

Trust: the unloved sibling



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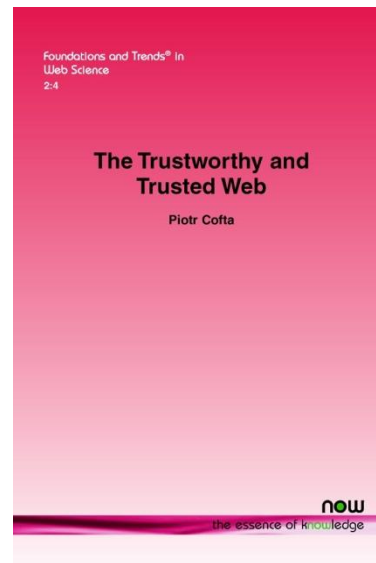
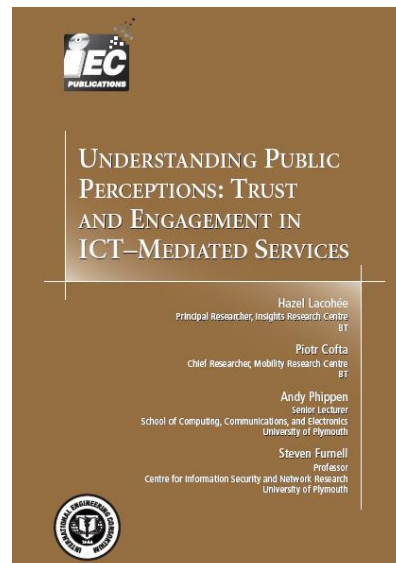
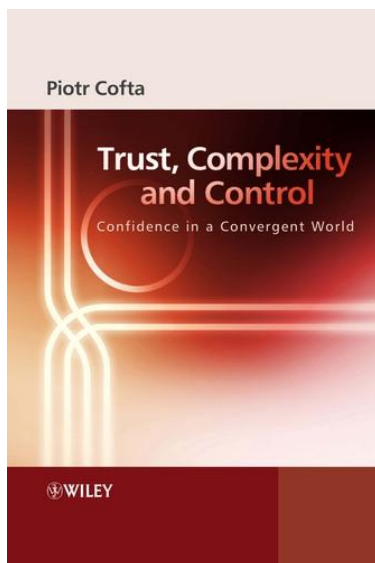
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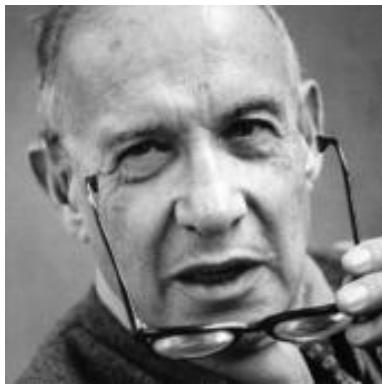
Risk and Trust

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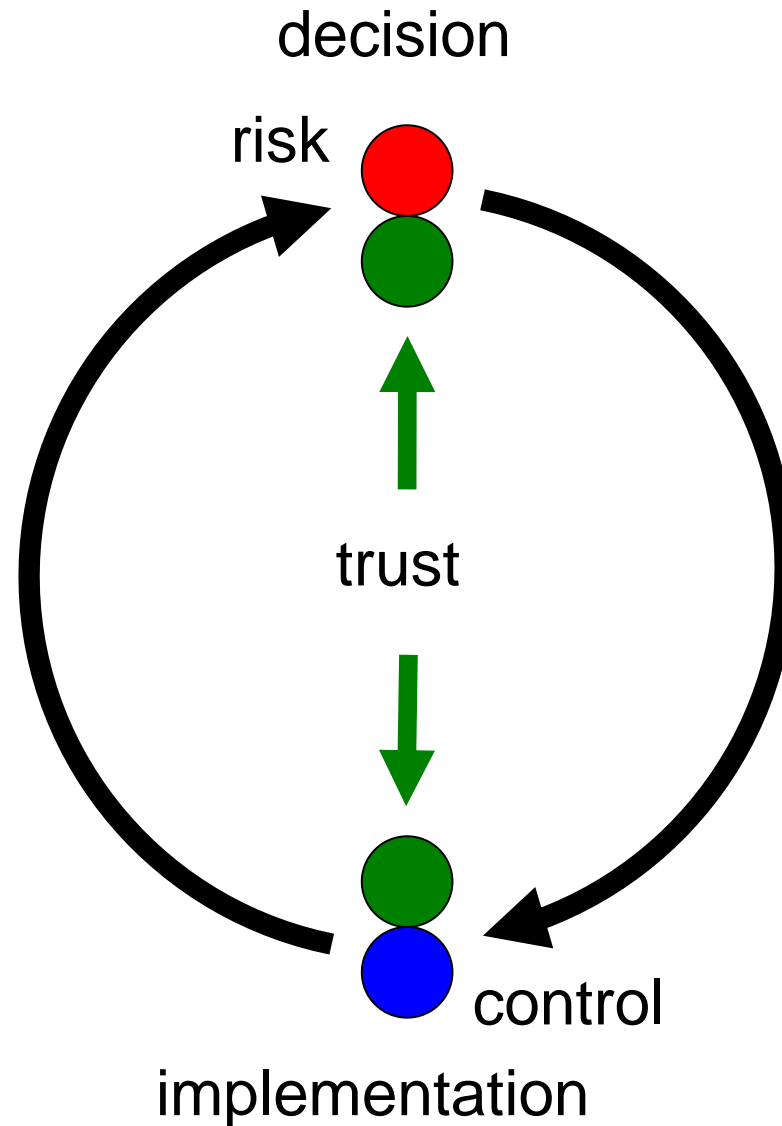
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The unloved sibling..



Peter Drucker
1909-2005



All that started with a dead guy



Thomas Bayes, 1701-1761, London

Probability of future events
can be estimated
on the basis of past events.

Disclaimer

Past performance
is no guarantee
of future performance.



Ceteris Paribus*

* **"assuming everything else is equal"**

environment is assumed to be stable
not subject to whims of others
not affected by the decision itself

Corporate decisions

variable environment

INTENTIONALITY

butterfly effect

chaos theory

MTBF

MTTF

MTTR

ALE

SLE

statistics

actuary

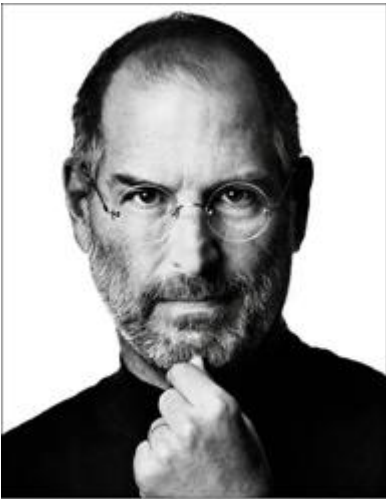
derivatives



stable environment

Intentionality

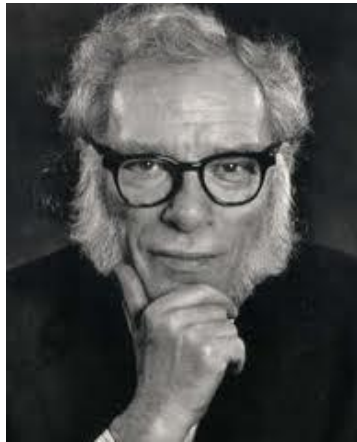
Environment of our decisions increasingly depends on **intentional actions** of others (individuals or organisations)



Steve Jobs
1955-2011

- product -> service
- hardware -> managed platform
- software -> contract
- disk -> cloud storage
- ownership -> license to use

New challenge



Isaac Asimov
1920-1992

To make good security decisions, we have to predict behaviour of **specific intentional** actors

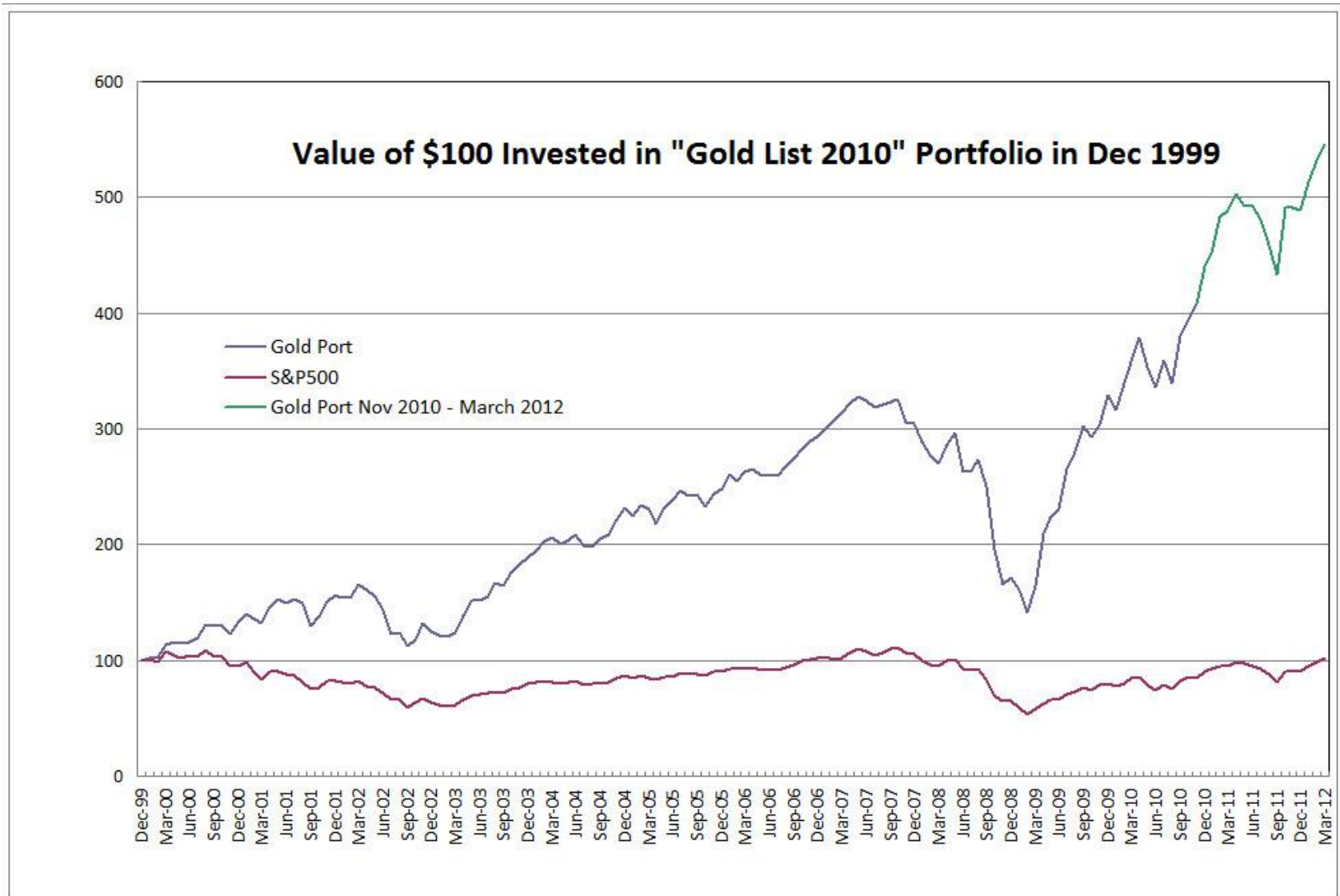
- powerful attackers
- high-level insiders
- system administrators
- contractors and collaborators
- companies and governments
- user groups



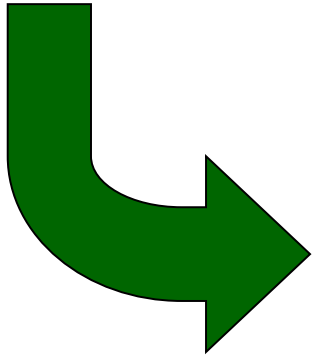
Trust

**provides better prediction
of intentional behaviour
than risk**

**It is also more profitable
to use trust!!**



Trust governance



Is he/she/it trustworthy?

What makes him trustworthy?

Can I develop trust with him?

How can I trust?

What can I do with trust?

What is trust?

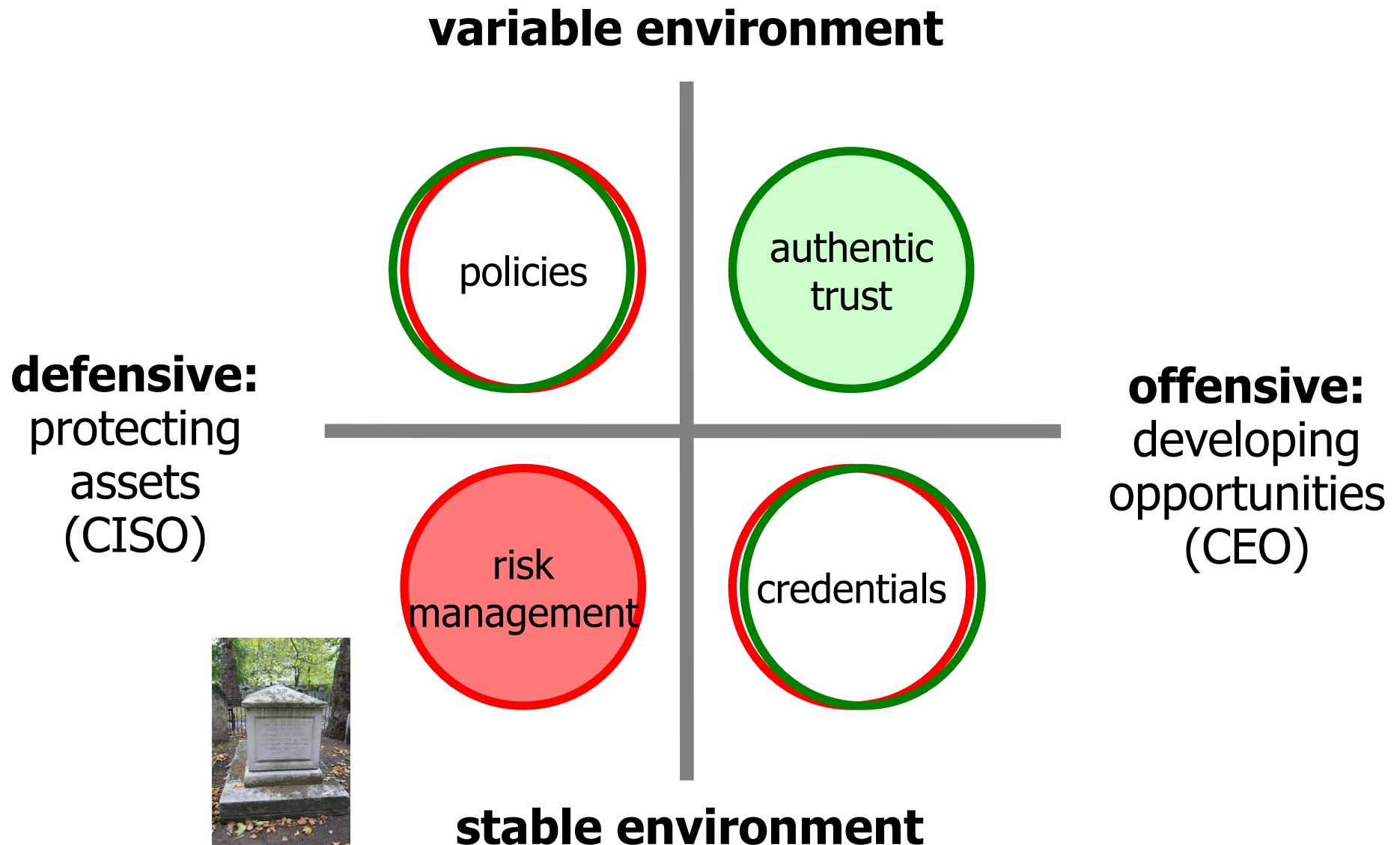
But but but ..

- Trust is not always applicable
- There is no definition
- Risk is here to stay
- We are not trained in trust
- We cannot measure trust



Keira Knightley
"Love Actually"

But .. trust is not always applicable



But .. there is no definition

Is a new opportunity a risk?

(ISO 27001)

likelihood * impact of undesired events

only if likelihood and impact can be estimated

(PRINCE2)

events that have effect on objectives

definitely yes

(NIST 800-30)

negative impact of the exercise of a vulnerability

no, as there was no vulnerability

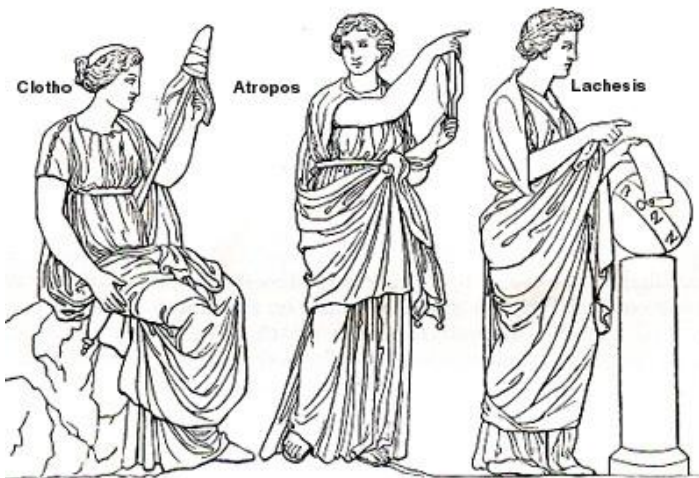
Trust is ..

- ... the willingness of a party (trustor) to be vulnerable to the actions of another party (trustee) based on the expectation that the other party will perform a particular action important to the trustor, irrespective of their ability to monitor or control that other party.
- ... **the acknowledgement of trustworthiness**

But .. risk is here to stay

"It is difficult to make predictions,
especially about the future"

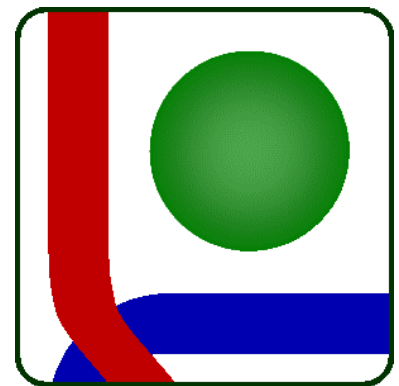
Niels Bohr (and many others)



- fate (antiquity)
- destiny (renaissance)
- progress (industrialisation)
- risk (modernity)
- trust (coming)

But .. we are not trained in trust

- Ask me
- Work with us
- Check the web site:
<http://trust-governance.com>
- Contribute, share, discuss
- Learn and experiment
- Build authentic trust
- Ignore 'trust gurus'



But .. we cannot measure trust

Risk used to be immeasurable



risk = likelihood * impact

Become a '10 minute expert'

Trust-O-Meter



- How to become an expert in trust measurement in 10 minutes?
- Use Trust-O-Meter!
 - not a tool to 'measure' trust
 - tool to reflect on trust
 - to share what you think of trust

Classical triad



- A: Competence -> [0..1]
 - He is **able** to help me, he is a professional
- B: Benevolence -> [0..2]
 - He seems to be a good man, he **will not** leave me alone
- C: Continuity -> [0..3]
 - He is really committed, his **future** career is at stake

$$X = \text{MAX} (A, B, C)$$

Sharing triad

- D: Shared **background** -> [0..1]
 - We are from the same school so I understand him
- E: Shared **benefits** -> [0..2]
 - He is as much dependent on me as I am on him
- F: Shared **values** -> [0..3]
 - We both observe the same fundamental values



$$Y = \text{MAX} (D, E, F)$$

Social triad

- G: Familiarity -> [0..1]
 - The situation and the type looks familiar and it turned out to be good
- H: Stereotyping -> [0..2]
 - Doctors are trustworthy, and he is a doctor
- I: Similarity -> [0..3]
 - He is like myself, or like a person I found trustworthy

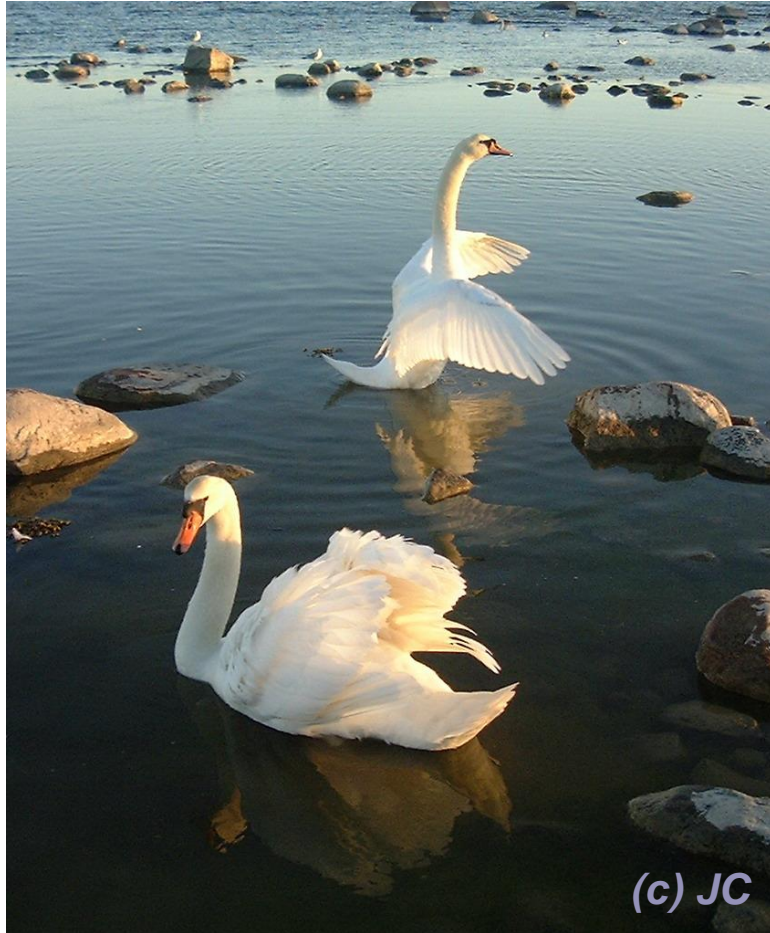


$$Z = \text{MAX} (G, H, I)$$

- 0-1: Walk away.
- 2-3: Proceed with caution.
- 4-6: Try to learn more.
- 7-8: Trust, but verify.
- 9: Too good to be true.

Now, the real question

Is this what you call trust?



Thank you

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share
your
thoughts

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