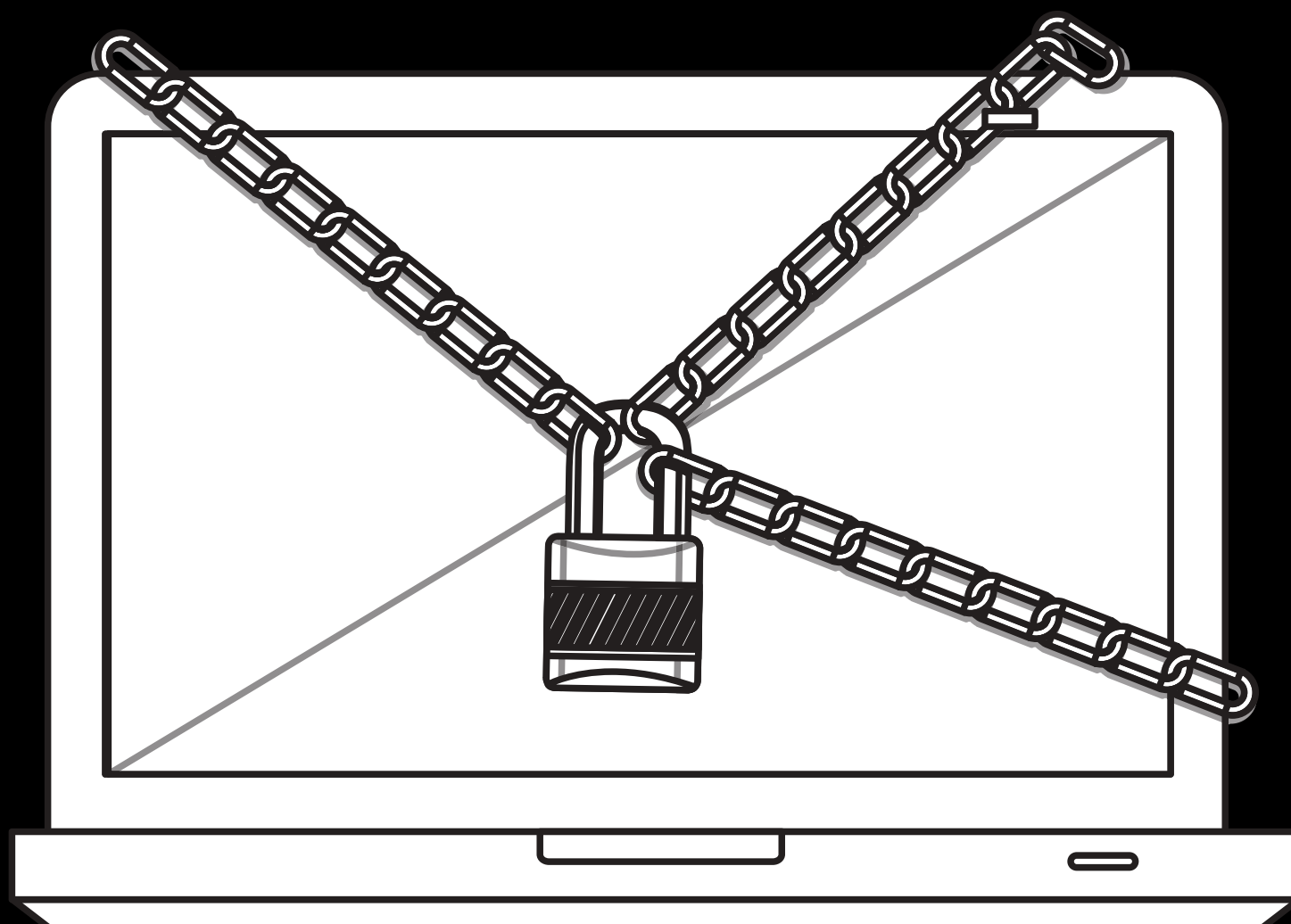
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# 'DISKREET' SEXTING APP FENDS OFF VENGEFUL EX-LOVERS & HACKERS

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Without a doubt, one of the biggest concerns people have when sharing intimate pictures and videos is that of privacy: we want only the intended recipient to see our personal erotic images. Unfortunately, according to a research paper published in 2016, a staggering 23% recipients have reportedly broken their partner's trust by sharing their explicit messages or pictures with more than three people outside of the relationship.

Even more disturbing, 10% have actually threatened to post revealing content online.

This is where Disckreet comes in. The messaging app shows promise in keeping private virtual encounters and related media just that, private.
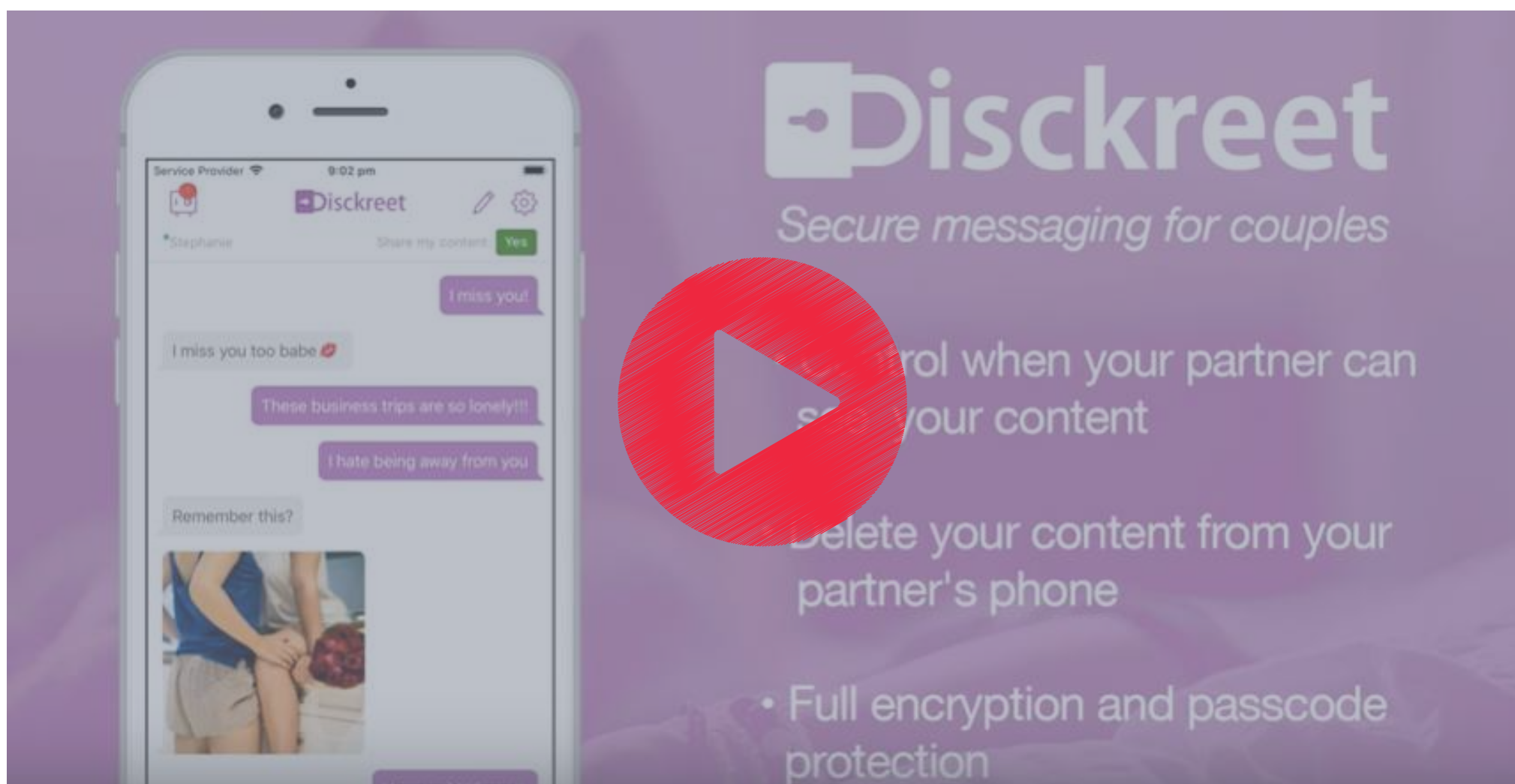
Back in 2014, Disckreet released Disckreet Vault: a secure medium for couples to share and store their intimate data. To prohibit unwanted sharing, the contents are kept on one or two phones and can only be accessed if both parties plug in their own special code.

No code, no sharing.

Now, they've re-released Vault as Disckreet: a new app (on iOS and Android) that brings with it the same respect for privacy with the added bonus of being a messaging platform.

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As with Vault, the Disckreet messaging app locks all content behind a personal password backed up with military grade encryption.

But now there's a greater degree of control. Each user has the ability to decide when any images or messages are accessed and can remotely delete intimate files from their partner's phone as well as their own.

Additionally, the Disckreet app doesn't store any content itself. The moment anything is sent from one party to another, it is automatically deleted from Disckreet's system. This means that even if anyone should hack into their servers they wouldn't find anything there.

Previously with Vault, there had been some concerns that a disreputable user could use screen recording to capture content. But with the new messaging app, should anyone try to make an unauthorized picture the account is locked for ten minutes. An alert is also sent to the other partner letting them know about the attempt.

Currently, the basic version Disckreet is free to download from the Apple's App Store as well as Google play for Android— with additional features available for a subscription fee. While Disckreet might not be perfect, it is still an important move in the right direction. Developers have been listening to users' concerns about safety and privacy are working on solutions.

Sex, after all, is often a very intimate, private exchange. That there are so many who would break that trust is one of the darker aspects of sex tech.

But with Disckreet and similar apps being released that meant to protect your digital sex life, there will more options for security and fewer reasons to fear betrayal or lousy, no-good sex shamers!

EVENTS

2/6 — b-Vibe's Every Body Has a Butt Launch Party

WHEN: 6pm-8pm
WHERE: The Phluid Project / 684 Broadway, New York, NY 10012
WHAT: Party with b-Vibe to celebrate the launch of Every Body Has a Butt. Meet the team behind the campaign, and celebrate bodies and sex positivity with drinks, music, and many (many) displays of derrières. Ft. Ericka Hart, Tina Horn, Daniel Saynt, Sonalee Rashatwar, Arielle Egozi, XaXa Bianca + Kevin Patterson, photographs by Amanda Picotte

2/9 & 3/16 — Coffee, Kegels, and Conversation

WHEN: 11:30am-2pm
WHERE: NYC
WHAT: An open, supportive space to discuss meaningful topics with good company & good vibes. With a warm beverage in hand, we'll explore a monthly theme through activities like intention setting, meditation, writing, conversation, and more. You'll leave feeling recharged and ready to make your big dreams a reality.
LINK: bit.ly/CKCnyc

2/9 — The Future of Desire, Pleasure, & Relationships in an A.I. World

WHEN: 9:30am-6pm
WHERE: Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Broad Sanctuary, London SW1P 3EE, United Kingdom
WHAT: Talk by Mal Harrison (Director of Center for Erotic Intelligence) at AIBE Summit
LINK: https://aibesummit.com/

EVENTS <superscript>CONT.</superscript>

2/11 — Sextech X Erotic Intelligence Women Leader's of Tomorrow

WHEN: 1pm-3pm
WHERE: London School of Economics Campus, Kingsway Building, Room KSW.G.01, 20 Kingsway, London, UK WC2A 2AE
WHAT: From 3-D sonography of the internal clitoris to dating apps, AI-enabled sex robots to polyamory, what is technology's impact on human relationships and sexuality? What intelligence must we cultivate now, to prepare for the future? Hear about the latest in sextech, and learn key tools for successful dating and mating to close the orgasm gap, as well as advanced communication strategies for deeper connection in relationships.

2/11 — The Art of Seduction (members only + their guests)

WHEN: 7:30pm
WHERE: Soho House, 76 Dean Street, Soho, London W1D 3SQ
WHAT: Join us for an intimate journey to mastering human desire through the art of seduction. TEDx speaker, sexologist, and Executive Director of the Center for Erotic Intelligence, Mal Harrison is in the House for a fun night of discovery, debauchery, and games. Learn how to define, explore, and intensify core erotic themes, as well as create more mystery, passion, and sensuality through advanced erotic intelligence techniques. You'll be sure to leave with greater confidence, sex-appeal, and swagger. Giveaways sponsored by Satisfyer.

2/12 — The Art of Seduction (Tickets available)

WHEN: 6:30pm
WHERE: Mortimer House, 37–41 Mortimer Street, Fitzrovia, London W1T 3JH
WHAT: See above event
LINK: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mortimer-house-the-art-of-seduction-tickets-54610041103

2/14 Love Dungeon
A Night of Interactive Intimacy

WHEN: Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm
WHERE: Spirit Hall (upstairs), Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, USA
WHAT: In its second year, SPISH is looking to assist anyone who has tried or is interested in trying Sex™. This pop-up event focuses on breaking down the barriers of dating and the sexual stigmas attached to it. Our goal is to inform you about your deepest desire and how they affect others. Proceeds for this year's event will be going to Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR). Free HIV testing from Pittsburgh Aids Task Force (PATF) will be available on-site.
LINK: https://www.facebook.com/events/345020023003985/

2/16 Expressions of Female* Sexuality (members only + their guests)

WHEN: 7:30pm
**WHERE:** Soul Flow Studio, 3095 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego California 92104 USA
WHAT: Join Lips: Expressions of Female* Sexuality for this month-long pop up gallery! Drop in anytime after Feb 5 during business hours to check out powerful photography and art created by Lips Community Artists. On February 16th we will be having an artist reception to mix, mingle and celebrate open and honest expressions of sexuality. At the party you'll also have the chance to add to a traveling art exhibit by sharing your art, poetry, essays, anything! You can bring art to submit, but we will also have supplies available for you to create on the spot. Lips is an online platform designed for women and LGBTQ individuals seeking a space to express themselves through art without the unhealthy aspects of mainstream Internet culture. *We recognize the gender binary as a social construct and welcome those all along the spectrum to join our community. Inclusion and acceptance are among our core values, because diverse voices enrich our understanding and elevate the conversation, empowering and inspiring even more people.
LINK: https://www.facebook.com/events/1060792614108112/

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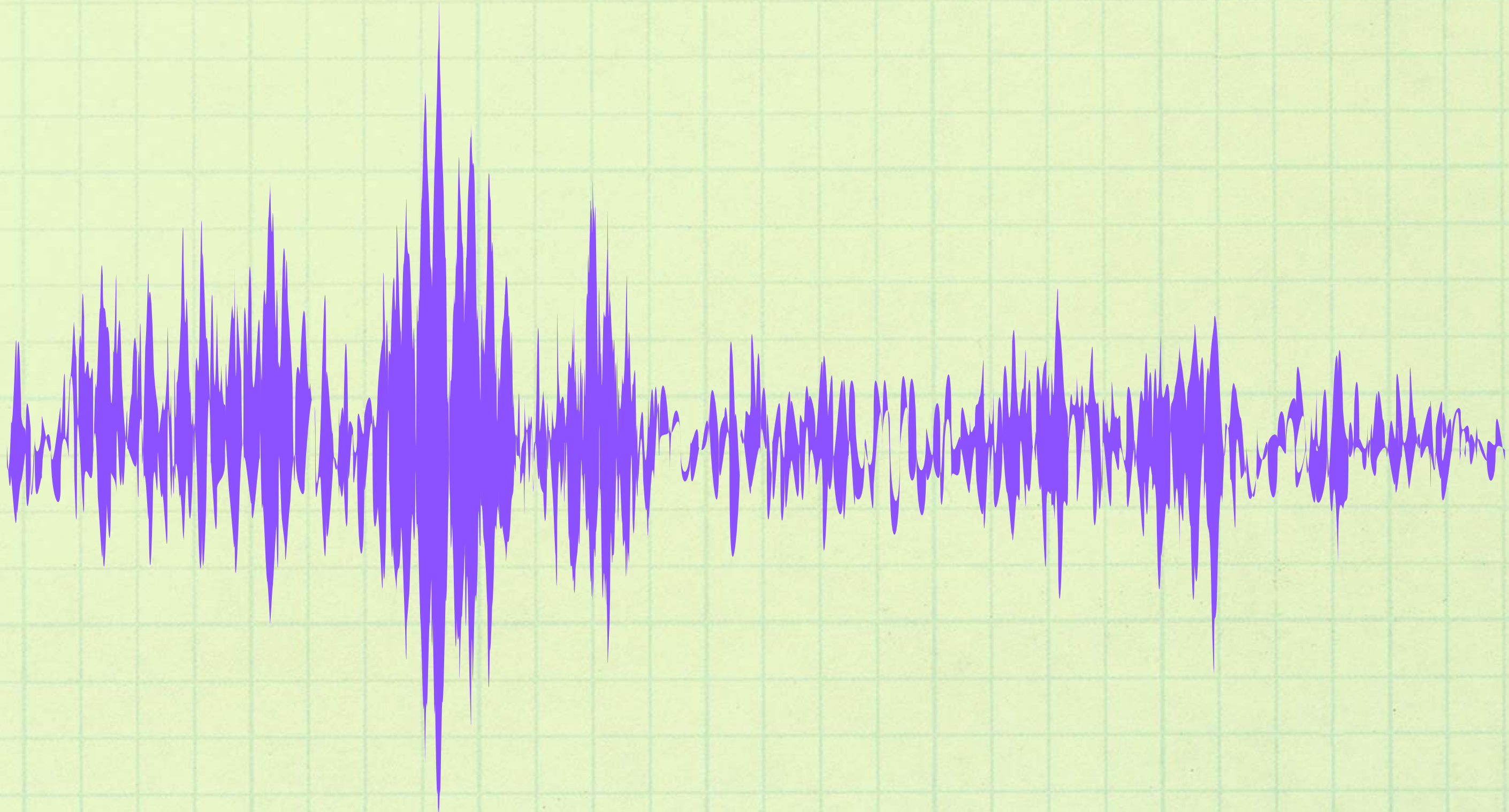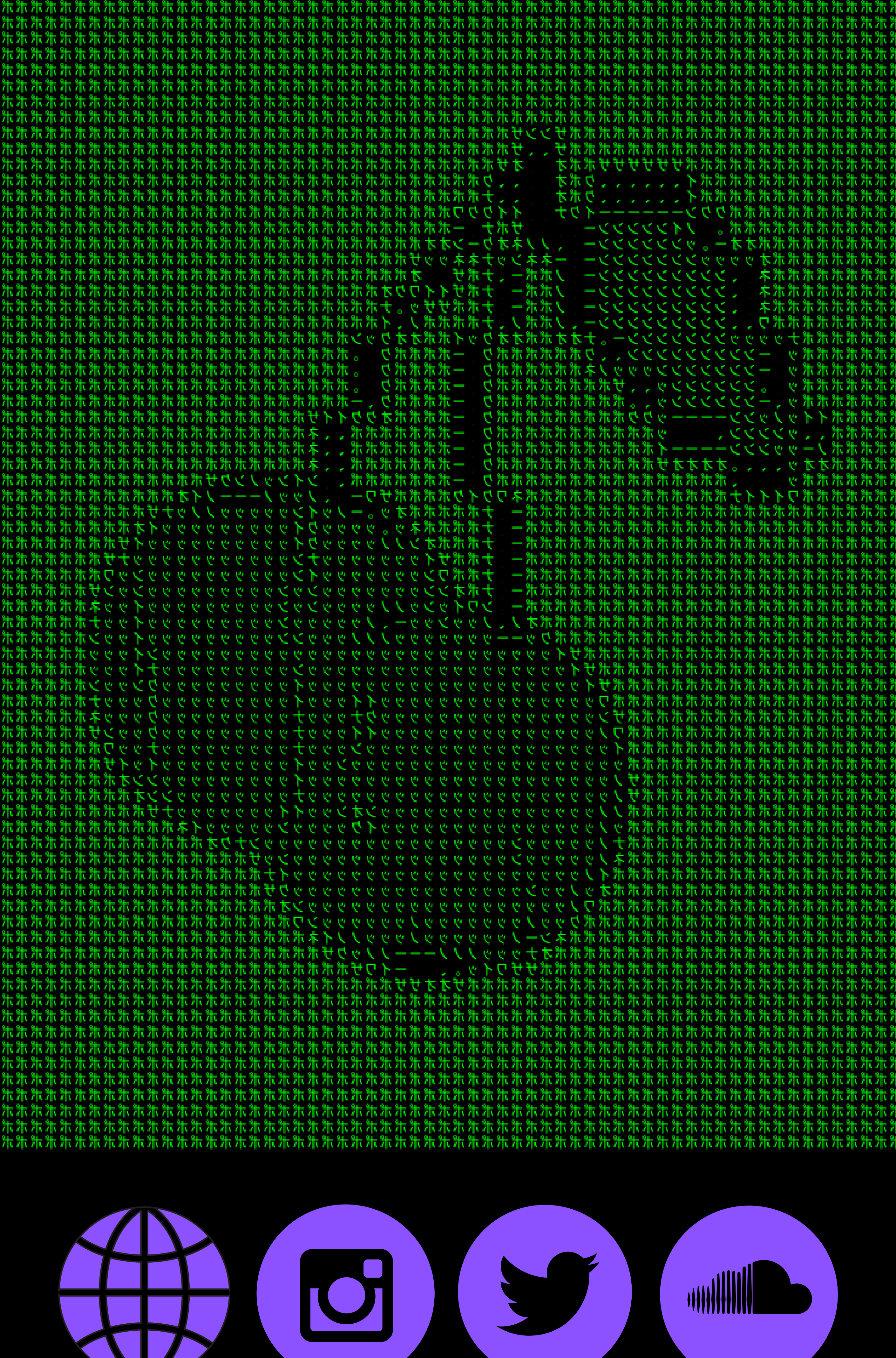
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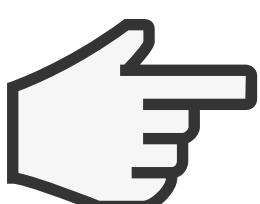
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