

# Data Equity and Valuation: A Fair Digital Future

## Introduction

In today's digital economy, personal data and creativity related to our virtual or physical behaviour is a cornerstone of innovation and growth. However, the benefits of this data revolution are not equitably shared by the end-users. The rapid evolution of generative artificial intelligence to extract value from the data has given rise to a growing concern about ethical data management. Large technology corporations reap immense rewards from the data and creativity generated by individuals, who in return see little to no compensation. This disparity creates economic and ethical challenges that must be addressed to build a fair and inclusive digital future. Meanwhile widespread erosion of employment opportunities as a result of increasing automation is likely to lead to welfare subservience (Universal Basic Income) unless general participation in this wealth creation process is enabled.

## The Challenge

1. **Inequitable Data Ownership:** Users (knowingly and unknowingly) generate valuable data about their virtual and physical behaviour through their interactions with digital platforms, yet they are seldom compensated, creating significant economic imbalances.
2. **Complex Data Valuation:** Accurately assessing the value of personal data and creativity is challenging and often opaque, leading to undervaluation and inadequate compensation.
3. **Digital Divide:** Marginalized communities often lack access to digital tools and resources, widening socio-economic gaps. Where access is available, differential expertise of non-expert end-users and designers hinder effective participation in the design process.
4. **Inadequate Regulations:** Current regulations fail to address the complexities of data ownership and monetisation, resulting in a lack of transparency and fairness.

## Our Vision

We envision a future where data equity and ownership are central to the digital economy; we call it 'Stock for Data'. Our proposed framework aims to:

- **Ensure Fair Compensation:** Develop innovative valuation models to retain a share in ownership and for individuals to share in the wealth creation resulting from harvesting their data and creativity.
- **Promote Technological Inclusivity:** Implement strategies to bridge the digital divide and ensure equitable access to technological advancements through the opportunity to join in corporate governance as stockholders.
- **Strengthen Governance:** Advocate for robust regulatory frameworks that ensure transparency, accountability, and ethical data practices on a global basis.

## Next Steps

We invite you to join us in this transformative endeavour. Read our comprehensive white paper to explore detailed insights, innovative frameworks, and actionable strategies for advancing data equity and valuation. Together, we can build a digital economy that values and benefits everyone.

## Contact Us

Join us in creating a more equitable and sustainable digital future. Your partnership can make a difference.

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