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# ACCELERATOR PROJECT: THE FIGHT AGAINST DISINFORMATION

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## Participants





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# Design Your Weapons in the Fight Against Disinformation

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The Problem

**Is it true?**

**Is it real?**





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# Manipulation is everywhere

The Problem







# Fakes can be believed

## The Problem

“The S&P 500 briefly dropped... as social media accounts... repeated the false claims.”

AP, May 23 2023



Reports of an explosion near the Pentagon in Washington DC





# Fakes can be believed

## The Problem

WORLD

**Deepfake targets Ukraine's first lady Olena Zelenka with false claim she bought Bugatti**

CBS News, July 2024

Participants could only verbally identify deepfakes 37% of the time

Source: University of Sydney

34 million AI-generated images are made each day Source: Everypixel

'Deepfakes' of Michael Mosley and Hilary Jones being used to promote scams on social media

Sky News, July 2024

AI and deepfakes blur reality in India elections

BBC, May 2024

Deepfake clips of Gareth Southgate swearing after England match go viral

The Guardian, July 2024





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# The technology is getting better and easier

## The Problem



How To Make AI Images Of Yourself (Free)

126K views • 2 weeks ago

Matt Wolfe

Here's how to train your face into the new AI models. Here's the link for \$10 free at Replicate: ...

# News needs to separate fact from fiction



How To Create a Fake YouTube Studio Background Using FREE AI Tools

22K views • 8 months ago

KC Sounds

In today's tutorial, we're diving into the world of AI and creating a jaw-dropping fake background using. Whether you're a ...

10 moments What You Need | Choose Video | Remove Video Background | Where to find backgrounds | AI source...



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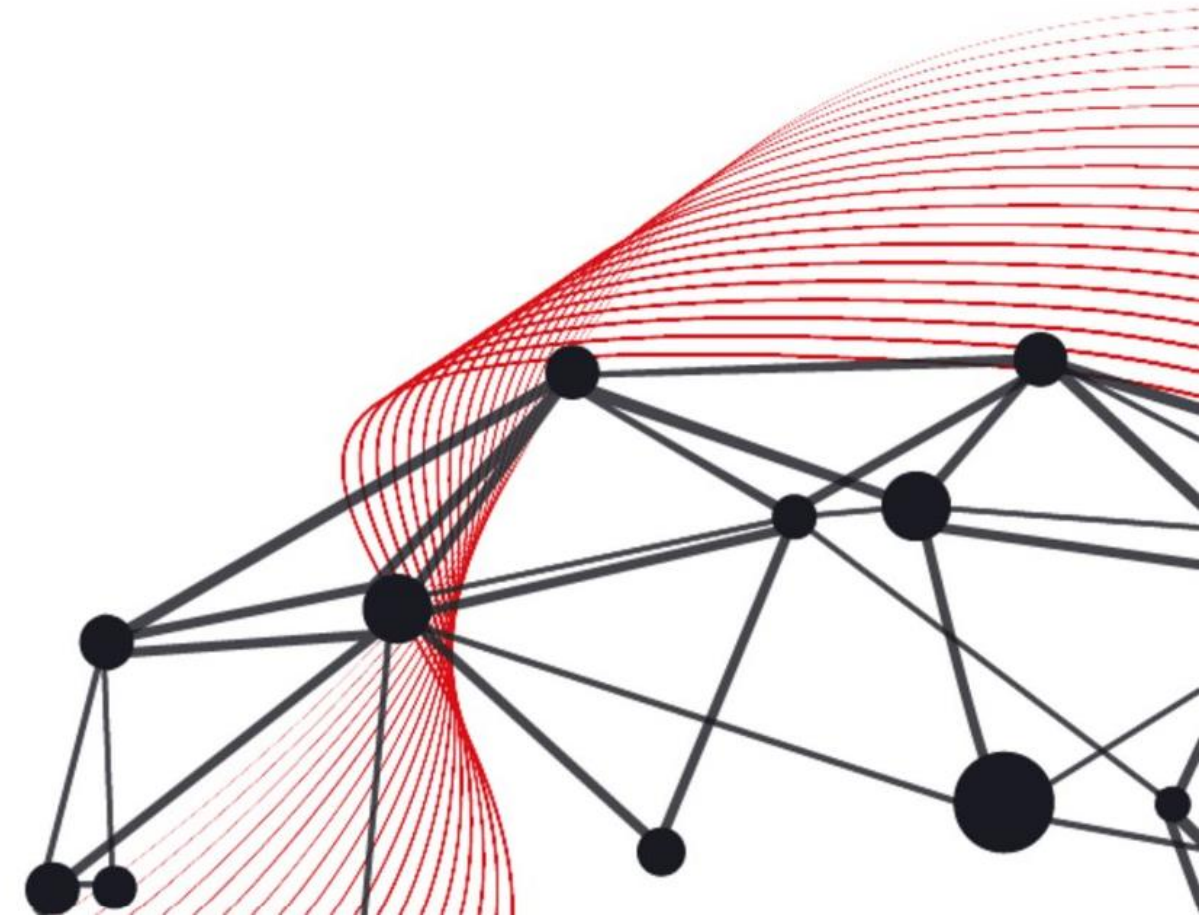
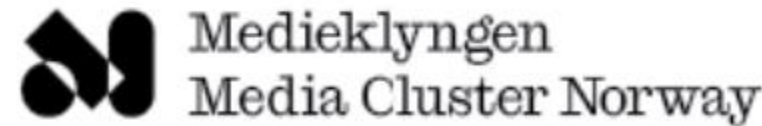
The Associated Press  
Advancing the Power of Facts



CBS NEWS AND STATIONS



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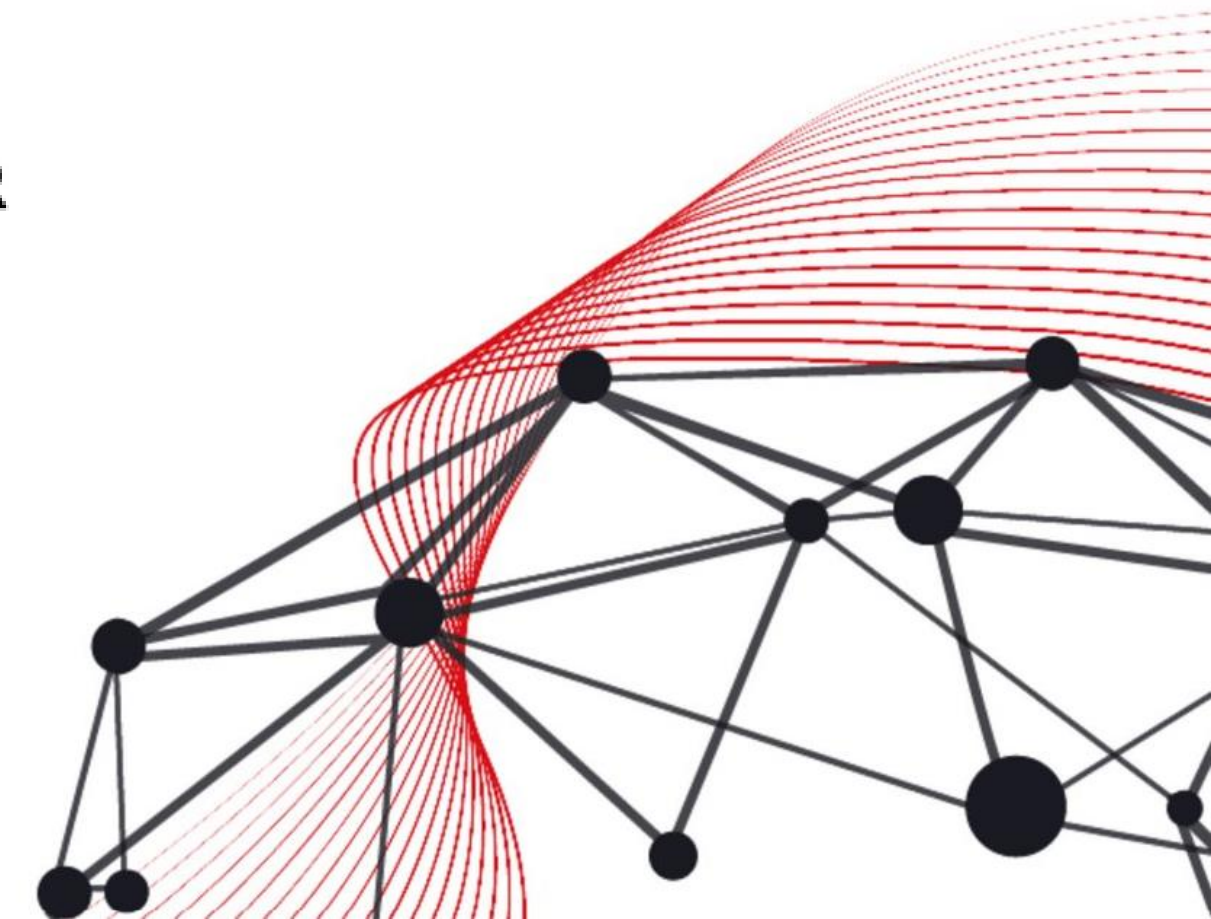


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# **Design Your Weapons in the Fight Against Disinformation**

**Provenance**

**Detection**

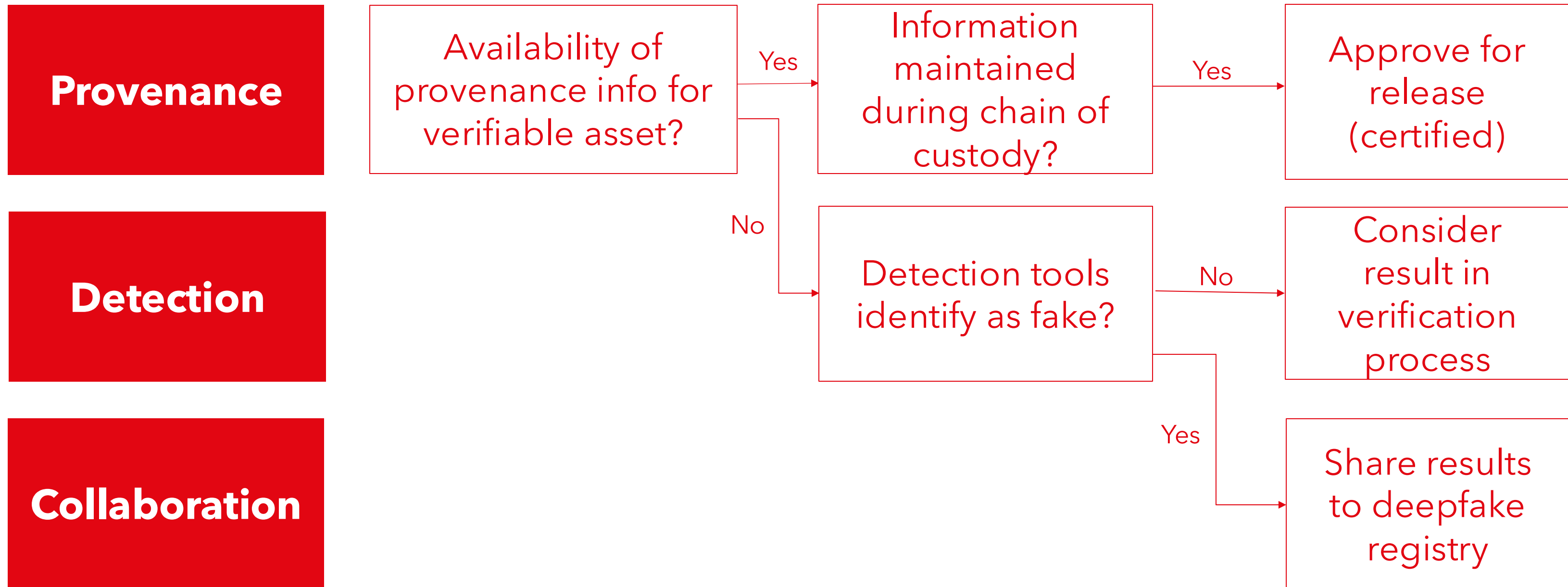
**Collaboration**





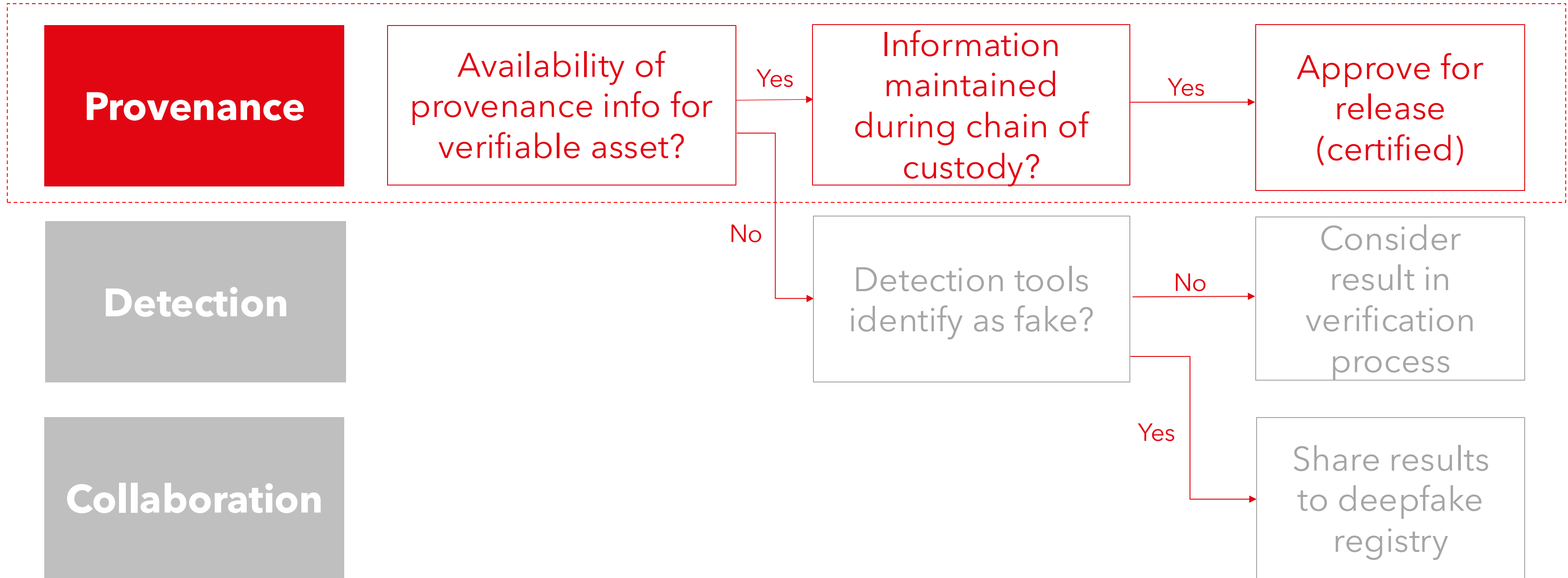


# When to use different approaches?





# When to use provenance?





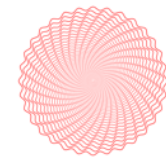


# What is provenance, and why is it becoming so significant?

## Digital Media Provenance



**Metadata**



**Watermarking**



**Fingerprinting**

**Signed**

**Unsigned**

**Visible**

**Invisible**

**Cryptographic Hashing**

**Perceptual Hashing**

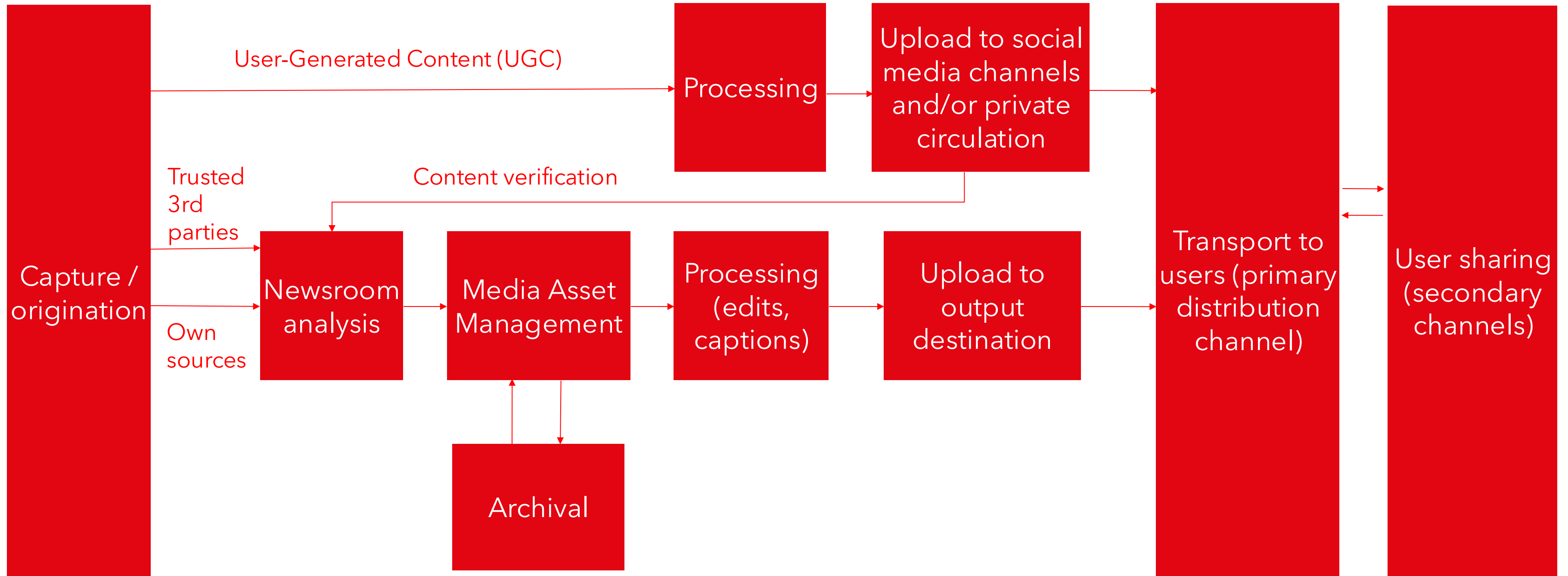


# Provenance has impact throughout the media lifecycle

Timeframe:

*Seconds to days*

*May continue for years*







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# Who does provenance benefit?

## ...and how?



### Content Creators

e.g. trusted photojournalists, UGC

- Proving authenticity of their work
- Tracking content usage (copyright)



### Journalists

e.g. newsrooms, editors, archivists

- Rapid & accurate verification by newsrooms
- Safeguarding information on origins (archival content)
- Tracking and legitimising edits and captions



### Viewers

e.g. audiences, copyright owners

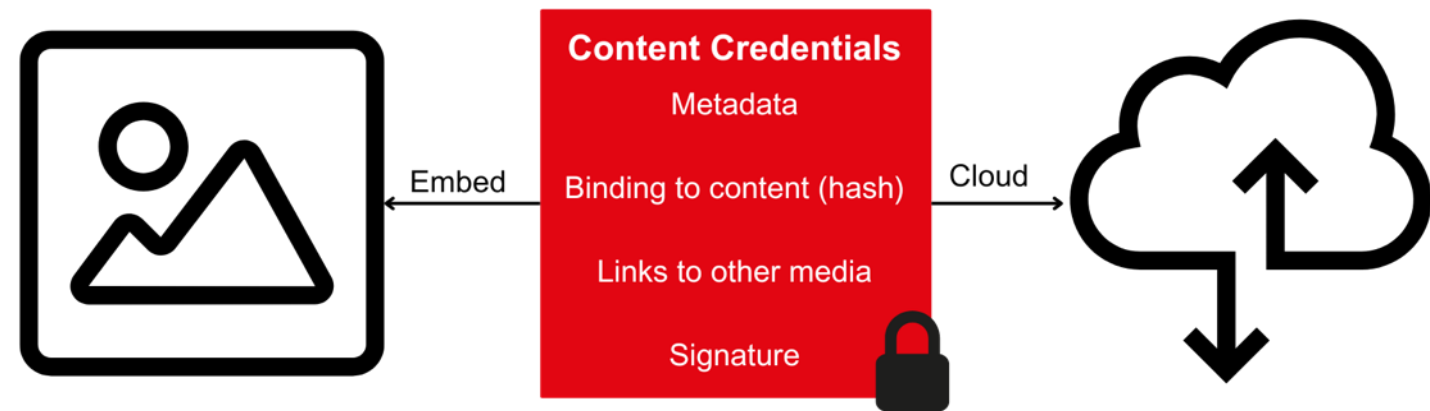
- Audience understanding of origin point
- Tracking content ownership & authorship



# Standards and solutions are complementary

## Provenance Standards (e.g. C2PA)

- Protocols and guidelines that define how provenance data should be captured
- C2PA is a widely adopted standard that uses cryptographic hashing to securely bind metadata to the content, ensuring authenticity and integrity.



## Provenance Solutions

- The technical systems and tools that actually implement provenance tracking, ranging from proprietary systems to open-source frameworks
- A range of tools and solutions exist in the market, tailored to specific needs and workflows, offering diverse approaches to ensuring the authenticity and integrity of digital content.





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# Solutions ecosystem consists of a range of contributing technologies



**Next-generation content management and distribution solution**, utilizing blockchain technology and cryptographic hashing to allow users to control access and ensure monetization for their content.



**Consortium developing the foundation for the future of visual content**, including virtual and augmented reality, with focus on the future of newsroom content creation and distribution.



**End-to-end provenance solution**, providing tools for authenticated media capture, archival media protection, and verification of online content. Secures provenance information in a tamper-proof blockchain to provide a decentralised trust infrastructure.



**Interoperable talent identifier**, enabling ID resolution and provenance verification of notable real (human) public figures, their connected digital replicas, and fictional characters in the media supply chain. A DOI Foundation registration agency (ISO 26324.2022). Member: C2PA, IPTC.



**Automated visual matching and linking of content**, using advanced visual fingerprinting for accuracy and speed. Enables users to verify content matching trusted sources and to detect changes matching made.



**Content provenance and authenticity solutions** based on forensic watermarking and fingerprinting, enabling users to distribute, protect and monetize their content.





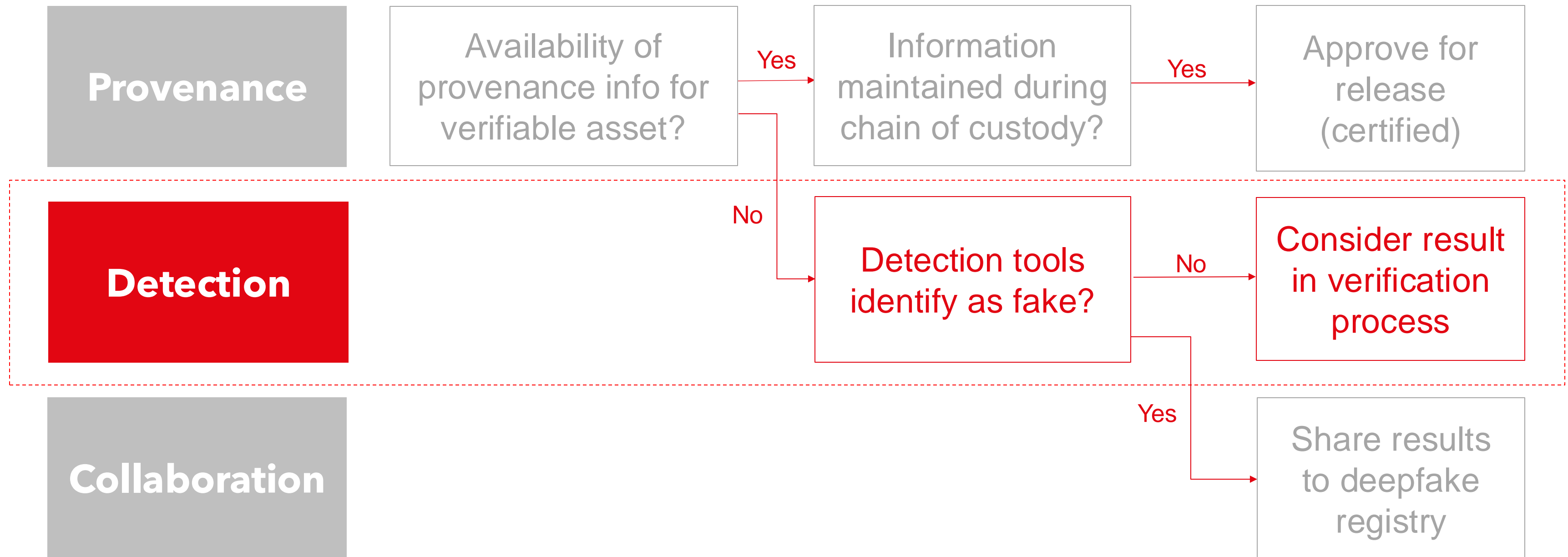
## What would an ideal scenario look like?

- **Verifiable provenance metadata** embedded into every asset
- **Clear display of provenance information** (or lack of) at every stage of content distribution
- **An educated audience** with a zero-trust mindset
- **Provenance is accessible** with no barriers to entry





# When to use provenance and/or detection?





# Detection may be leveraged when provenance data is unavailable

- **Detection** is the leveraging of visual analysis and machine learning to **automate detection of manipulated visuals, narrative or wholly synthetically-generated content.**
- Newsrooms and end users can benefit from the ability to detect Generative AI across various media formats, especially when provenance information can't be accessed.

## Challenges in detection today:

- Generative AI is developing at a faster rate than detection modules.
- Multi-layered editing of AI-generated content can impact the efficacy of detection modules.
- No single solution available to address all issues, with a risk of false results and inaccuracies.

A combinations of detection tools can inform various elements of the verification process, acting as an aid rather than an alternative to human-led content validation.



## Unverified Source

### Scan against existing authenticated database

- Identify duplicates of authenticated original content and assess potential IP implications
- Identify manipulated content based off authenticated original media

### Scan against collaborative database of problematic content

- Identify common disinformation topics or bad actors
- Collaboration or Machine led curation can improve reaction speed and help with allocation of resources

### Visual analysis to identify manipulated or wholly AI-generated content

- Newsrooms are currently mostly reliant on manual checks and contextual verification
- Automated solutions exist but can struggle to keep up with the advances in Generative-AI



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# See Project Demo Video

(The Principles of Accelerator Programme for Provenance and Detection)



**Provenance and Detection  
in action**



# Secure capture of new media

## EXAMPLE: USER-GENERATED CONTENT

- **Metadata & unique fingerprint** captured
- Hardware verification ensures that the **capture device is trusted**
- **LiDAR & sensor data** captured along with the image
- Stored on a **tamper-proof blockchain**



3D depth map data of images



# Newsroom analysis

## EXAMPLE: USER-GENERATED CONTENT

- Photo editor can look up proof information and understand:
  - Image has **verifiable origins**
  - Taken on a **trusted device**
  - Taken at **correct time & location**



Everyday photographer shares photo with journalist

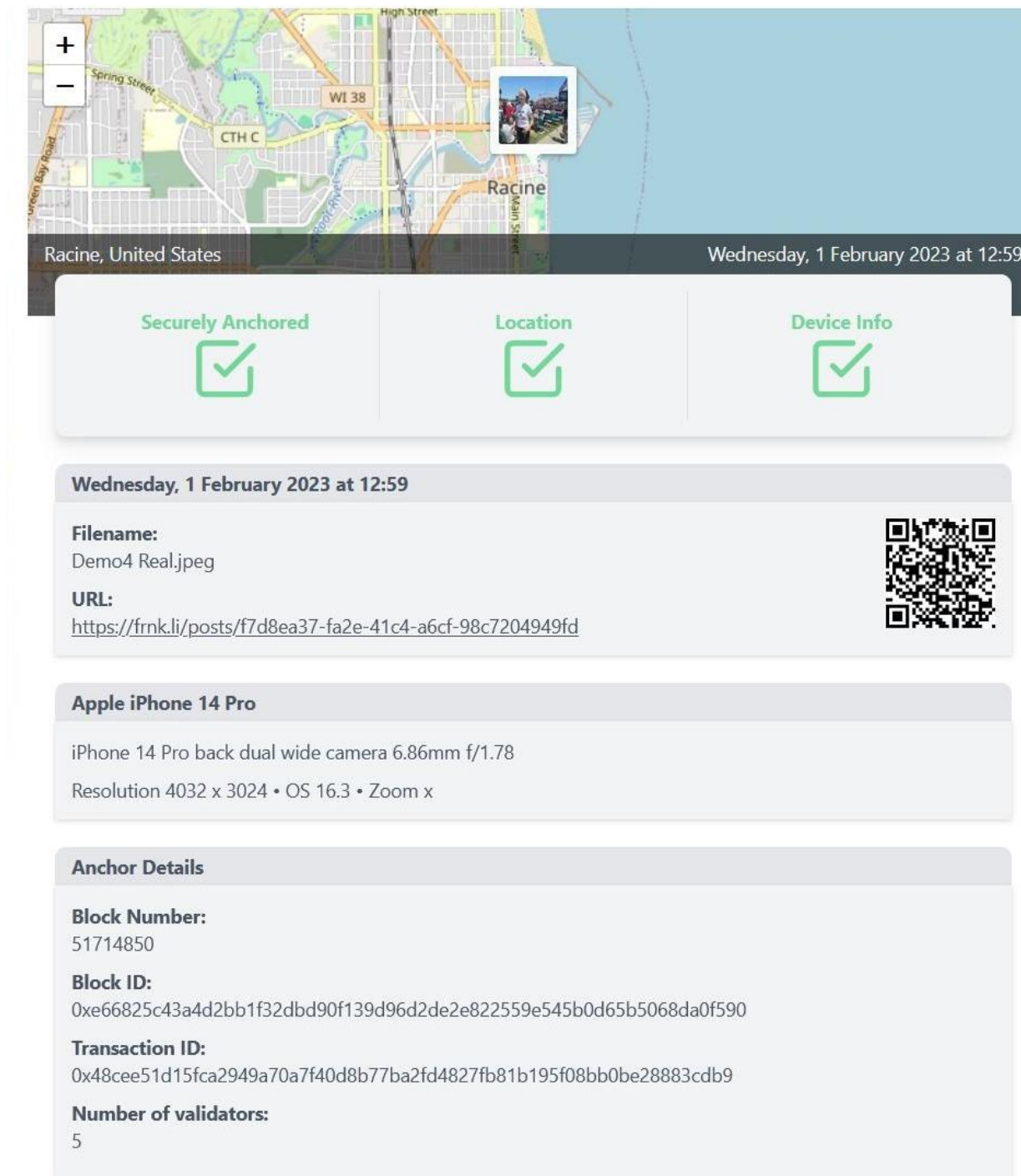


Photo editor looks up origin information



# Transport to viewer

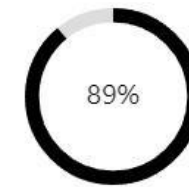
## EXAMPLE: USER-GENERATED CONTENT

- Chrome plugin displays **green boxes around known verified content**
- Comparison tools allows viewers to check if **an image they see has been modified**



Comparison tool for edited images

### Image similarity



Quad tree file:  
 Image: 00000-2111185431.png  
 Threshold: 2  
 Depth: 5  
 Total image pixels: 1687500  
 Total matched pixels: 1503960  
 Perceptual algorithm: PDQ

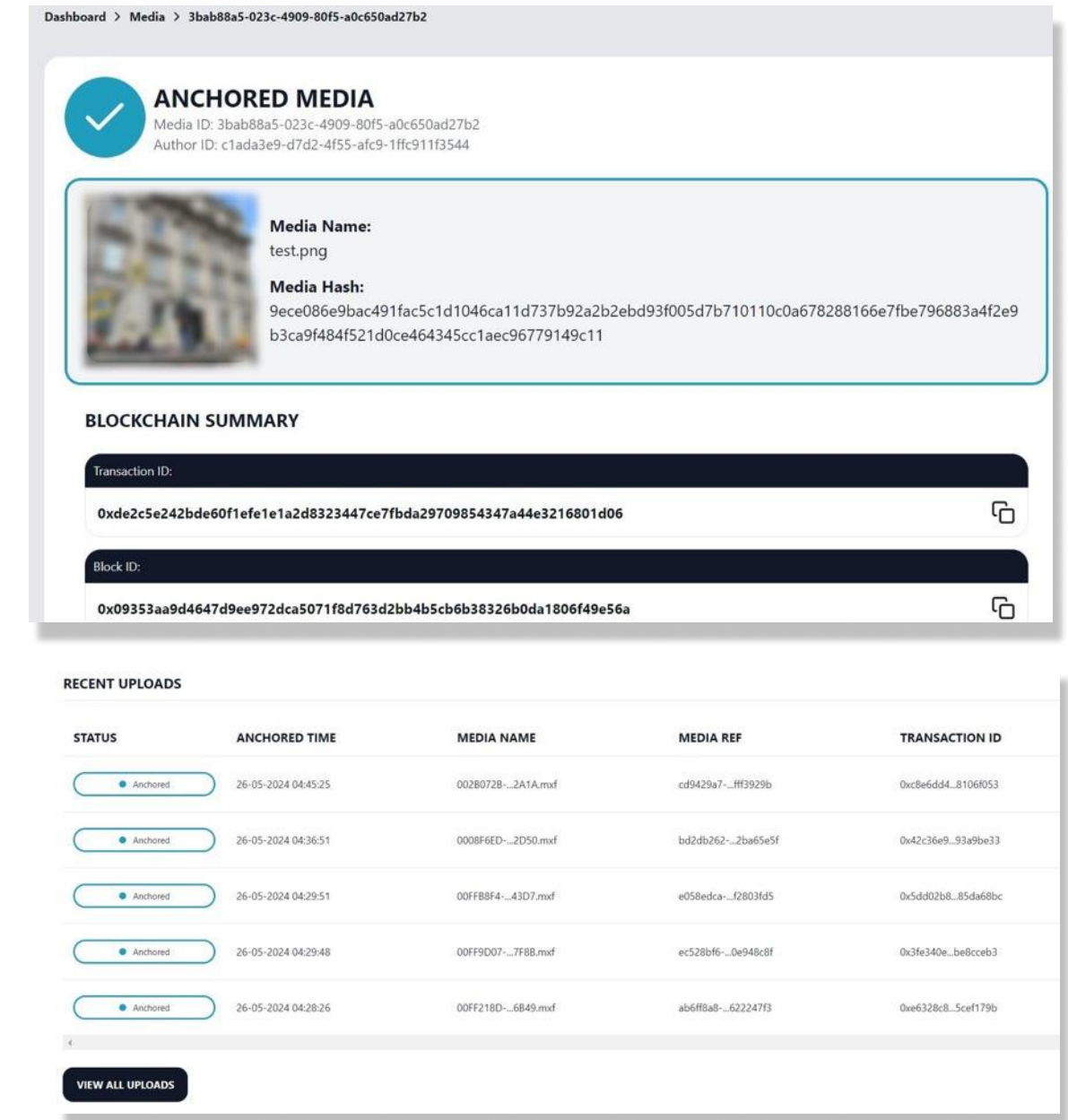


Mock-up of a disinformation site with verified and non-verified content

# Archive Anchoring

## SAFEGUARDING ARCHIVES WITH IMMUTABLE PROVENANCE, PRESERVING OUR WORLD'S SHARED HISTORY

- Deep database analytics to ensure the media is **validated and authentic**.
- Scalable architecture allows for the **securing of billions of media items** that already exist in archives.
- Without proper authentication, **real and fake become indistinguishable**



Media organisation's view of secured media proofs for archival content

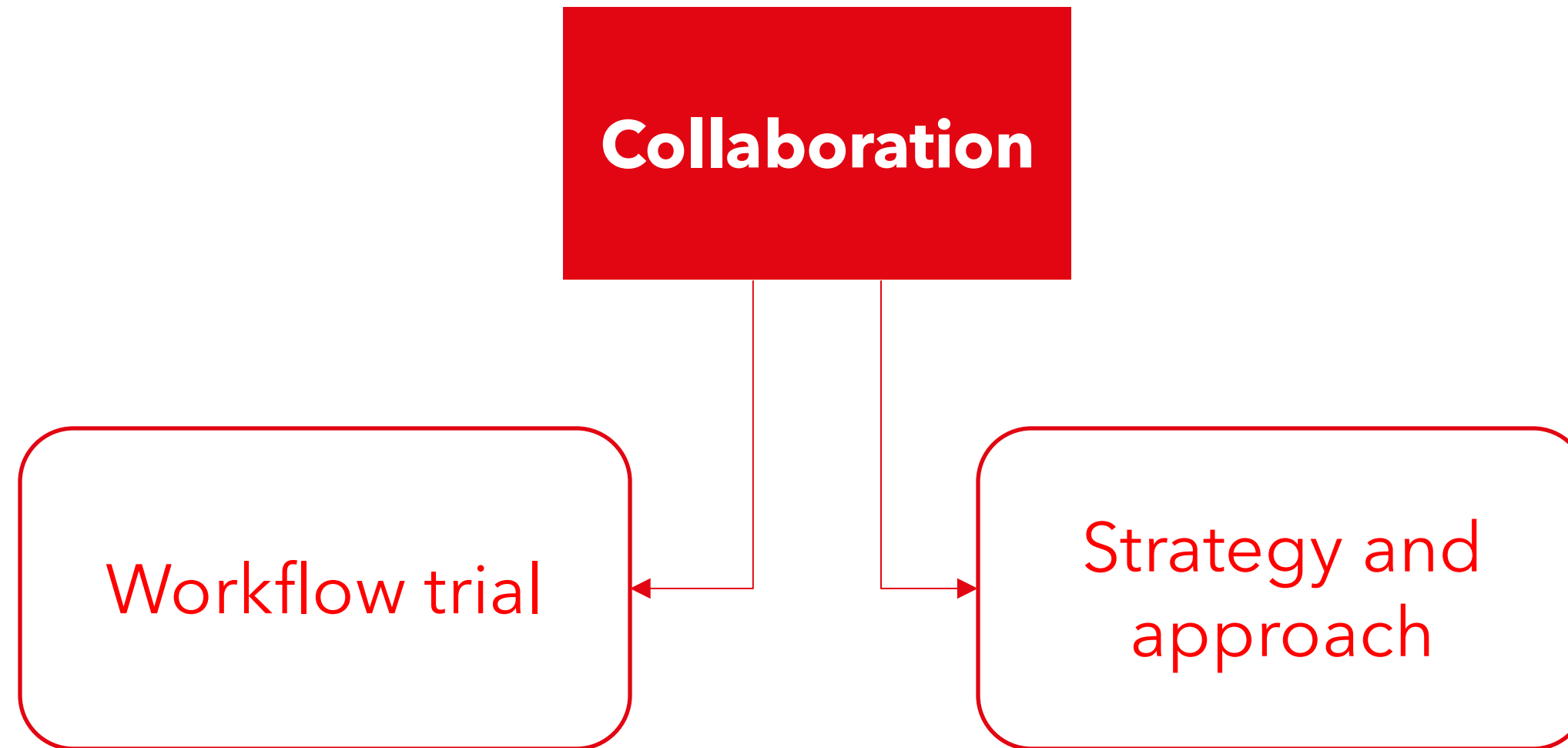




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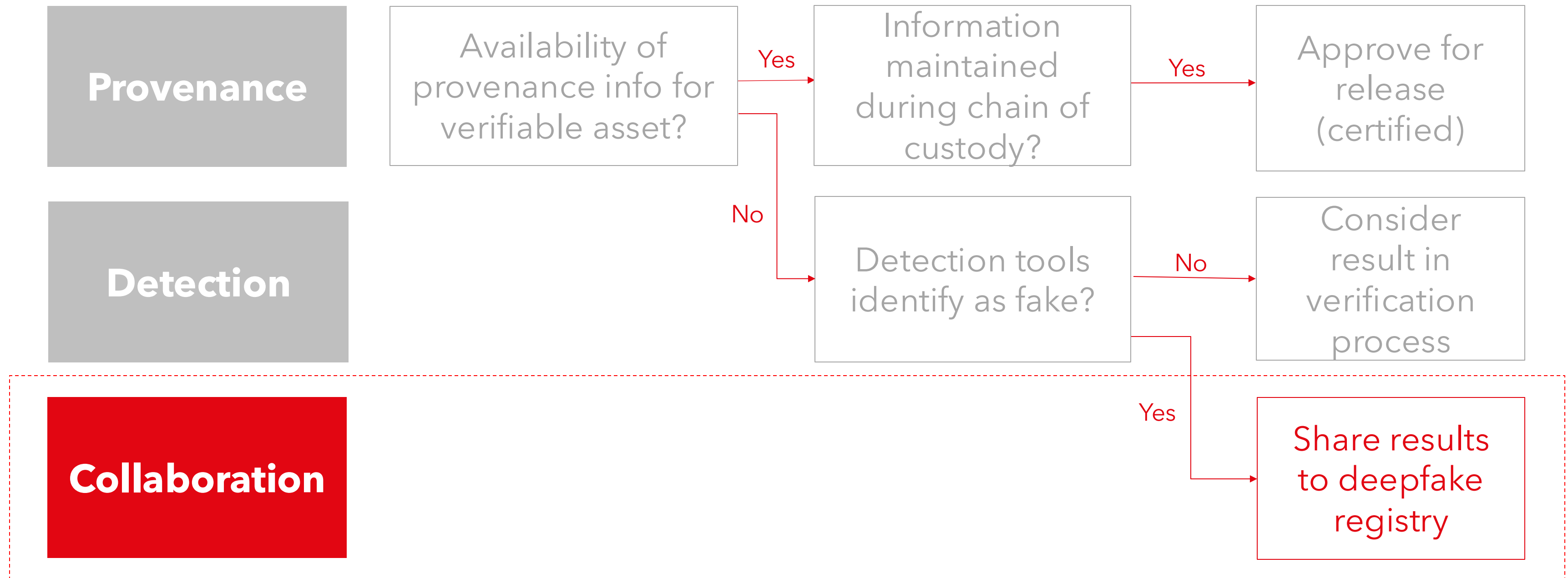
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# What does Collaboration look like?





# Collaboration - Products and Workflow





# Collaboration - Workflow Trial

Are newsrooms prepared to share knowledge that benefits everyone to produce faster and more informed reporting?

A world map with red dots indicating the locations of participating news organizations. The logos are: CBC NEWS (Canada), CBS NEWS (USA), AP (USA), globo (Brazil), BBC (UK), ITN (UK), and yle NEWS (Finland). A red box highlights the BBC and ITN logos. To the right of the map, a list of trial details is provided.

- 1 month
- 7 news organisations
- Shared information on suspect content

Tech support: Google  
System development:





# Collaboration - Workflow Trial

July 24th, 2024 at 8:30 PM GMT+1

Submitted at July 23rd, 2024 at 3:51 PM GMT +1

July 18th, 2024 at 4:47 PM GMT+1

Media Verified/Debunked

Add comment Get notifications

Submitted at July 18th, 2024 at 4:47 PM GMT+1

Media Attach or drop a file

Media Link <https://x.com/...>

Status Debunked

Notes Claim that the gunman was not killed and that he posted a video of himself saying "you got the wrong guy." The man is not Thomas Matthew Crooks but was impersonating him to dupe others and spread misinformation. The man's posts were later deleted but the misleading video and photos of him continued to circulate on social media.

Submitted by [Redacted]

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[Redacted Profile]

A man claiming to be "My name is Thomas Matthew Crooks" who was alleged by many to be the attempted assassin of Trump and registered Republican "I hate Republicans, I hate Trump" denies he is the shooter "you got the wrong guy"



0:08



# Collaboration - Workflow Trial

Two major stories during trial period



US Politics



UK Riots

and yet...

	Content shared
Week 1	10 stories
Week 2	5 stories
Week 3	3 stories
Week 4	6 stories



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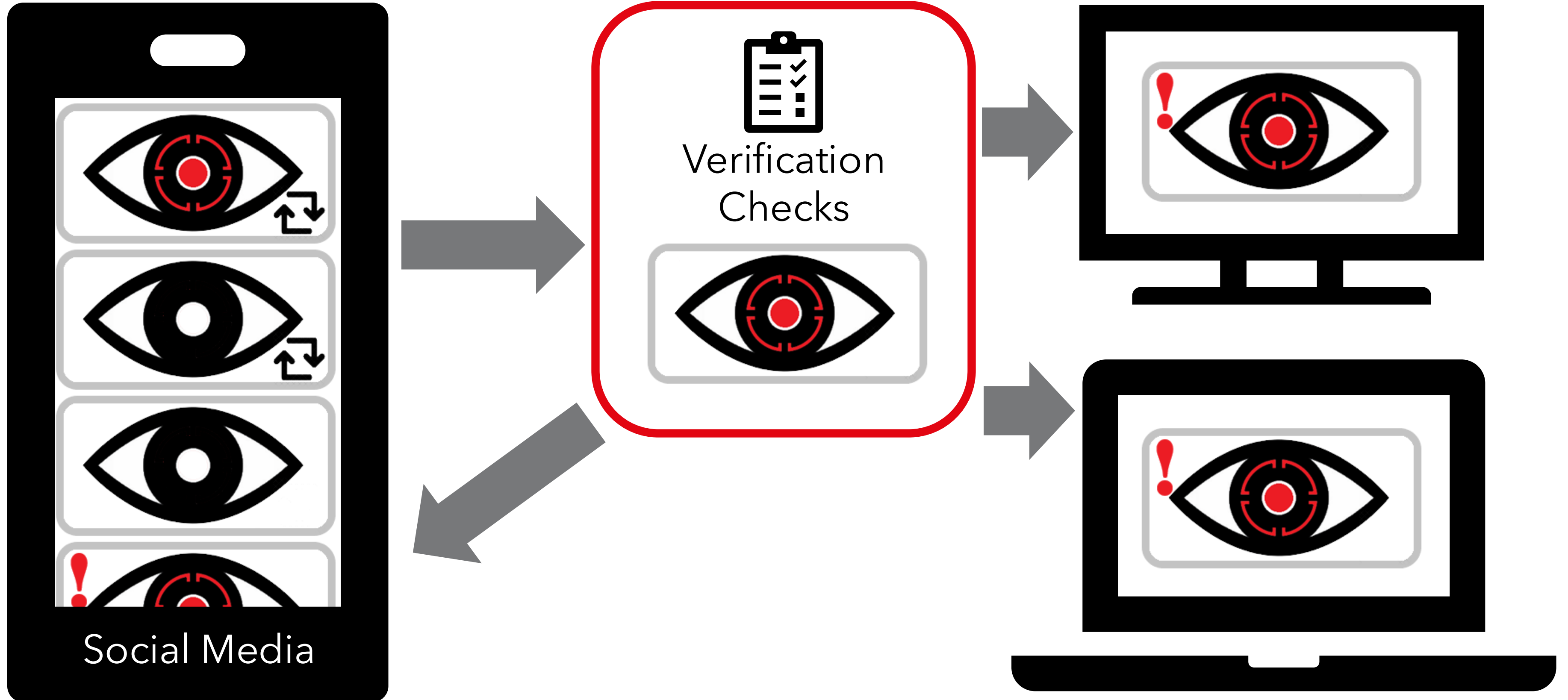
- **Fake content and disinformation spreads on social media** where it can gain huge traction without being debunked or taken down.
- **News organisations ignore most fake content.** There is too much to debunk it all.
- **Journalists operate with caution.** Fake and genuine content is checked, taking time and allowing disinformation to spread through unverified means.
- **That means mis- and dis-information can spread without authoritative challenge,** causing confusion and affecting narratives.





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# Collaboration - Approach & Strategy





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## CALL TO ARMS!

- We all need to work together closely to make sure everyone has **access to information they can trust**
- We all need to **develop a deeper understanding of the products and systems** available to fight disinformation and fake content
- AI generated **fake content is getting increasingly hard to detect** and easier to produce.





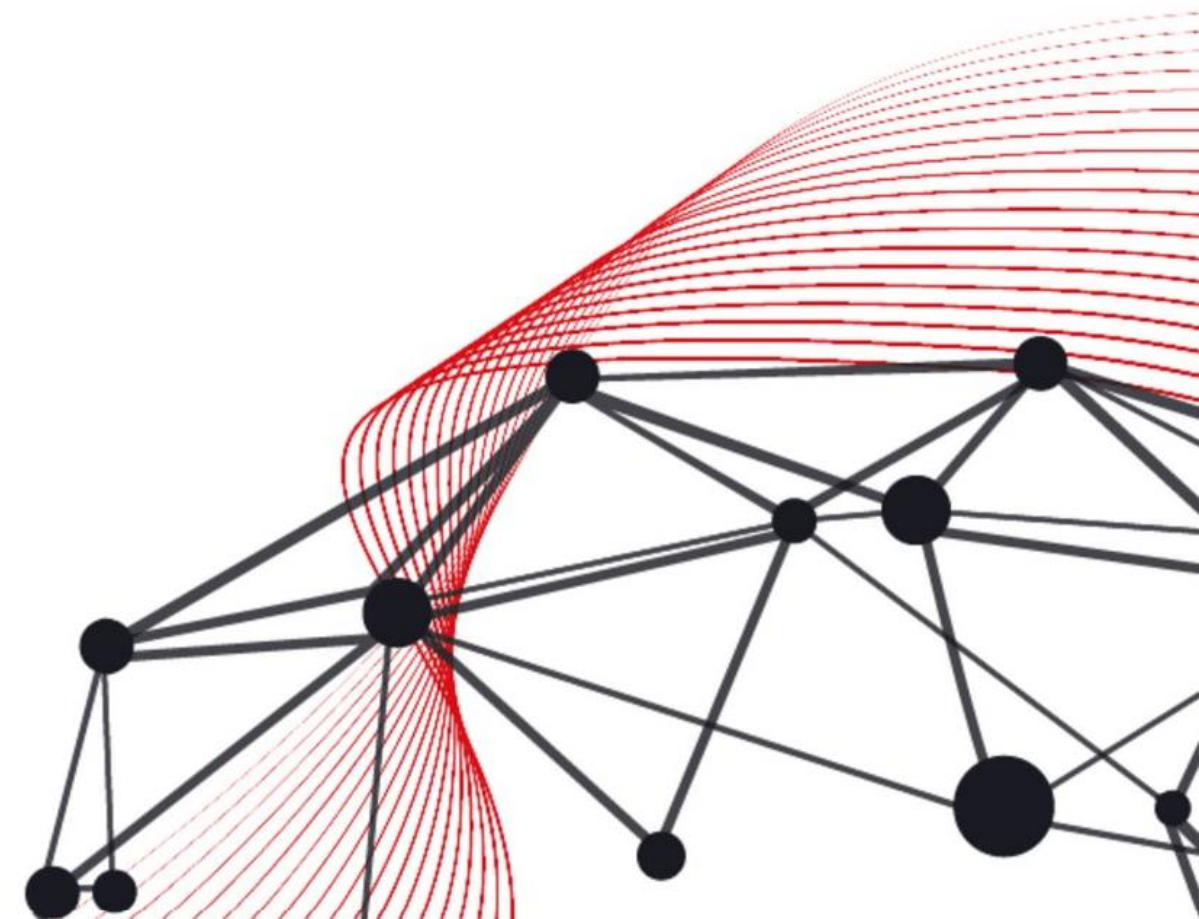
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