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Journalists

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists is a global network of 267 investigative journalists in 100 countries who collaborate on in-depth investigative stories.





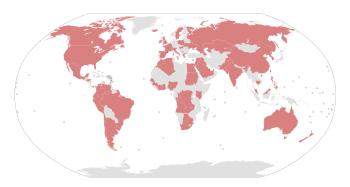
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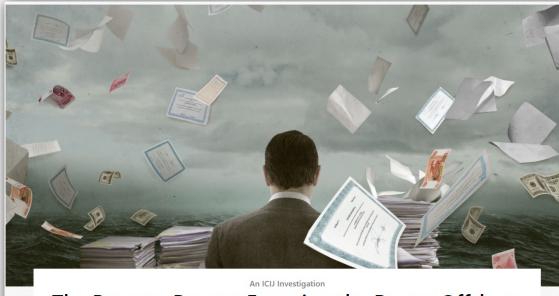




11.5 Million documents (Centralized)



Journalists from over 80 countries



The Panama Papers: Exposing the Rogue Offshore Finance Industry

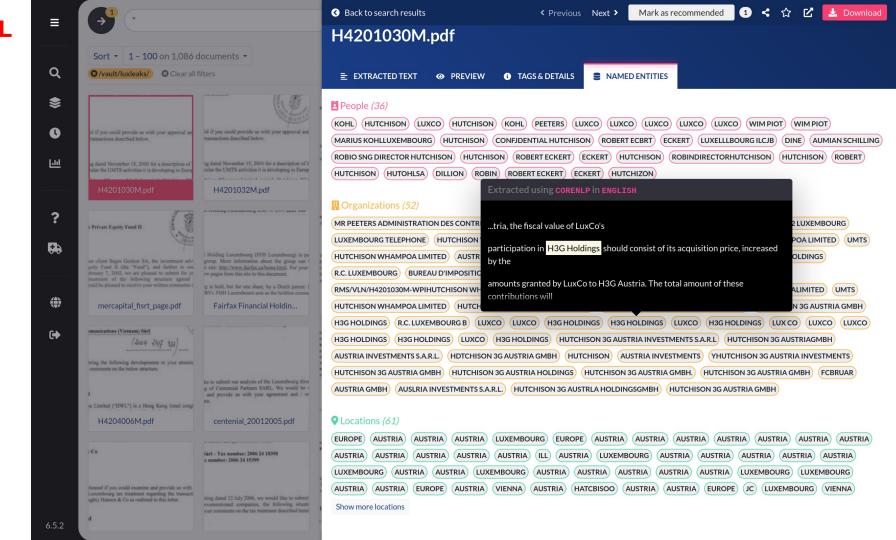
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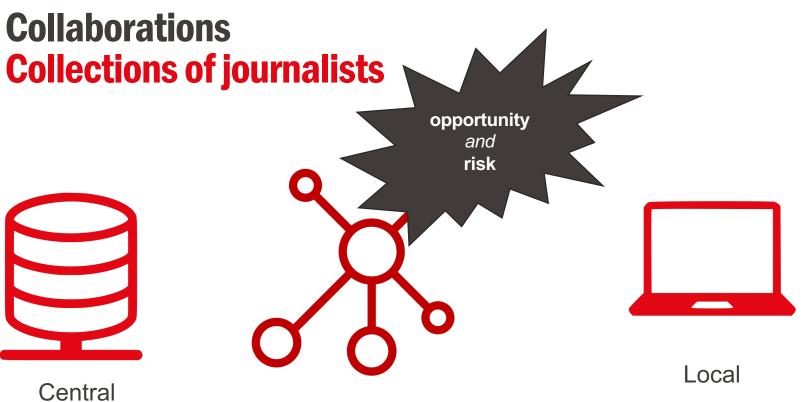


Datashare

Better analyze information, in all its forms



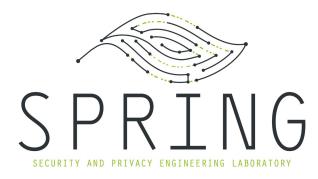




Journalist ↔ Journalist



A fruitful collaboration





1.5 years weekly meetings

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Process

Requirements

What should the system do and under what constraints?

Security and Privacy Risks

What can go wrong? How could the system be abused? And by whom?

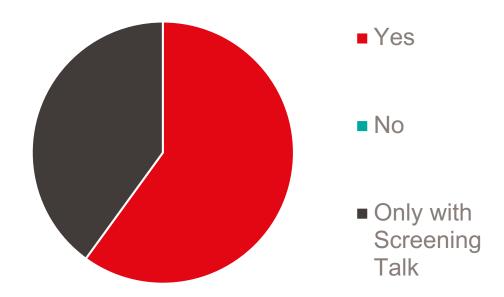
Design the System

Use cryptography and clever engineering to protect against security and privacy risks

Collaboration with ICIJ / users is essential for this process

One: Requirements **Screening**

Are you willing to share your documents?



One: Requirements Two Functionalities



SearchingIs there anybody with relevant documents?

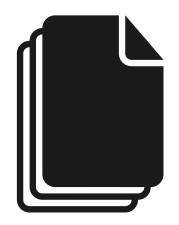


Screening/Chatting
Does the document owner
want to share with me?

Two: Identify Risks



QueriesReveal ongoing investigations



Documents
Reveal data about sources and investigations



Conversations
Who talks with whom, and about what?



Risks Protect from whom?









ICIJ





Third party





Risks Potential Attacks



Hacking



Violence



Subpoena



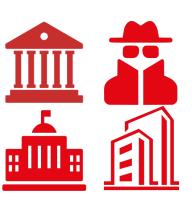
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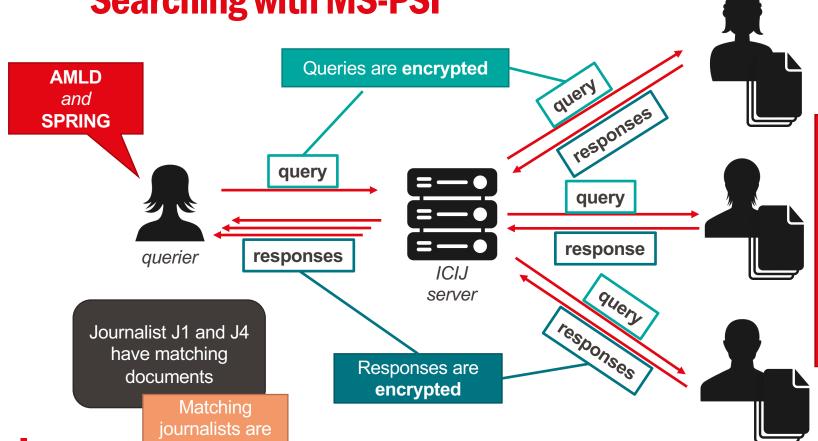
Third party





DatashareNetwork Searching with MS-PSI

pseudonymous



MS-PSI

Journalists
and their
machines
learn
nothing
about the
queries or
results

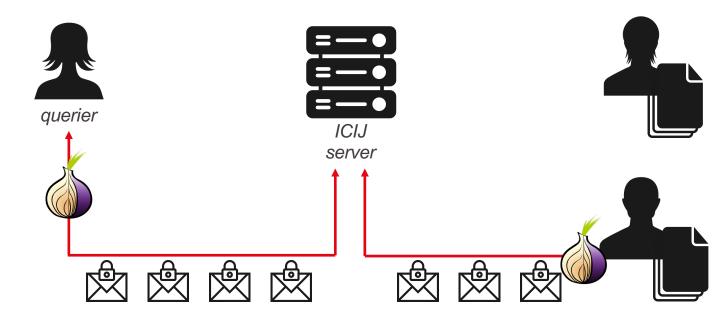
DatashareNetwork Screening Talks

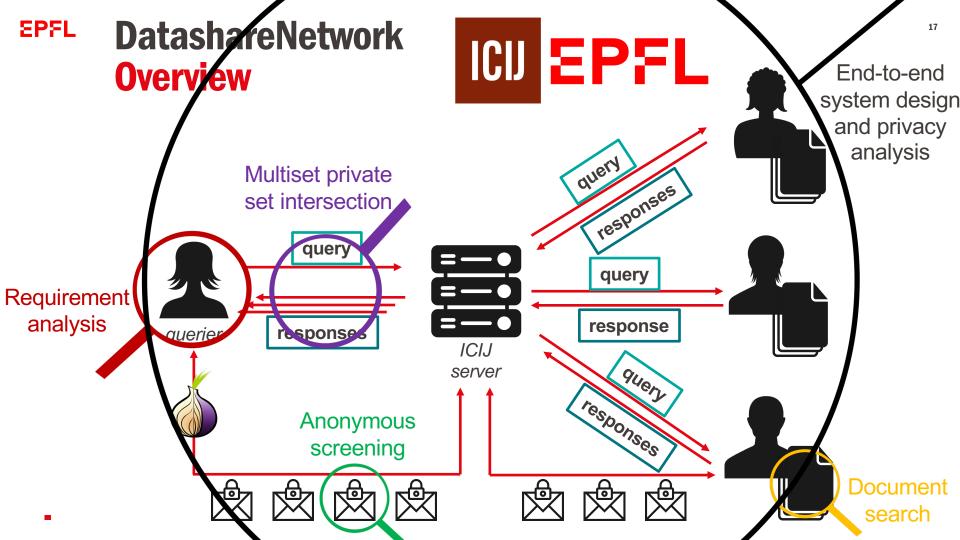
Want to hide:

- What people talk about
- Who talks with whom
- Whether people talk

Cannot use existing systems









DatashareNetwork Summary

- Fully-fledged decentralized search engine inspired by stakeholders needs
- Key lessons
 - Requirement gathering & design is an iterative process
 - Collaboration is key
 - Requires full control over the software / system
- Evaluation / userstudy: journalists prefer the privacy-friendly system
- Next steps: deployment by ICIJ

We'd love to work with you!

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