WHAT HAPPENS TO WHAT YOU GIVE US

For organisations and researchers who hold evidence. Each step, and what is not yet decided.

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We grade and preserve evidence that others bring. We do not build cases or gather evidence for them.

Each step is marked **SPECIFIED** (written down in our Architecture) or **IN DESIGN** (proposed, to be tested with those who hold evidence before anyone relies on it).

THE STEPS

1	**You choose what to bring and how open it is** Open in the public Library is the specified route. Open from a date you choose, or sealed under a key only you hold, are proposed.	IN DESIGN
2	**You say who you are** Your name or organisation, your funding, and any tie to a party, shown beside the evidence. This is how a reader tells independent evidence from paid evidence.	IN DESIGN
3	**You give its history** Who captured it, when, where and how, and who has held it since. An item with a gap in its chain is not graded.	SPECIFIED
4	**It is fingerprinted on arrival** A digital fingerprint (hash) is taken at once, so anything done to the file later can be shown.	SPECIFIED
5	**It is held in two places** Servers at two independently governed sites, Geneva and near Reykjavik. The record exists only when the two agree. If they diverge, publication of the affected records stops until the cause is found and disclosed.	SPECIFIED
6	**Reviewers grade it** At least two independent reviewers, each declaring any relationship to the subject, under a published standard. You see the grade before it is public and may reply; your reply is published beside it.	IN DESIGN
7	**It appears in the Library** Public and searchable, with its source, history, grade and your declaration. Lawyers, journalists and regulators can find it and cite it.	SPECIFIED
8	**Nothing is rewritten** A grade can be revised on new evidence; the original stays visible. Errors are corrected in public, completely, within 72 hours, never quietly amended.	SPECIFIED
9	**Your rights stay yours** You keep copyright. We hold only a usage licence, and what you give cannot be sold or transferred to a commercial interest. Proposed safeguards, to be tested by Swiss counsel.	IN DESIGN

WHAT WE CANNOT YET TELL YOU

- Whether you can withdraw an item, and when. We propose before grading only, because after publication its history stays visible.
- How personal data and third-party material inside your evidence will be handled under GDPR and similar laws. This needs counsel.
- What protection a depositor has if a court, a regulator or a party demands production, or sues. The sealed option is meant to help but is not yet a promise.
- What happens if evidence is later shown to be wrong. The record is corrected in public, but how the depositor is treated needs to be agreed with those who deposit.

TESTING US BEFORE TRUSTING US

The Knowledge Base is not yet built, so there is nothing to deposit today. What exists now is our Wall of 77: read three plaques and follow their sources to see how we cite. When the small grading pilot begins, we would like to invite a few evidence holders to offer public material first, with nothing sensitive, so that both sides can see how grading works.

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